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A REPORT

ON THE MEETING OF UADEE WITH SMT. AMBIKA SONI HON'BLE MINISTER, I & B, ON 21-07-2009 IN SHASTRI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI, IN PRESENCE OF SHRI RAGHU MENON, SECRETARY AND SMT. ZOHRA CHATTERJI, JOINT SECRETARY(B'CASTING), MIN. OF I & B

A 13 members' delegation of Union of Akashvani & Doordarshan (Prasar Bharati) Engineering Employees i.e. UADEE, headed by Shri Bachchu Singh Meena, President and Shri Debashis Chowdhury, General Secretary met Smt. Ambika Soni, Hon'ble Minister of I & B on 21-07-2009 following her invitation. The meeting was held on various issues pertaining to amendment of Section 11 of Prasar Bharati (BCI) Act, 1990 in isolation and others burning issues of the engineering employees of Akashvani & Doordarshan which mainly included up-gradation of grade pay i.r.o. EAs & AEs following the recommendation of 6th Central Pay Commission including inordinate delay in holding all pending DPCs for promotion from Helpers to STS cadre, delay in completion of the formalities & process for implementation of modified ACP scheme, removal of disparity of grade pay between newly recruited Technicians of Prasar Bharati & existing incumbents, violation of transfer policy by AIR/DD Directorates & Zonal CE offices, maladministration and unfair labour practice in Prasar Bharati etc.

The UADEE also demanded high level enquiry by independent agency for continuous violation of Industrial Dispute Act in Prasar Bharati with an aim at promoting of management sponsored Associations which are neither recognized by the Government nor eligible to bargain collectively within the purview of Industrial Dispute Act, 1947, but getting patronage from the management in contravention of existing Rules & Regulation, resulting into huge loss of revenue from public exchequer. The UADEE leadership impressed upon the Hon'ble Minister to ensure 'Social Security' and other 'Terminal Benefits' to the existing Government Employees of AIR & DD working on deemed deputation in Prasar Bharati as well as to provide adequate 'Safeguard' for those employees to be recruited by Prasar Bharati in the days to come in order to maintain industrial peace at all cost.

Although Smt. Ambika Soni, Hon'ble Minister of I & B gave patience hearing to UADEE leadership in the said meeting which lasted for more than one and half hours duration, but some more points raised by UADEE leadership, could not be discussed thoroughly due to paucity of time. However, Hon'ble Minister assured UADEE delegation that she will leave no stone unturned to redress the genuine grievances of the employees and desired that the Secretary, Min. of I & B after detailed study of all left out points, will take another meeting with UADEE.

Ram Shanker, Executive Member