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The Secretary(E),
Railway Board,
New Delhi

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

Dear Sir,

Sub: Relaxation in educational qualification for the recruitment of staff under LARSGESS Scheme and compassionate ground appointment

In reference to my earlier letter dated 4th January, 2011(photocopy enclosed), I have to say that I have discussed this issue many a times with the CRB, MS as well as with you. I also raised this issue in the GMs' Conference in front of Hon'ble MR, when she advised the CRB and MS to review the issue.

Date fixed for compassionate ground appointment(slated as 31st March, 2011) is approaching very fast and we are getting frantic calls from our affiliates throughout the Indian Railways, what will happen after 31st March in the matter of recruitment qualification.

I have already explained at all levels that the Railways have its own system, where in many of the jobs which deal with track maintenance, sweeping, cleaning, leading, loading etc. are totally based on manual working and do not need much qualification as prescribed for the employees in GP Rs.1800.

We do agree that some of the jobs which have lot of technological inputs like, Track Machine, Electrical and Loco Sheds, where state-of-art technology is involved, need Matriculation/ITI qualification.

It would be in all appropriateness that the qualification for recruitment in GP of Rs.1800 should continue to be 8th class pass, otherwise large number of dependent will be deprived of getting jobs against compassionate ground appointment as well as LARSGESS Scheme.

An early and positive action in the matter is solicited.

Yours faithfully,

(Shiva Gopal Mishra)
General Secretary

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