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To

All HQ Office Bearers, Divisional Officer Bearers, All Branch Secretaries and Activists

Dear Comrades,

I wish you and your family healthy, wealthy and a prosperous Happy New Year. I congratulate you and your team for conducting union activities in the year 2021 despite COVID-19 Pandemic and guiding and helping all members during difficult time of corona virus for taking all necessary precautions and ensuring availability of proper medical treatment in JRH, Divisional hospitals, Sub divisional health units and all medical dispensaries on entire Western Railway. Your efforts in regularising the absent period of Railway workers, settling of medical claims, CGA appointments in case of death and other guidance is highly appreciated by one and all on Western Railway.

We have faced number of challenges in the year 2021 and now it is a fear that we may have to face 3<sup>rd</sup> wave of Corona virus in the year 2022.

You all are requested to guide properly railwaymen and their families for taking all the precautions as announced by Central Government, State Government, Local authorities, General Manager and Divisional Managers and all the officers and supervisors.

I also appreciate about bargaining and non bargaining activities conducted by all the divisions and branches on the call of central trade unions, HMS, AIRF, WREU-HQ, Divisional HQs and branches themselves. As regards pending demands we have to apprise the entire cadre during the educational classes, working committee meetings and railway sentinel. All are requested to get updated yourself and explain in the field about the same.

AIRf/WREU have demanded for conducting the Secret Ballots election for giving recognition to the Zonal unions and AIRF as per modalities of 2007 and 2013 elections and as per Railway Board letter on the subject dated 31-05-2019.

We have to face number of challenges in the year 2022 such as Recognition through Secret Ballot, To save Railway from Privatisation, to get all assurances implemented by the Railway Ministry in all respect and to see that arrears of DA payment for the period 01-

01-2020 to 30-06-2021 is made; payment of night duty allowance to railway employees working in night duties; abolition of New Pension Scheme and Old pension scheme to all railway employees; removing the ban on creation and recruitment in Indian Railway; Filling up all vacant post;

Creation of post for maintaining and managing new assets; Railwaymen may be treated as Frontline staff to get all the benefits of COVID -19; Pass facility should be available in physical mode; Appointment of Act apprentices, upgradation of GP 1800/-, 4800/- as assured by Railway Board; Diversion of 10% posts of Direct Recruitment Quota in different categories to devise "LDCE Open to all" to facilitate promotion of the qualified staff recruited in the lowest grade pay; To devise Career Progression of Pointsman Category on the pattern of Track Maintainers; Absorption of the Staff working in the Quasi-Administrative Offices of the Railways; Allocation of sufficient budget for improvement in the Railway Colonies and Staff Quarters and all other pending demands.

The Railway Board have appointed a cadre restructuring committee for considering the upgradation of left over categories and all other categories. I am a member of that committee. All are requested to send their suggestions as early as possible to WREU-HQ for further raising it in the Cadre Restructuring Committee.

As regards enrolment of membership subscription you all might have made necessary efforts for collecting the membership through cash collection as per decision of Working Committee. All are requested to prepare and submit the details of membership collection through bank and through cash in the year 2021 and send the same to this office with advice to Divisional Secretary concern.

In celebration of our Century year we have distributed souvenir i.e wrist watches enrol in 2021. As decided in our working committee all are requested to finalise this work at the earliest and return the wrist watches to the division concern in case of non divisional branches to the HQ office latest by 15-01-2022 to enable the union to plan future activities and to honour the retired activists after discussion in the next working committee meeting. We have collected membership in 2021 for 5 years. All branches should prepare the list of employees paid the membership through salary and through cash and keep it in readiness which will be useful for planning future enrolment of membership.

We are planning to celebrate National Youth Day on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 by Virtual mode. I hope all will participate and make this a successful event.

I once again congratulate you all and hope that you will conduct WREU activities with solidarity in the coming year.

  
General Secretary