Defence Minister Shri.A.K.Antony on 06/02/2014 at 15.00 hrs, and appraised him about the discussion taken place in the meeting held with Addl. Secretary and also requested him to consider the following 4 demands at his level.

- 1) Grant of CSD Canteen facilities to the retired Defence Civilian Employees at par with the Ex-servicemen.
- 2) To take up the matter with DOP&T and Ministry of Finance for relaxation of the 5% restrictions on grant of Compassionate Appointment.
- 3) To discuss with the Prime Minister and Finance Minister to merge a portion of Dearness Allowance i.e. more than 50% with Basic pay for all purpose, since Dearness Allowance has become 100% as on 01/01/2014.
- 4) For achieving self reliance, indigenisation of Defence production and to avoid scam & corruption in Defence purchase, Government owned Defence industries such as DRDO, Ordnance Factories, DGQA, EME Workshop, Naval & Air Force establishments should be expanded and patronised by the Government.

The Hon'ble Raksha Mantiri assured to consider all the issues raised by us sympathetically.

Considering the above positive approach from the MoD and also the appeal made by the Addl. Secretary(A) to the Federations to withdraw the proposed "Indefinite Strike" the Federations have decided to reciprocate the positive approach and goodwill and have decided to defer/postpone the indefinite strike proposed from 17/2/2014 till further review by the Federations depending upon the outcome of the settlement.

We hope that MoD will consider our decision in its true perspective and continue with the dialogue mechanism to solve the problems and to maintain harmonious employer employee relationship.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

C.Srikumar

General Secretary / AIDEF General Secretary / INDWF

Sadhu Singh Orgn. Secretary / BPMS For General Secretary