



East Coast Railway Officers' Association

BHUBANESWAR

MINUTES OF THE EAST COAST RAILWAY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON 22.4.2013 (MONDAY) IN GM's CONFERENCE HALL – "SABHA GRIHA."

General Secretary welcomed all Members to the second meeting of ECoROA during calendar year 2013. General Secretary explained that 2012 had been an eventful year in which a number of achievements were made by ECoROA on account of magnanimity exhibited by Hon'ble GM towards the issues raised by East Coast Railway Officers' Association. Some of the significant achievements were in the type of Vehicles, improving Rest House facilities including NDLS, Transport facility in New Delhi, increase in entertainment allowance, New policy on Bungalow Peons on East Co Rly and Accidents Insurance for Members of ECoROA etc. General Secretary thanked all the members present and hoped that discussions would be fruitful in the interest of all Group 'A' Officers.

1. Presentation by Committee consisting of CTPM, CSO and FA&CAO(G) about the model to be selected for Future Group Housing Scheme :-

During the meeting, CTPM and CSO informed that they had not been able to devote time to this issue on account of their various engagements. Therefore, CPTM Sri Deepak Jha was requested to re-run his earlier presentation for discussion.

- i) Shri Deepak Jha exhibited slides on the current concept and models available worldwide, specifically in India on the type of Post Retirement homes. During discussions, it was felt that the Private Developers were only giving "Lease for Life" and, therefore, the property could not be handed over to next generation once somebody expires. Considering that Group 'A' Officers will have to invest hard earned money in such a scheme, it was felt that it would be better if various avenues and models available for Group Housings could be researched upon by an extended Committee, and the best model selected for adoption.
- ii) After discussion, members felt that some additional members were required to be included in the committee so that committee could come up with comprehensive proposal which could be adopted by the group. Therefore, Shri Deepak Jha, CPTM and Sri S.P. Samantray, CGE were unanimously included in the Committee.

Accordingly, Extended Committee consisting of CSO Sri B.P. swain, CTPM Sri Guru Charan Ray, CPTM Shri Deepak Jha, CGE Sri S.P. Samantaray and FA& CAO(G) Sri P.K. Das were requested to study the various options available and present their findings/ suggestions during the next ECoROA meeting. All the members were requested to give their suggestions to the Committee so that recommendations about the model to be selected for future Group Housing Scheme could be finalized.

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2. GM/ECOR Shri Indra Ghosh, who had earlier been requested to address the ECoROA members, joined the meeting after initial discussions were finalized by the members. President, ECoROA welcomed the General Manager with a Floral Bouquet and thanked him for his benevolent gestures towards officers' fraternity. President/ECoROA also mentioned about excellent performance of East Coast Railway under the leadership of Shri Indra Ghosh. General Manager was also complimented for his initiatives in future construction of new ORH at New Delhi for Officers as well as staff.
- General Manager gave a brief description about the performance of ECoR in 2012-13, which was the best performance by any Zonal Railway on Indian Railways. Highest incremental loading on East Coast Railway was achieved. GM complemented all officers for their contribution in achieving this startling performance.
 - General Manager mentioned about the loading in Talcher which will go up from 40 Rakes per day (Approx.) to 60 Rakes per day very shortly. Increase in loading at Paradeep was also envisaged. Increase is also expected in Dhamra Port where loading is expected to go up to 15 Rakes per day.
 - General Manager expressed his confidence that Freight loading in East Coast Railway may touch 160 MT during 2013-14. He also hoped that ECoR's loading will touch 200 MT in another 2 – 3 years by the steps already taken.
 - General Manager also described his concept of modernization of Bhubaneswar Station Complex and Puri Station Complex along with further extension of maintenance facilities at Maltipatpur. Sanction of new Station Complex at Bhubaneswar is expected shortly from Railway Board.
3. General Manager, thereafter, advised General Secretary/ECoROA to point out the outstanding agenda items which are required to be considered by General Manager. Accordingly, following items were discussed:-
- a) **Request of Officers to go by earlier flight other than late night flight of Air India:-**
General Secretary explained that a number of members had experienced problems while going to New Delhi by late night flight as the Air India flight gets normally delayed by one or two hours and officers are able to reach Rest House only after mid night. **General Manager agreed that Officers could go by evening flight of Indigo so that they could reach earlier.**
- b) **Decentralization of Pass Issuing Facility in HQ:-**
Some members requested that the pass issuing facilities for officers may be delegated to individual departments in Headquarters rather than concentration in Personnel Department, as it was leading to avoidable delays and there were specific problems in getting the privilege passes on Saturdays/Sundays/Closed Holidays during emergency. **General Manager agreed that with this request and it was decided that such a proposal could be put up by CPO to GM for formal approval.**
- c) **Rest House/Hotel facilities at New Delhi :-**
- i) During discussions, General Secretary thanked General Manager for having the arrangement with Ginger Yatri Niwas at New Delhi which was being made available to all the Officers on duty. However, Members felt that the rooms of Ginger were quite small and stuffy also as sufficient ventilation was not available.
 - ii) General Secretary explained that 7 Officers of East Coast Railway had recently attended International Heavy Haul Conference in New Delhi and their stay arrangements were made in Hotel Janapath (Public Sector Hotel) at approximate cost of Rs.4000/- per room

