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To,

The Secretary

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Land Reforms Commissioner, West Bengal,

L & L R and R R & R Department,

NABANNA, Howrah.



Sub: Seeking time for discussion regarding matters related to SRO-I, SRO-II & WBSLRS Gr-I cadres of L&LR and RR&R Department, Government of West Bengal.

Respected Madam,

Kindly, let me introduce myself as the new General Secretary, elected from our 18th (Biennial) State conference held on 7-8 May 2022 at the Yuva Kendra, Moulali, Kolkata.

Delegates from all over the State have attended the conference, and during discussion throughout the two days, raised serious problems and maladies affecting our department in general and ISU in particular.

The prime issues which predominated the discussion and call for urgent attention of the authority is as follows:-

1. WBLR Service:

Our delegates uttered a sigh of relief as by sheer dint of logic and justification as the other organizations representing the same cadres have taken up and accepted our age old demand of merging of SRO-I and SRO-II cadres to form a State level service cadre with ROs (WBSLRS Gr-I) as their sole feeder. The department had also concurred to our justification of constituting of State Level Service with merging of these two cadres and subsequently published a Notification vide No.-406/1E-02/2020-Apptt dated 11/02/2021 notifying that WBLR Service shall be created from amongst the eligible SRO-Is and SRO-IIs and cadre strength, modalities, promotion, posts, etc. will be decided later. Though there is no mention of Revenue Officers (WBSLRS- Gr-I), it may be presumed that they will be the sole feeder of the proposed WBLR Service. At the same time we are worried enough that after lapse of more than 15 (fifteen) months of publishing the Notification dated 11.02.2021, no further Notification for Rules and modalities of the proposed WBLR Service has been published as yet. All of the three cadres are passing through very anxious moments due to this inordinate delay as expressed by them, at the Conference. We further put forth our demand to publish at the earliest the Notification for Rules and modalities of the proposed WBLR Service accepting the age old demand that the said Service must comprise the entire strength of SRO-I and SRO-II taken together keeping the Revenue Officer (WBSLRS Gr-I) as the sole feeder .



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2. Promotion to WBCS(Exe.) Cadre:

Simultaneously, we raised the issue of preparation of list of eligible SRO-IIs to be sent to the Public Service Commission, West Bengal (PSC,WB) for promotion consisting of the names of duly willing SRO-IIs. Unnecessarily, the list of SRO-IIs, every year, is prepared consisting of the names of unwilling candidates of SRO-II cadres. This futile exercise must be discontinued.

We have also requested time and again to the department, as well as the PSC,WB, with regard to the issue of 'zone of consideration for promotion' to WBCS(Exe) cadre, to relax the formula of five(5) times of existing vacancy of WBCS(Exe.) berths as to accommodate the willing eligible SRO-IIs.

The deaf ear only results in unfulfilled vacancy earmarked for SRO-II and innumerable SRO-IIs are sitting on the sideline as being debarred due to this formula of 5(five) times the vacancy.

This also robs the SC/ST SRO-II candidates a chance to get promoted earlier (vide PSC WB letter No. III/50-PSC/IP-82/2019 dated 22/02/2021).

3. Promotion & Transfer:

If promotional posts of all three cadres aren't fulfilled in due time it results in stagnancy in the post of R.O, SRO-II and SRO-I, which is directly hampering the interest of SRO-IIs, ROs and even RIs including monetary loss as well as affecting the Departmental works due to shortage of officers in respective levels.

For quite some time, we have noted that the transfer orders of the cadres are coming out without any rhyme or reason. In spite of existence of a transfer policy, the Department/Directorate is flouting the norms of transfer which we demanded to have to be issued keeping the academic session in mind and according to the guidelines of existing transfer policy.

We expect that such intransparency will not be repeated and the transfer and posting of our cadre will be done in the regular manner as per the existing guidelines.

We heard that the modification of transfer policy is in the anvil and we are ready to put forth our views and suggestions which definitely will ensure to formulate a transparent transfer policy for the cadres.

4. ISU, Thika Tenancy, Rent Control Kolkata, Khasmahal, Minor Minerals:

During two days discussion in our conference several insights were revealed from the speeches of the delegates which dealt upon the faulty application of the software, mismanagement of Government land in Kolkata and ISU districts, anarchy in the Rent Control and the negligence in administration of residual land of Khasmahal in Kolkata. The matter we think need urgent attention to save the valuable assets of



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the State. However, we would like to discuss the matter item wise if it be of any help to the department which is the treasure of department.

In the circumstance of ensuing enormous crisis and indebtedness of the State the cadres had withstood the Covid pandemic and disposed more than 90 lacs of mutation cases within this period. Our association also extended our hands to more than 7000 families by distributing our r reliefs all over West Bengal including the first batch of migrant labourers who arrived at Krishnanagar, late at night on 18/05/2020, 29/05/2020 and 30/05/2020.

Requesting again for an audience, we appeal to your good office to look into the transparency of the actions and orders along with disposal of departmental proceedings and strictly administering the provisions of Section 58 of the WBLR Act, 1955 by non implementation of which several of our officers have fallen prey. Very recently two such incidents again occurred against the officers of Egra-II, District-Purba Medinipur and Hura, District-Purulia which are against the principle of the protection of quasi-judicial authorities under section 58 of the WBLR Act, 1955.

Kindly grant us time to discuss over the urgent issues at your earliest convenience.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary