



**ALL INDIA CIVIL ACCOUNTS OFFICERS
(Senior Accounts Officers and Pay & Accounts Officers) ASSOCIATION**

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Minutes of the Emergency NEC MEETING held on 7th January, 2023

The following Agenda points were discussed during the emergency “National Executive Committee” Meeting of AICAOA held on SATURDAY, the 7th January, 2023 at 4.00 p.m. online, through Google Meet.

01. Updates from Shri Umesh Chandra Joshi ji, Chairman of the AICAOA-Legal Committee regarding filing a CAT Case on the issue of Cadre Review of Sr.AO, Group A of CCAS, discussions held in the last LC Meeting, follow-up actions subsequent to the last LC Meeting and other related developments on this issue and the plan of action in this regard.
02. Resolution required to be passed by the NEC of AICAOA regarding authorizing one of NEC Members for signing on Papers/Documents for the purpose of preparation and filing of OA in this regard in CAT Pr. Bench, Delhi.
03. Update from Shri Harish Chander Mathpal ji, about the latest status of Merger of PAO and Sr. AO posts file pending in the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
04. Formation of Zonal Branches-Plan of Action.
05. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

The following NEC members attended the emergency Meeting:in

Sl. No.	Post	Name	Sl. No.	Post	Name
1	President	Harish Chander Mathpal	8	Asst. Secretary General	Asha Pal
2	Vice-President	Kaushal Mishra	9	Asst. Secretary General	Jitender Singh
3	Secretary General	P. M. Vishwamitra	10	Asst. Secretary General	Sumitra Kumari Goganio
4	AddL Secretary General	Sreemati Bhowmik	11	Asst. Secretary General	Santosh Kumar
5	Joint Secretary General	Rajeev Kumar	12	Asst. Secretary General	P. Mahesh Kumar
6	Asst. Secretary General	Shubhasish Deb Roy	13	Legal Advisor and Chairman of Legal Committee	Umesh Chandra Joshi
7	Asst. Finance Secretary	Rajesh Kumar Sharma	14		

Agenda Point 1: Updates from Shri Umesh Chandra Joshi ji, Chairman of the AICAOA-Legal Committee regarding filing a CAT Case on the issue of Cadre Review of Sr.AO, Group A of CCAS, discussions held in the last LC Meeting, follow-up actions subsequent to the last LC Meeting and other related developments on this issue and the plan of action in this regard.

- Sreemati Bhowmik madam explained the outcome of the AICAOA-Legal Committee held on
- She explained that the Cadre Review of any post of Group A should be reviewed by DoPT only and the same was discussed and finalized in the last LC Meeting to the DoPT but included in the CCAS Cadre Review Proposal along with all the Group 'B' and Group 'C' posts which was approved by the Finance Minister.
- It was decided in the last LC meeting to challenge the Cadre Review OM dated: 12.04.2022 issued by CGA Office, in which the cadre review of the post of Senior Accounts Officer, Group 'A' was included considering it as a Group 'B' post which is against the OM dated: 31.10.2019 issued by CGA Office classifying the post of Senior Accounts Officer as Group 'A'.
- The cadre review was required to be carried out by the CGA Office with the consultation of the DOPT, in respect of the post of Senior Accounts Officer, Group 'A', which has not been done by CGA Office and as such it has been decided in the LC Meeting that it should be challenged in the court of law.
- A few members of the Legal Committee, as decided in the earlier LC Meeting, met the same advocate Shri S. K. Gupta ji on 4th January, 2023, along with all the concerned documents available with us in order to see the merit in the case.
- The advocate asked the delegation to come on Monday i.e, 9th January, 2023 along with the resolution passed by the NEC, in this regard so that the OA can be prepared for the purpose.

All the above updates were given by Smt. Bhowmik, the Member Secretary of the Legal Committee. This emergency NEC meeting is called for today to discuss and pass the resolution in this meeting.

- The Secretary General Shri P. M. Vishwamitra, further added that the Cadre Review of CCAS, has been done without obtaining the views of all the stakeholders, which is also against the provisions of the DOPT. Even Though the post of Senior Accounts Officer is included in the CCAS Cadre, the CGA Office could have consulted the DOPT before finalizing the cadre review of the post of Senior Accounts Officer as the post of the Senior Accounts Officer is classified as Group A.

Shri Kaushal Mishra ji was asked to call Shri Umesh Chandra Joshi ji and request him to attend the emergency NEC Meeting, in the meantime.

- The Secretary General Shri P. M. Vishwamitra explained that last time, for the same purpose of filing a CAT case on the issue of promotion of PAOs to the post of Sr.AOs, this AICAOA has authorized our President Shri H. C. Mathpal ji to sign on all the relevant documents and file a case on behalf of our Association.

- Similarly, he proposed that even in filing this CAT case challenging the Cadre Review Issue, our President Shri H. C. Mathpal ji may, once again be nominated to sign the documents and file a case on behalf of our AICAOA and asked Shri Mathpal ji, whether he is willing to do so or not. In reply, Shri Mathpal ji confirmed that he is ready to do so without any objection.
- All other members present in the NEC meeting agreed to the above said proposal of nominating our President to deal and file a case in CAT challenging the Cadre Review of the post of Senior Accounts Officer, Group 'A' of CCAS done by the CGA Office vide OM dated: 12th April, 2022.

In the meantime, Shri Umesh Chandra Joshi ji joined the meeting and updated that he along with a few members of LC consulted the advocate Shri S. K. Gupta ji and handed over the relevant papers to him to study the case. Prima facie, he agreed and said that the case can be made out. Today, the advocate has confirmed that he has gone through all the papers handed over to him and he will prepare the OA. In the meantime, he asked us to come along with the resolution passed by the AICAOA, in the same way, as was done in the last case. He further updated that the advocate called the delegation to meet him on Monday for further discussions in the matter.

In reply to a query by Shri Kaushal Mishra ji, Shri Umesh Chandra Joshi ji clarified that they could not discuss with the lawyer about the fee for the case, as they consulted him to know about the merit in the case only. The Secretary General asked Joshi ji and Bhowmik madam to ask and negotiate with the advocate Shri S. K. Gupta ji, about the financial implication i.e. his fee etc., in filing this case in CAT, if he finds merit in the case.

The Secretary General further explained the NEC members that he felt the absence of Shri Kaushal Mishra ji and his services in the Legal Committee when he attended the last Legal Committee Meeting and as such he proposed the name of Shri Kaushal Mishra ji for inclusion of his name in the Legal Committee. All the members present in the meeting approved this proposal. The Chairman and the Member Secretary were asked to include his name in the Legal Committee since it has been approved by the NEC of AICAOA.

Agenda Point 2: Resolution required to be passed by the NEC of AICAOA regarding authorizing one of NEC Members for signing on Papers/Documents for the purpose of preparation and filing of OA in this regard in CAT Pr. Bench, Delhi.

The Secretary General of the Association, keeping in view of the discussions held on the 1st point of Agenda Point, proposed the name of Shri H. C. Mathpal, our President of AICAO for the purpose of passing the Resolution, authorizing him to deal, sign and file the case in CAT Principal Bench, New Delhi to challenge the OM dated: 12.04.2022 issued by CGA Office on the subject of Cadre Review of CCAS including the post of the Senior Accounts Officer, a Group 'A' Post in view of the provisions of the DOPT OM dated: 30.09.2022 (para 5.4 of the OM) for the failure on the part of the CGA for not consulting the DOPT for the Cadr Review of the Group A Post.

All the members present in the Meeting unanimously agreed to the above said proposal and the following resolution has been passed and approved unanimously by all the NEC members present in the Meeting:

“National Executive Committee of All India Civil Accounts Officers (Senior Accounts Officers and Pay & Accounts Officers) Association hereby authorizes all the powers to Shri Harish Chander Mathpal, President of this Association to represent and deal on behalf of this Association and sign on all the relevant documents/certificates etc., that are required to file a case in the Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi on the issue/ subject of “Cadre Review of CCAS”.

Agenda Point 3: Update from Shri Harish Chander Mathpal ji, about the latest status of Merger of PAO and Sr. AO posts file pending in the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

Our President Shri Mathpal ji updated the current status of the file pending in the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance on the subject of Merger of both the posts of Sr.AO and PAO as below:

- The file was returned back with oral instructions only with the directions to put up the proposal after including the proposal of Defence Accounts too.
- In this regard, the DoE has already written a letter to the Defence Accounts Department for submission of their proposal.

Agenda Point 4: Formation of Zonal Branches-Plan of Action.

A brief was given by the Secretary General regarding the proposal made by Smt. Bhowmik, Additional Secretary General, when she was in charge, about the formation of the Membership Drive Committee at the time when the proposal for formation of Legal Committee was made.

- The Secretary General further stated that while proposing the names of Shri Rajeev ji and Shri Kaushal ji were proposed for the Membership Drive Committee, Smt. Bhowmik madam invited other names for inclusion in the Committee.
- Only one NEC member came voluntarily for inclusion of his name in the proposed Membership Drive Committee. However, it could not materialize due to the silence of the NEC Members.
- There are so many young members in our NEC team and as such, these new members can also take the responsibility of Membership Drive.

- There are 12 to 15 active members in our NEC of AICAOA and we can entrust this Membership Drive to them also.
- When the Secretary General explained in detail about formation of Membership Drive Committees, its members and its role and responsibilities etc., and the probable functioning of the Committees and formation of zonal branches as per our Constitution and Byelaws of our AICAOA, It was suggested by a few members that a road map may be prepared by the Secretary General, in this regard including the Membership Drive so that formation of Zonal Branches can be initiated at the earliest.
- The Secretary General agreed to the proposal and told the NEC members that a road map will be prepared for formation of Committees and Zonal Executive Branches with the help of these Committees and will be shared with the NEC in our whatsapp group.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the NEC members present in the meeting.



(P. M. VISHWAMITRA)
Secretary General