**ALL INDIA NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA STAFF ASSOCIATION (AINVSA)**

**Report on Dharna conducted at NVS Head Quarters, Noida on 07.05.2015**

Demanding granting of recognition to **All India Navodaya Vidyalaya Staff Association**, its members across the country staged a mass dharna at the headquarters of the NVS on 07-05-2015 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Even the scorching sun and the soaring temperatures could not dampen the spirit of the 250 participants as they vociferously protested against the undemocratic attitude of the Management in according recognition to the Association. The threatening letters of the Management could not dissuade the protesters who demanded immediate recognition to the Association as it had fulfilled all the technicalities as per CCS (RSA) Rules 1993.

The demand for immediate recognition was overwhelmingly supported by many other service associations like School Teachers Federation of India (STFI), Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers (CCGEW), All India Railwaymen’s Federation, National Federation of Indian Railway men, Income Tax Employees Federation (ITEF), Government School Teachers Association (GSTA) of Delhi, CITU, etc. The dharna was also morally supported by Members of Parliament from Indian National Congress, Telangana Rastra Samiti, CPI (M), Telugu Desam Party and Aam Admi Party.

The prominent leaders who addressed the dhana were: Shri. C.N.Bharti, General Secretary, (STFI) Ashok Kumar Kanojia, President (ITEF), Vipin Bhardwaj, President , Rajkiya Vidyalaya Madhyaik Shikhak Sangh UP, Shri Mahesh Sharma, VicePresident, Madhyamika Sikshak Sangh (UP), Vrig Bhattacharya (CCGEW), Shri Ompal, President and Jain Kishan, Convenor, Delhi School Teachers Assocition , Shri Arvind Mishra, President, Akhil Delhi Pradhamik Shikshak Sangh, Delhi, Shri Ajay Vir Yadav, Gen. Secretary, Delhi Government School Teachers Association, Shri Om Prakash Sharma, , Shri Hem Singh Pundir, and Shri Jagvir Singh Jain , Teacher MLCs from UP, Shri Jagdish Rai, President, Shri L.B.Reddy, General Secretary, Shri Tafseer Anwar, De. Gen. Secretary, AINVSA, etc. The speakers strongly condemned the undemocratic and unconstitutional attitude of NVS towards its employees and their rational demands. They opined that the employees have a constitutional right to form an association and get it recognized. They urged the staff to stay united and fight unitedly under the banner of AINVSA. They reminded the staff that no demands had been won in the past by any service associations without struggles and sacrifices. They advised the staff to associate themselves with the other service associations to strengthen their struggle further. They extended their whole-hearted support to AINVSA in its legitimate fight against injustice. The speakers also felt that NVS management cannot deny the staff of their right to fight for the fulfilment of their demands. They condemned the threatening letters addressed to the staff and Shri L.B. Reddy in its bid to foil the efforts of the Association to stage the dharna. They asked the staff not to feel threatened by such intimidating circulars and letters and express their solidarity by participating in the dharna in huge numbers to pressurize the management.

Shri L.B.Reddy briefed the protesters about the meeting held with the HRD Minister at 11.30 a.m. in her chamber under the leadership of a veteran Congress Leader Shri V.Hanmantha Rao, Hon’ble MP (Rajya Sabha).

 **The delegation consisted of the following members:**

1. Shri V.Hanmantha Rao, MP (RS), INC
2. Shri B.Vinod Kumar, MP (LS), TRS
3. Shri B.B.Patil, MP (LS), TRS
4. Shri G.Nagesh, MP (LS), TRS
5. Shri Sitaram Naik, MP (LS),TRS
6. Shri Ritho Britho Benerjee, MP, CPI(M)& general secretary SFI
7. Shri L.B.Reddy, General Secretary, AINVSA
8. Smt. K.Manjula, Treasurer, AINVSA
9. Smt. S.Janaki Devi, President, AINVSA (TS)
10. Shri P.K.Moharana, President, AINVSA (Odisha)
11. Shri A.Mallesh, Vice president, SEC, AINVSA (TS)

The meeting was also attended by Smt Vrinda Saroop, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy and Shri G.S.Bothyal, Commissioner, NVS. The deliberations lasted for 20 minutes. Smt. Z. Irani, Hon’ble Minister expressed her unhappiness at the delay in concluding the exercise of granting recognition to service associations. She also instructed the Secretary to look into the issue and wind up the exercise at the earliest. The Education Secretary assured the HRD Minister that she would personally go through the matter and appraise her of the latest status. Shri .V. Hanmantha Rao and his team members condemned the threatening letters of the management. They also expressed their concern regarding the falling standards in the absence of sufficient teachers in many vidyalayas and the financial crunch the vidyalayas faced in the absence of adequate funds. They strongly recommended for the recognition of the association to have a platform for the redressal of their grievances. The meeting was concluded with an assurance from the Hon’ble HRD Minister regarding the settlement of all the long pending issues of the staff at an early date. Shri L.B.Reddy urged them to continue the struggle relentlessly till the recognition is granted and the demands are fulfilled. He opined that struggle is the need of the hour. He thanked the protesters for braving the hot inclement weather to reach Delhi and participate in the Dharna.

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PRESIDENT GENERAL SECRTARY