Shri. Dinesh Trivedi,
Minister for Railways,
Government of India,
Rail Bhavan,
New Delhi.

Sub: Anomaly in the extension of Travel Concession to Mandal
Correspondents in Andhra Pradesh

Hon’ble Sir,

The Indian Journalists Union (IJU), the premier and representative organization of
working journalists in the country, highly appreciates the travel concessions extended to the
accredited working journalists and their families by the Indian Railways. We regret, however,
that these concessions are not being allowed to a significant number of accredited journalists in
Andhra Pradesh.

The accredited Mandal correspondents in Andhra Pradesh are duly getting the press concession
facilities in the areas covered by the South Central Railway but the East Coast Railway Zone,
with headquarters at Bhubaneswar, is not allowing this concession to these journalists in the
three Andhra Pradesh districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam that fall under
its control. This is discriminatory besides causing needless problems to a section of accredited
journalists who need these concessions the most.

We would request you, therefore, to kindly take effective action to ensure that the
travel concessions granted by you duly reach the intended beneficiaries in letter and spirit by
ordering the East Coast Railway Zone to provide the same facilities to the accredited Mandal
correspondents as are provided by the South Central Railway in the rest of Andhra Pradesh.

We shall be grateful if you do the needful at an early date.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

(S N Sinha)
President