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P&T Accounts and Finance Officers Association

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(Association consisting members of IP & TAFS Group 'B' & Promote Group 'A' officers viz AAO, AO, Sr. AO, JTS, STS & JAG Grades)

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To,
The DDG(E&AM),
Department of Telecommunications,
Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.
Subject: Local official arrangements in different grades of IP&TAFS Group A-review/held in abeyance of OM dated 21.01.2021-reg.

Respected sir,

Kind reference is invited towards SEA I wing OM no. 27-01/2019-SEA-I dated 21.01.2021 regarding local official arrangements in different grades of IP&TAFS Group A. In this context we submit the following facts for sympathetic consideration please: --

1. In circumstances in which strict adherence to the DOPT and nodal Ministry procedure may not be practicable or desirable from the administrative point of view, the sanctioning authority/cadre controlling authority may at his discretion make officiating/acting arrangements as per administrative requirements for filling up the posts of short term vacancies and it was being considered since long & also allowed officiating arrangements earlier & after 2003 vide OM 06.11.2003 by the competent authority, relaxing the eligibility criteria to fill up the vacant posts of STS in DOT/DOP.

2 As per 6th CPC the Sr.AO are placed in Pay Band-3 of Rs.15600-39100 with Grade Pay Rs.5400/- (equivalent to JTS) and as per 7th CPC in level 10 (equivalent to JTS) & STS is placed in level 11 so there is no level jumping and after grant of Group A status to Sr.AOs the status would also be Group A. As the Group A status has already been approved by Hon'ble MOC in September 2020 itself & its implementation is under process.

3. In Department of Posts under the same Ministry, the officiating arrangements are also being made from Supt Pos Group B of level-9 to STS of level-11 that is two level above. A copy of order is also attached for ready reference please.

4. As on today many vacant posts are available in STS grade due to shortage of regular STS officers and implementation of recent order dated 21.01.2021 may result in increase of vacancies in STS and the departments work may suffer a lot in coming days. While other side sufficient senior & experienced Sr.AOs are available to fill up these vacant posts & meet out the functional requirements of both the departments.

5. Further, the provisions of FR-35 are born & invoked for officiating arrangements/promotions to the higher posts by ineligible officials/officers in exigency of service by restrictions of pay.

The most of the Senior Accounts officers are having more than five years regular service in IP&TAFS Group B grade & thereafter stagnated at the same grade and also the at verge of retirement within a year and now they are very much disappointed and demotivated after issue of this OM dated 21.01.2021.

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Therefore, in view of above, we personally & humbly request you to kindly arrange to keep in abeyance the order/OM dated 21.01.2021 on the subject till implementation of Sr.AO Group A status, please.

Thanking you,

With warm regards,

Yours Faithfully



(D.R. Yadav)

General Secretary

Copy to the followings with a request to intervene in the matter for immediate relief please: -

- (i) Member (Finance) DCC, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi
- (ii) CGCA, DoT, NICF Campus, Ghitorni, New Delhi
- (iii) Advisor (F) DoT HQ, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi
- (iv) Sr.DDG(PAF), DOP, Dak Bhawan, New Delhi