Half-yearly news bulletin on the activities of the Indian Radio Regulatory Service Officers' Association (IRRSA)- period **ending December, 2021**

Cadre Review:

Since the formation of Executive Body, the ongoing Cadre Review proposal of the IRRS Cadre has been on the top of the list of its agenda items. Although, it has got delayed beyond our liking & comfort due to various reasons, the Executive Body has never lost its hope & composure and continued to follow-up the matter with renewed energy & zeal.

• After repeated persuasion with DoT Administration, which also includes making presentations before Secretary (T) on a no. of occasions, the requisite input (in terms of the Minutes of the last CRC meeting held on 25.02.21) from DoT was provided to DoPT on 10 September, 2021;

• The matter was persuaded further with DoPT and the case was processed by DoPT on fast-track; however, due to change of guard at DoPT (transfer of Secretary & Additional Secretary-DoPT), the case could not be cleared finally.

• Of late, a Joint Secretary in DoPT has been given the charge of the Cadre service matter and the Executive Body has apprised the matter to him. The file is currently under submission at DoPT.

• The Executive Body is pursuing the matter on regular basis with all concerned including the Hon'ble Ministers of the department for a speedy and fruitful outcome.

The Executive Body understands the legitimate concerns of its members for the long delay (more than 3 years) in the cadre review process and the state of despondency in their minds but the silver lining is that the current proposal is expected to deliver better outcome than that was mooted by DoPT before the last CRC meeting. They say, देर आये, दुरुस्त आये.

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Greeting the Hon'ble MOC on the occasion of New Year by the IRRSA and senior officers of the cadre

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Central Staffing Scheme (CSS):

• The Executive Body has finalised the 'detailed proposal' in regard to induction of the IRRS Cadre into the list of participating services under Central Staffing Scheme (CSS). The proposal shall be submitted to DoT Administration by mid of January, 2022.

• The Executive Body also had a preliminary discussion with the DoT Administration for its fast processing.

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Website of IRRSA:

• Design & development of the website of the IRRSA is over and the contents have been updated. It is waiting for a formal launch.

• The Executive Body is coordinating with the Chief Guest/ Inaugurator for a formal launch in the month of January, 2022.

• Once launched, it is expected to provide a platform for the members to deliberate on various issues of interest, exchange ideas and to disseminate information of professional nature.

Others:

• The Executive Body, acting as the Nodal point, coordinated with all its members in collecting & providing one-time financial assistance to the families of Late Mohit Rao, JWO and Late P.S. Negi, JWO, who have lost their lives, while in service, during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Body is ever thankful to all its members for their generous contribution for this benevolent purpose.

• The Executive Body recorded its reservations against the decision of the department to release a vacancy circular for the post of one 'Technical Expert' at PMI, Geneva restricting the eligibility to a particular 'technical' cadre of the department, while the desirable qualifications match the work experience of the IRRS cadre officers too (Ref: Letter of the Executive Body dated 20 July, 2021).

• The Executive Body has also engaged itself in pursuing the cases of pending promotion/NFU/ NFSG etc. with the DoT Admin/ Vigilance Wing etc. for their speedy disposal. Recognizing the substantial no. vacancy positions at JTS level is a serious cause of concern for the cadre/organisation, the matter of promotion from JWO to Engineer has also been pursued with the DoT Administration. However, due to chain of litigations in the matter, nothing substantial yielded so far.