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Shri V.N. Tripathi,
The Member(Staff),
Railway Board,
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Sub: Liberalized Active Retirement Scheme for Guaranteed Employment for Safety Staff

The above scheme has been introduced by the Railways to grant voluntary retirement to the safety categories staff working in GP Rs.1800. After the retirement, their wards are employed in their place like compassionate ground appointment, for which there is no provision of Physical Efficiency Test(PET). But for LARSGESS, Railway administrations are holding PET, which is against the spirit of the scheme. Actually, PET applies only for the candidates who come from open market. Since LARSGESS envisages one-for-one appointment with deliberate emphasis on "Liberalised" and "Guaranteed", therefore, there should neither be any Physical Efficiency Test nor Written Test for recruitment of wards of railway employees against this scheme.

This issue has also been raised by AIRF in the DC/JCM Forum with the Railway Board and the same is still pending with the Railway Board. It is a matter of grave concern that various Zonal Railways are holding Physical Efficiency Test for recruiting wards of voluntarily retired Railway employees without awaiting the outcome of decision of the Railway Board in this regard.

In view of the above, AIRF requests the Railway Board to advise General Managers etc. of the Indian Railways to abolish Physical Efficiency Test for the purpose of recruitment of wards of the Railway employees recruited against LARSGESS.

Besides the above, the Board are requested to communicate necessary instructions to all the Railway administrations to recruit wards of those Railway employees who are to be recruited against LARSGESS at par with compassionate ground appointments, i.e. minimum 8th pass and with similar conditions.

This should be treated as most urgent and orders to this effect should be communicated to the General Managers etc. of the Indian Railways at an earliest to avoid discontentment among the staff and also to save a noble scheme from total collapse.

Yours faithfully,

(Shiva Gopal Mishra)
General Secretary

Copy to: Shri P.K. Sharma, Addl. Member(Staff) and Shri A.K. Nigam, Adviser(IR), Railway Board. They are also requested to take necessary action in the matter.

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