per day. Since there is a requirement of better accommodation in New Delhi, East Coast Railway can also go in for 1 or 2 rooms in Hotel Janapath in addition to 2 rooms in Hotel Ginger, on the subsidized rate for Govt. Officers to have better facilities, till new Rest House comes up in New Delhi.

After discussion, General Manager felt that facility like stay in Hotel JANAPATH may be arranged only on specific special occasions as current rules do not permit for such regular arrangement. However, with the construction of new Rest House at New Delhi, problems of officers of East Coast Railway is expected to over.

d) Provision of LCD/LED TV and Refrigerator in the chamber of SAG/JAG Officers and above.

General Secretary/ECOROA explained that GM had earlier agreed to consider this issue after March, once the achievements of East Coast Railway on the loading front and earning front were finalized.

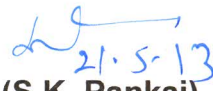
After initial discussions, General Manager opined that he would like to consider this request for all officers, irrespective of Grade, on the basis of their performance during 2012-13. President/ECOROA, General Secretary/ECOROA and Treasurer/ECOROA reasoned with General Manager that current performance of East Coast Railway provided enough justification for General Manager to approve these facilities to all SAG/JAG Officers. However, GM felt that these facilities could be given only on performance basis.

e) Comprehensive power back up for all the Railway Colonies i.e. Rail Vihar, Rail Kutir and Rail Kunj:-

CEE and CESE explained the steps taken by Electrical Department in getting dedicated feeder for Rail Kunj. Similar arrangement for Rail Vihar required additional investment which could not be sanctioned so far.

Members requested General Manager that, while dedicated feeder was a good step, generator back up was also required as this facility was available in a number of Railways. However, General Manager & CEE felt that such arrangement could not be possible under the current rules.

- 4) The issue of Group Housing Scheme for future was also explained to General Manager. General Manager explained that initiative has already been taken by Administration to approach State Government for allotment of land for IRWO. When such land is allotted, it would be possible for officers to go for future Group Housing under IROW scheme. General Manager informed that CTPM and CGE had been nominated by him to coordinate with the State Government.
- 5) Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks by the Treasurer/ECOROA. Shri Das especially thanked General Manager for sparing time for interacting with ECoROA Members.


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General Secretary, ECoROA.

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1. Secretary to GM for information of GM please.
2. All PHODs/CHODs for information.
3. All SAGs/JAGs for information.
4. Secretary General/FROA, Railway Board, New Delhi.
5. President, Working President & Treasurer/ECOROA for information please.

N.O.O. : Sr. System Manger/IT with a request to upload the Minutes on ECoR's website.