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D.O.No.AIRF/55

Dated: January 21, 2010

Dear Shri Goyal,

**Sub: Problems of the Running Staff**

All India Railwaymen's Federation is thankful for issuance of orders for revision of ceiling limit for eligibility criteria for National Holiday Allowance and Night Duty Allowance, whereby vide Board's letters No.E(P&A)I-2008/HL/2 dated 18.01.2010 and No.E(P&A)II-2008/HW-2 dated 18.01.2010, whereby all Group 'C' staff, including Running Staff, have become eligible for grant of National Holiday Allowance and Night Duty Allowance without any pay limit.

Still there are certain burning issues, related to Running Staff, pending for quite some time, which include raising of ceiling limit of Kilometrage Allowance for the purpose of Income Tax, revision of grade pay, payment of arrears w.e.f. 01.01.2006, revision of Kilometrage Allowance, payment of guaranteed Kilometrage Allowance in suburban areas, etc. etc. agitating the minds of the Running Staff.

It would be quite appropriate if an urgent meeting is fixed with AIRF to discuss these issues for early redressal of the same.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

**(Shiva Gopal Mishra)**

Shri A.K. Goyal,  
Member Staff,  
Railway Board,  
New Delhi

Copy to: Shri A.K. Nigam, Adviser(IR), Railway Board, New Delhi – for information and necessary action please.

Copy to: General Secretaries, all affiliated unions – for information.

No. AIRF/405(VI CPC)(13)  
AIRF/341

Dated: January 22, 2010

The Secretary(E),  
Railway Board,  
New Delhi

Attn: Shri R.D. Choudhary, E.D.E.(N),  
Railway Board

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Implementation of recommendations of 6<sup>th</sup> CPC –  
Merger of grades – Revised classification and  
mode of filling up of non-gazetted posts–Scheme  
for filling up of regular vacancies arisen on or  
after 01.09.2009**

**Ref: Board's letter No.E(NG)I-2008/PM1/15/Vol-II  
dated 07.12.2009**

Board's letter No.E(NG)I-2008/PM1/15 dated 03.09.2009 has given lot of relief to the employees as well as administration.

It is the firm view of the All India Railwaymen's Federation that the procedure followed for filling-up of vacancies up till 31.08.2009 should be allowed to continue with the same ***Benchmarks*** as has been decided for one time exemption.

Yours faithfully,

**(Shiva Gopal Mishra)**  
**General Secretary**

Copy to: General Secretary, National Federation of Indian Railwaymen – for information.

The Secretary(E),  
Railway Board,  
New Delhi

**Kind Attn: Shri A.K. Nigam, Adviser(IR), Railway Board**

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Provision of Special Railway Passes to Branch Office Bearers and Members of Branch Council for attending bi-monthly meetings of Branch Council**

It has been represented to AIRF that on some of the Railways, Special Railway Passes are not being issued by the Railway Authorities to the concerned Office Bearers and Members of the Branch Council, who are posted at different stations under the jurisdiction of the Branches, for their journey(to and fro) to attend bi-monthly meetings of the Branch Council. This causes acute problem to union officials while attending Branch Council Meetings as either they have to travel on cash ticket or use their own Passes/PTOs for the purpose.

The Board are, therefore, requested to reiterate their instructions, already exist, to the Zonal Railways, to issue Special Railway Passes in favour of Office Bearers and Members of the Branch Council, enabling them to attend bi-monthly meetings of the Branch Council conveniently.

An early action in the matter is solicited.

Yours faithfully,

**(Shiva Gopal Mishra)**  
**General Secretary**

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The Secretary(E),  
Railway Board,  
New Delhi

Attn: **Shri P.K. Sharma, Addl. Member(Staff), Railway Board**

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Parity in pay scales and designations of Rajbhasha Staff on the Railways**  
**Ref: Dy. Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Rajbhasha**  
**Department's letter No.1/20012/08/2008/OL/Policy-1 dated 19.5.2009**

Your attention is invited towards the above referred letter of the Dy. Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Rajbhasha Department, wherein it has been stipulated that there should be parity in the pay scales and designations in the case of Rajbhasha Staff whether employed in the ministries or subordinate offices.

While implementing recommendations of the VI CPC, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance vide their O.M.No.1/1/2008-IC dated 24.11.2008 and 27.11.2008 have issued orders for granting parity in pay scales and designations of Rajbhasha Staff employed in the Secretariat offices and else where; a copy of the letter supra is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

Railway Board have not yet issued orders for implementing above-mentioned O.M. of the Ministry of Finance till date, because of this, disparity still exists in the designations and pay scales of Rajbhasha Staff working in different offices of the Railways vis-à-vis those employed in the Secretariat offices, causing frustration amongst the Rajbhasha Staff.

