

CIRCULAR

Dear Comrades,

This circular, though belated, is being issued, after the AEC meeting held at Ludhiana on July 16th/17th as there will be more clarity on various issues facing the cadre. The points raised by us in the meeting are all a consolidation and a definitive view point arrived at after discussions in the EC meetings. The points raised and discussed by us in the AEC meeting include separate GST board to be headed by an IAS officer, the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Association & CBEC prior to implementation of Cadre Restructuring, Agitation plan in case of non consideration of our demands, status of LTU & stand alone Service Tax Commissionerates post restructuring, uniform, Monitoring Committee Meetings [Audit], filling up of existing vacancies in the grade of Asst. Commissioner, proper utilisation of 1% incentive for improving the working conditions of Non Group A employees, Supreme Court case for base cadre seniority etc.

It was informed by the All India body that efforts to fill up the existing vacancies [Between 80 & 90] have already been initiated by the CBEC and the promotions are expected in about a month's time. Regarding restructuring it had been informed that there has been no objection from the DOPT [as has been widely believed] towards the creation of 4345 posts in the grade of Asst. Commissioner and CR is expected to sail through in the month of November. AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT, RATHER A SIGNIFICANT WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION DURING THE PERIOD HAS BEEN THE FILING OF AN AFFIDAVIT IN THE SC BY CBEC WHICH HAD COME AFTER GREAT ORGANISATIONAL PRESSURE. THE CBEC HAS ACCEPTED ITS FOLLY OF 6:1:2 RATIO AND CONCEDED BEFORE THE COURT THAT THE REVISION IN RATIO IS LONG OVERDUE AND HAS ALSO STATED THAT THE PROCESS [TO BE COMPLETED] WILL BE OVER BY DECEMBER 2011. The 1% incentive has already been taken up as also the matter of "uniform" with the Board. Other issues like pay arrears and anomaly are also being pursued regularly with the CBEC. Regarding Para 8.1 of MACP Scheme which has given rise to a serious anomaly, the AEC requested the Chennai Unit to file a case in CAT. Preliminary discussions are already over on this issue. The work load of officers post implementation of GST as also to follow up the matter of CR with Cadre Review Committee, were also discussed. The issue of 30% of CENVAT not being captured in the data base of Service Tax Commissionerate and the proposal to outsource the feeding of data by ST Commissionerate was also taken up by Chennai Unit. The deficiencies in the All India Seniority List were also taken up by our unit. The issue of transfer/ posting policy as also the recent draft guidelines issued by the DGHRD in this regard was discussed. Regarding In-Situ promotion scheme it was informed that the same is being actively pursued. The SC is expected to hear our petitions on a daily basis beginning last week of July 2011 and an assurance had already been given to the Counsel in this regard by the Hon'ble Court. The Mumbai Unit placed on record the efforts made by the Chennai Unit in the matter of PB 3 5400 & 6600 GP by getting the orders issued by the Ministry. [Lr. dt 20/05/2011]

I am also delighted to thank the Indore Unit for its timely help in furnishing us a copy of the Apex Court's order with regard to the issue of stepping up of pay of Superintendents drawing pay lesser than their juniors. Several of our officers are already made aware of this development to proceed further in the matter.

Local News

This year 19 officers were transferred during AGT on long standing basis and as the number was high the Association protested the same. However, there was disappointment in the matter and out of this 19, seven were retained last year due to the protest fast observed by the cadre. Officers who have completed 10 years in Chennai city have been shifted on a long standing basis for a period of one year. One important achievement this year is that officers[4] from other zone have been posted outside Chennai before being absorbed in Chennai city as has been demanded by the Association. This has been done to avoid compulsory disturbance to officers of Chennai City to accommodate Coimbatore Zone requests. Regarding local transfers, the postings to LTU, without the willingness of the officer concerned have been taken up by the Association and pending decision by Authorities. The issue of deputation to SEZ's was regularly taken up and pressure mounted due to which 14 officers have been posted to SEZ through an order dated 21/07/11.

As regards MACP, after a long drawn struggle of 2 years, GP of 6600 has been drawn and paid to those who have completed 30 years and eligible for 3rd MACP. I personally thank all my office bearers/colleagues in the Association and also Sh. Chandrasekar, Jayanth & Shanmugham for the energy shown by them in their case before CAT which crystallized the issue. Thanks are due to the All India Body on this issue as also on the issue of getting the Ministry's order dated 20/05/11 which gave officers the placement of PB 3 with GP 5400[2nd ACP cases].

I further thank Sh. Velayudham, Calaimany & Mahendran our members/office bearers of Puducherry Unit who had arranged for a meeting with the Hon'ble MoS, PMO, Sh Narayanasamy and also for their help in running the organisation in Pondy.

A final word of thanks to all those who have contributed liberally to the Association and also to all the members for their participation in various agitation programmes of the Association.

Truly Yours

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