



An Appeal

Dear friends,

On 18th February, 1999, six men, proud of their profession were dismissed from service by their employer. For good measure criminal charges were framed against them so that these professionals would find it impossible to get back into service and rot in jails for the rest of their lives. Their acts which enraged their employer were only to demand recognition for their profession. One amongst them is shri P.N. Bahuguna, who attend the age of superannuation in 2003 while in dismissal.

As history of any struggle will show, a few dedicated souls undergo tremendous suffering so that the mass gets justice and dignity. It was a fight not only for justice but also for the dignity of the profession. When the Guild launched its struggle in 1995, hardly anyone in India outside the aviation circles would have known about Air Traffic Controllers. Today, when we look back, we can feel justifiably satisfied that our profession is much widely acknowledged and accorded dignity.

ATC Guild had resolved in the past to protect its members in case of any victimization due to their participation in ATC Guild activities. Consequent to victimization of ATCOs by the management in 1999 and in other instances, our esteemed members have co-operated and contributed voluntarily to honour the Guild's decision of protecting its victimized members and have provided assistance in various forms to achieve the goal. The other praiseworthy attribute of ATC Guild is to remember its members even after superannuation from service. Seldom have we lost sight of our commitment. All office bearers must inculcate this sense in the minds of our new members who have the right to know about the history of ATC Guild.

Till now, Shri P.N. Bahuguna, Ex-Regional Secretary, ATC Guild (India) has not received the retirement benefits and has lived an ordinary life full of financial miseries and emotional traumas. Having no sources of regular income and negligible financial support from his family members, he is in dire need of financial help to get his daughter married in a respectable manner.

Needless to add that it is a tradition with the ATC Guild members to help fellow members and their families in times of distress. Considering the commitment and circumstances, it will be appropriate to extend financial help for the marriage of his daughter Ms. Perna Bahuguna, which is scheduled to be held at Mumbai on 20th April, 2016. **Central Executive Council appeals to all Guild members to contribute towards financial assistance to Shri Bahuguna through NEFT/Cheque under intimation to the local office bearer and CEC.**

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| Name of A/c holder | : | PRERNA BAHUGUNA |
| Saving A/c No. | : | 10549928043 |
| Bank | : | STATE BANK OF INDIA |
| Branch | : | VILE PARLIE (EAST), MUMBAI |
| IFSC Code | : | SBIN0001174 |

An early response, before 8th April, 2016, to this noble cause will be highly appreciated.

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President