

# Proceedings of the 2nd National Convention of Railway Pensioners Associations Under the aegis of BPS - A grand success

## **Secunderabad (AP) 13.02.2011**

750 delegates from every nook & corner of the country, rising above cast creed regionalism , religion and defying old age, gathered at Secunderabad to show solidarity not only to fight for their legitimate rights as Senior Citizens & Pensioners but also to blow the 'Begu' for war against corruption by those in power.

The rhythmic singing of "Vandey Matrum" by 95-60 yrs young oldies, stirred the atmosphere & sent nerves throbbing!

Sh. D. Prabhakar Rao Chairman Reception committee, while welcoming the delegates raised the Slogan: **"I am the 'I' in India & won't let it get polluted"**

Explaining, in brief, the basic purpose of the convention, Shyam Sunder Secretary General BPS who chaired the event, in his opening remarks stated "we have gathered here to awaken the Pensioners' community in general & the 12 lac of Railway Pensioners in particular & to impress upon them the need to unite under one banner through out the country to achieve their goals."

Thereafter, S.C. Maheshwari Secy. (Railway) BPS presented the Discussion Paper detailing the grievances & areas of deficiencies (copy attached).

Sh.M.Somasekhara Rao, the soul of the Convention, explained the contents of the discussion paper in 'Telugu'

Sh. R.N.Mittal President AISCCON (All India Senior Citizen Confederation) - who was first to speak after presentation of the discussion paper, strongly supported the cause of pensioners & called upon the Senior Citizens community to build pressure to compel the Government to bring back Indian money stashed in foreign Banks. He further stressed that Pensioners have to contribute for the development of our country thro "CIVIC ACTIVISM". He called upon the Govt. to take advantage of the knowledge and experience of Pensioners and the Senior Citizens in general.

Even before coming to their own Grievances, the house showed deep concern & anger against rampant corruption by those in power & vowed that as part of great Indian Civil Society they won't tolerate it any more!

Speaker after speaker unanimously supported the issues raised in the Discussion Paper, prominent of whom were *Sarvashri* M. Somasekhara Rao, Bimlandu Chakarborty NFRPA New Jalpaigiri, Kanji Lal NFRPA Gowhati, Harchandan Singh, Chandigarh, J.Narain Rao Nagpur ,K.Srinivasn Pensioners Samaj Chennai, R.N. Datta Kolkatta, S.K.Bose Bhubneshwar, K.P.Gosh Madhupur Jharkhand ,Secretary AI RROA Secunderabad, G. Nageshwar Rao Secunderabad, S.S. Hussain RREWA, SIMOGA (Karnataka).

Attached Resolutions were unanimously adopted after detailed deliberations..

60 Sr Pensioners were honored by presenting a shawl to each of them on their having attained the age of 80 years. Delegates from other parts of the country were similarly honoured.

It was decided to hold the 3rd National Convention of Railway Pensioners in the beginning of the year 2012 in North East i.e. New Jalpaigiri or Gowhati.

2nd National convention of Railway Pensioners Associations adjourned after passing the 'vote of thanks' moved by Sh. M. Soma Sekhara Rao; followed by singing of National Anthem.

BPS National advisory Council for Railway Pensioners met immediately after the Convention & finalized the action plan to achieve the goals & to take the movement ahead.

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