The Board are requested to issue necessary instructions on the above issue for implementing orders of the Ministry of Finance issued vide O.M. number cited above at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

**(Shiva Gopal Mishra)**  
**General Secretary**

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Copy to: Shri D.M. Gautam, E.D.P.C.-I, Railway Board, New Delhi – for information and necessary action please.

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The Chairman,  
Railway Board,  
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Linen management in trains**

**Ref: Railway Board's letter No.2009/M(C)/165/6 dated 17.12.2009**

Railway Board's instructions, contained in their letter under reference, circulated to the General Managers of the Indian Railways, stipulate that the linen management activities being hitherto undertaken by different departments are henceforth to be entrusted to Mechanical(C&W) Department on the Railways as a single window system.

In this connection, it is pertinent to point out that the above decision of the Railway Board has direct bearing on the Career Planning, including seniority and promotion etc. of the staff involved in the present linen management system. It is quite unfortunate that the issue has not been discussed with the Federations before taking a decision. It may also be recalled that when First Class Coaches were plying on the trains, Coach Attendant of the Commercial Department used to work as First Class Coach Attendant. Subsequently, with the introduction of AC Coaches, replacing First Class Coaches, the same Commercial Coach Attendants were switched over to work as A.C. Coach Attendants under Electrical Department, who have been undertaking linen management activities besides assisting A.C. Mechanic. While no final decision has yet been taken regarding their Career Planning etc. in different Zonal Railways, the new policy as envisaged in Board's letter supra would further complicate the problem, insofar as seniority, promotion etc. of the Coach Attendants are concerned.

This arbitrary decision of the Railway Board, in this regard, may generate deep sense of frustration and will result in avoidable staff agitation, as Manpower Planning part is not very clear in Railway Board's instructions and the Federation is afraid, the entire activity may be outsourced during the time to come, because of the shortage of the manpower in the Mechanical Department, to undertake this additional work.

The Board are, therefore, requested to convene a meeting with both the Federations to finalize the issue, pending which, instructions supra may be held in abeyance.

An early action in the matter is solicited.

Yours faithfully,

**(Shiva Gopal Mishra)**  
**General Secretary**

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No.AIRF/55(Committee)(141)

Dated: January 20, 2010

The Secretary(E),  
Railway Board,  
New Delhi

Kind Attn: **Shri A.K. Goel, Member Staff,**  
**Railway Board**

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Revision of the rates of Kilometreage Allowance**  
**and allowance in lieu of kilometre**

Board's attention is invited to this office letter of even number dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2009, followed by reminder dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2, 2009, wherein Railway Board was requested to revise the rate of Running Allowance.

It is unfortunate that despite repeated requests and reminders, nothing has been heard from the Railway Board.

The matter has already been delayed inordinately, as a result of which there is serious resentment amongst the employees.

The Board are requested to expedite the matter.

Yours faithfully,

**(Shiva Gopal Mishra)**  
**General Secretary**

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Dear Shri A.K. Goyal,

**Sub: Entitlement for Privilege Pass/PTO**

The issue of entitlement for Privilege Pass/PTO has already been delayed inordinately; as a result of which, there is serious resentment amongst the Railwaymen.

I shall be grateful, if you kindly intervene in the matter to expedite the issue.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

**(Shiva Gopal Mishra)**

Shri A.K. Goyal,  
Member Staff,  
Railway Board,  
New Delhi

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Dear Shri Praveen Kumar,

**Sub: Poor visibility in GM Class WDG4/WDP4 locomotives while working in long hood**

Your kind attention is invited towards the defect in the structure design of the GM Class WDG4/WDP4 locomotives.

A number of complaints have been pouring in the AIRF office about extremely poor visibility while these locomotives are put to work in long hood. Loco Pilots and Co- Loco Pilots/ Asstt. Loco Pilots have to face unbearable problems in observing the track and the signal aspect when they are deputed to work on the said locomotives in the long hood, as they have to virtually either stand up or lean out of the side window for observing the aspect of the signal. This causes strenuous fatigue as also results in spondylitis problem to the Loco Pilot/Asstt. Loco Pilots.

This problem has been raised at different levels by the affiliates of AIRF, but no fruitful result has evolved as yet.

AIRF therefore, urges upon to take immediate steps to improve upon the design of these high powered locomotives to make them Loco Pilot friendly in their operation and till such time this is done, these locomotives may be withdrawn from service forthwith.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

**(Shiva Gopal Mishra)**

Shri Praveen Kumar,  
Member Mechanical,  
Railway Board,  
New Delhi

Copy to: Member Traffic, Railway Board, New Delhi – for necessary action please.

Copy to: Addl. Member(Safety), Railway Board, New Delhi – for necessary action please.

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