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NEWS BULLETIN:

Recognizing that dissemination of information to the members, on the activities of the Association (IRRSA), is of paramount importance to maintain transparency and to develop a sense of inclusiveness amongst the members, the Executive Body have decided to release a **News Bulletin** on the activities of the Association on periodical basis.

The first News Bulletin of the Executive Body (period ending June, 2021), after being elected in the election held in December, 2020, is hereby enclosed.

Feedback/ suggestions may be provided to the General Secretary, Executive Body of the IRRSA via e-mail at irrsa.dot@gmail.com.


(Ashim Dutta)
General Secretary

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Cadre Review:

The Executive Body of your Association have given utmost priority to the ongoing cadre review proposal of the IRRS. The members may be aware that the cadre review proposal was forwarded by the department (DoT) to DoP&T in December, 2019 after due approval of the Hon'ble MOC. The proposal was examined by DoP&T and their views/ comments were subsequently vetted by DoE by the end of March, 2020. The proposal was scheduled to be considered by the Cadre Review Committee (CRC, a Committee of Secretaries headed by Cabinet Secretary) on 25th June, 2020. However, the scheduled meeting was postponed indefinitely on the request of DoT. Meanwhile, the matter was regularly pursued by the encadred officers with the DoT Administration.

- The present Executive Body, formed after the election held in December, 2020, met Secretary (T), AS (T) and JS (A) on several occasions during January & February, 2021 with the motive to persuade them to request Cabinet Secretariat to include IRRS Cadre in its immediate next meeting of the CRC.
- Based on the discussion held with DoT Administration in this regard, a letter was also issued to Secretary (T), DoT, in the similar line.
- As advised by DoT Administration, a letter with the draft Response to the Draft CoS Note of the DoP&T has also been made issued to them through WPC Admin.
- As an outcome to the continuous persuasion, the meeting of the CRC to consider the above cadre review proposal was scheduled on 25 February, 2021.
- In the CRC meeting held on 25 February, 2021 the matter was deliberated in an affirmative manner and most of the members were in favour of strengthening the cadre. However, the meeting was inconclusive and further input/ information was sought from DoT.
- Accordingly, the draft input/ information from DoT (as prepared by the Association), was put-up on file from DoT Admin for approval of competent authority. Secretary (T) desired for a presentation on the same which was scheduled on 16 April, 2021; however, it got postponed. Meanwhile, due to 2nd wave of the COVID-19, the matter got delayed further. From June, 21 onwards the matter has again been vigorously pursued by your Association and the case is now pending with Secretary (T).

- The issue is being closely monitored and followed-up; your Association is considering to take-up the matter to highest echelon of the Government in case of further unreasonable delay. However, it is expected that the input/ information from DoT will reach DoPT within a reasonable time.

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Central Staffing Scheme:

The members may be aware that Central Staffing Scheme (CSS) is a provision to man posts in the Ministries/ Departments of the Govt. of India at DS/ Director and above levels. It draws officers from the All-India Services cadre officers and participating Group –A organised services. The cardinal purpose of the scheme is the Centre's need for fresh inputs at senior levels in policy planning, formulation of policy and implementation of programmes from diverse sources. Currently, 37 organised Group-A services are currently, the participating services under the Scheme. IRRS cadre is yet to be inducted into the list.

- Earlier, in August, 2017, a letter with the approval of Secretary (T) was issued to DoPT to include the IRRS Cadre into the participating service list under the CSS. However, no response was received.
- Your Association has followed-up the matter with DoPT and it is learnt that a fresh proposal, with detailed justification for inclusion of the IRRS cadre in the CSS list, needs to be moved from the DoT with the approval of Hon'ble MOC.
- Since then, the Executive Body have drafted a 'detailed proposal' in this regard which will be finalised in its next meeting(s). Subsequently, the matter will be taken-up with the DoT Admin for onward administrative action from DoT.

Diary/ Planner & Logo of the IRRSA:

The Executive Body of your Association is very pleased to inform that the first ever Diary/ Planner of the Association has been published this year (in the month of Dec/ Jan) and were distributed to all the members of the Association posted at different offices.

- Besides, the Diary/ Planner has also been handed over to the Hon'ble MoSC (newly joined) and senior officers of the department including Secretary (T), M(T), M(F), AS, JS (A), JS (T) & officers of other Ministries too. In general, the feedback from the members on this initiative of the Association, is very encouraging.
- Your Association is also pleased to inform that the Executive Body have adopted, through Resolution, a **Logo** of the Association based on the inputs received from the members of the Association. The same has also been imprinted on the Association Diary/ Planner.



Logo of the IRRSA

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Visit/ Meeting with Hon'ble Minister(s) and Senior administration of DoT:

The Executive Body have recently met newly joined Hon'ble MoSC, Shri Devusinh Chauhan as a courtesy call and briefed him about the roles and responsibilities of the IRRS Cadre and the growing importance of the cadre in light of growing complexities of spectrum management. Hon'ble Minister showed keen interest in understanding the functions of the cadre and expressed interest to interact more with the encadred officers.

- Besides, the Executive Body met Hon'ble Minister Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal and apprised him the current status of the cadre review proposal of the IRRS.
- The Executive Body have also made a courtesy call to Secretary (T), AS(T), Member (T). member (F) and other senior officers of DoT Administration and that of DoE, DoPT etc after its formation.



Handing over the IRRSA Diary/ Planner to Hon'ble MoSC Sh. Devusinh Chauhan



Handing over the IRRSA Diary/ Planner to Hon'ble Minister Sh. Arjun Ram Meghwal



Handing over the IRRSA Diary/ Planner to AS (T), DoT, Smt. Aneeta Praveen

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Website of the IRRSA:

The Executive Body of your Association is very pleased to inform that an initiative to develop a website of the Association has been undertaken. Preliminary work was also started which has been temporarily stalled due to COVID-19 pandemic and the developer being badly affected. However, now the situation being improved, the work has resumed and the alpha version of the website has been developed. The unveiling of the full-fledged website of the Association will be done within a short period of time.

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Others:

The Executive Body of your Association has received a proposal from Sh. V.J. Christopher, one of the senior members, on the restructuring of licensing works of WPC Wing/ WMO with a view to improve the licensing/ monitoring function and to make it more efficient, for taking up the matter with the Authority.

- The issue has been discussed in the Executive Body meeting and the proposal has been circulated to the members for their valuable inputs/ comments, particularly on the implementation plan.
- The Executive Body have also engaged itself in pursuing the of pending promotion/ NFU/ NFSG cases with the DoT Admin/ Vigilance Wing etc. for their speedy disposal. The matter of promotion from JWO to Engineer, which is stuck for a long time due to litigation issue etc., has also been pursued with the DoT Administration.

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