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No.AIRF/Expert Committee(8<sup>th</sup> Meeting)

Dated: January 28, 2011

The General Secretaries,  
All Affiliated Unions,

Dear Coms.,

**Sub: Feedback on the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Expert Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan '2011**

The 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Expert Committee, for Developing Business Models and Innovative Funding through PPP Instruments under the chairmanship of Dr. Amit Mitra, was held on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2011, wherein I stated that the first meeting of the said committee was held in August 2009 and we have analyzed that nothing is possible in the Indian Railways through Public-Private Partnership.

I also suggested that a serious review is needed and we should discuss the same in the next meeting of the Expert Committee.

I also mentioned that private parties are not much interested for investment in the Railways because they feel insecure as well as they are much interested in profit earning and not assuring social obligation. The only way to develop Indian Railways is through public its funding, and hence we should pursue the Government of India to provide money through general exchequer.

I also raised the issue of opening of Medical Colleges, Engineering Colleges, Nursing Schools, Polytechnics, Kendriya Vidyalas, houses for all the Railway employees, as announced by the Hon'ble MR during her last Budget Speech.

I also asked the Committee to take Expression of Interest from the interested parties well before appointing consultants or offering land to private partners to make sure about seats allotment to the wards of the Railway employees, and without that we should not proceed further in this regard.

I also raised the issues pertaining to money allotment to rolling stock programme and also about the assured off-take, going to be one of the parts of the MOU from private partners; their effect on our PUs and our future projects and purchases of rolling stock should also be viewed seriously.

During the course of the meeting, the CRB informed that he has appointed a six-member Executive Directors' Committee to standardize the various issues, e.g. allotment of land, funds, assured off-takes etc. so that the Railways should not be in trouble in future.

Yours fraternally,

(Shiva Gopal Mishra)  
General Secretary