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Sir

Sub:- Grievances of S&T Staff reg:

Our Union hereby representing the following burning issues and grievances of S&T staff.

1. Engineering works like TWS point machine installation, MFI packing, DTE packing etc. are going on in one SSE/SIG section, which were done by two or more SSE/P-Way which leads to shortage of signal staffs (presence of signal staffs are mandatory for all Engg works in order to protect signaling assets) for day duty.

2. Current SMMS system is quite inconvenient. Have to enter all the data through our personal mobile phones feels very cumbersome. It seems like there could be more efficient and user-friendly options available. Perhaps a web-based portal or a more streamlined mobile app would be a significant improvement.

3. SMMS entry is an additional burden and way of entering the data through personal mobile phones is very strenuous and outdated since almost all staffs are having very basic phones.

4. SMMS app in maintenance point of view will be useful such that it's alerting gear-wise maintenance due dates, but it may also be used as a tool for fixing staff by management side.

5. Due to day and night work, scheduled maintenance may get due in present scenario. Monitoring and threatening from management side using an App is more torturing

6. The limited number of staffs on day duty need to see their routine maintenance, attend inspections (from supervisors to officers), need to ensure that various signaling cables are secured during Amrit Bharat stations related work, engineering work during day time like point sleeper or bridge channel renewal etc. attention of various signal failure (irrespective of time both day and night), SMMS asset entry, Location particulars correction, assisting special works in the section (like EOLB installation, slide to panel work, ESB etc).

- 7. Post heavy repair gangs @ HQ/PGT under an SSE.
- 8. Restore AMC s back in all modern equipment's please.
- 9. Division has an SSE/SW but no staffs were there under him as a team to perform special works. The whole burdens of special works are to be beared by open line SSE/JE and staffs only. Having an SSE SIGNAL special work expert on the team is a great asset to the special works project. Perhaps there is a team and there are tasks that could be specifically assigned to utilize their expertise.
- 10. Presently open line signaling staffs are not only used for gear maintenance of section and failure attention irrespective of time (both day and night) but for many special works also. In midst of that their lapses (in case if any) getting monitored using an App like a corporate way. Kindly look in to sir, since S&T job is not a 10 5 PM job like other office staffs.
- 11. Concluding, In addition to uniform allowance of Rs. 5000, Rs.7250 shall be paid as per railway board norms of letter 2018/TF cell/S&T/S&T uniform dated 05-03-2019 for purchasing safety shoes, raincoat, winter jackets, Luminous vests & tricolor torch.

Our staffs are already struggling with less No. of staffs according to the norms for maintenance of the assets available on date. So it is requested by our union to stop the large amount of extra works assigned to S&T staff at the earliest and also to arrange TAB/LAP-tops for SMMS data entering works at least in each ESM head Quartered section, to simplify the work for the SMMS data entry. Our Union also demands to create staffs according to Norms at the earliest. A line of reply is solicited.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully,

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