

**SSS held meetings with Member (P) on the instructions of
Hon'ble Minister of I & B Mrs. Ambika Soni.**

Member (P) welcomed SSS representative and informed that Hon'ble Minister had called him to get an update of SSS Agitation and she was informed about the present the status. She was told that all the demands are legitimate and well backed by verdicts of Hon'ble Supreme Court & High Court and Prasar Bharati had already conveyed its consent for most of the demands.

He informed that Hon'ble Minister asked him to inform the representatives that Ministry has positive intentions and willing to do as much as possible to fulfill the demands. The brief details of SSS discussion is given below.

In the beginning SSS expressed its dissatisfaction on handling the issues with negative perspective especially by Sh.S.P.Bhattacharya, Under Secretary. SSS leaders also expressed their anguish that in a Meeting held on the instructions of Hon'ble Minister on 25/5/11, AS (B) had agreed to consider all demands in right perspective but minutes issued had not reflected the positive assurances given during the meeting.

In the Meeting Member (P) expressed Prasar Bharati's willingness to negotiate on all demands and urged SSS leaders to defer the scheduled "Boycott of duties" of 9th August. SSS representatives opined that unless and until there is significant and substantial progress on the 8 point charter of demands, members can not be pacified or restrained from the action.

Sh. Venkateshwarlu, DDG (A), Ms. Mridula Ghai, Dir (A), Sh. Rakesh Dhall, DDA(E), Sh. Ashok Kumar & Sh. Ahluwalia, Consultants were present in the meeting.

SSS's Meeting with Additional Secretary (B).

After the Meeting in Prasar Bharati, SSS representatives were called by Additional Secy. (B), Sh. Rajiv Takru for a meeting. The meeting was held in a positive and cordial atmosphere.

SSS conveyed its unhappiness on the Minutes of the last meeting with AS (B) himself and while in the meeting he was optimistic about all the demands but the Minutes were anything but positive. SSS also conveyed its disappointment on the dealing of the issues in total negative perspective by a segment lead by Sh.S.P.Bhattacharya Under Secy.(B).

SSS opined that all the problems are because in the order issued on 25th Feb 1999 the scale were designated as **UPGRADED PAY SCALES** while these were only RESTORATION and the subordinate Engg. & Programme Cadres are being exploited and deprived from ACP and other benefits with the excuse that these 11 cadres have been granted the so called misnomer of Upgradation.. Through strong arguments SSS established that these are not upgraded scales and it was just a Modus Operandi to execute the scales granted earlier w.e.f. **01/01/1978** in Parity with Sound Recordists with the approval of cabinet. SSS demanded that factual position should be reflected in the records and the process should be renamed as **RESTORATION Of PAY SCALES**. This will lead to removal of the

prevailing confusion leading to problems in implementing the judicial decisions on our issues..

After detailed discussion on all demands AS(B) assured that there will be significant & visible progress on all the issues and a meeting will be held after a gap of four or five days. AS(B) and his team were reminded of the bitter experience of the last meeting with truncated minutes should not be repeated and as such we are interested only on outcome and not minutes etc.

Sh. Arvind Kumar JS (B) and Ms. G.Jayanti, Dy.Sec. were also present in the Meeting.

From SSS Sh. Umesh Chandra, President, ARTEE, Sh. Anilkumar S., Gen.Secy.ARTEE, Sh. K.Bhatia, Gen.Secy. ADTEA, Sh. P.Kohli, VP ADTEA, Sh. Sanjay Kumar, President, PSA and Sh. R.Srinivasan, Gen.Secy., PSA negotiated o the demands.

All members are hereby warned not to relax till we are able to achieve our goal of complete full fillment of charter of demands. As such all are requested to keep up the pressure by continuing to send the protest emails and post cards.