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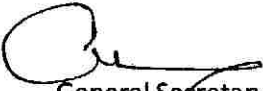


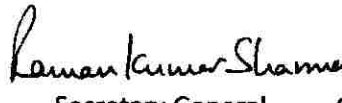

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All the federations however note with dismay, the shocking & kneejerk reaction of the administration in sending on leave/transferring out the top management viz. CTE, DRM, GM from the Northern Railway & ME from the Railway Board for the human failure of a local field staff. This action is unprecedented, uncalled for and highly disproportionate against officers having no direct or indirect responsibility. This arbitrary action without waiting for CRS report, has resulted in total demoralization of all Railway officers & staff across the hierarchy & across the departments and has impacted normal day to day working.

This action also does not address the deeper problem afflicting the working system of Indian Railways and sidesteps them once again.

We Federations/Associations protest against this demoralizing action of sending on leave/transfer top management without waiting for the CRS report and strongly demand their immediate restoration in the interest of fair play and justice. We also strongly demand that the larger problems plaguing the Indian Railways be addressed immediately to ensure safety, instead of taking such knee jerk reactions.

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Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> August , 2017

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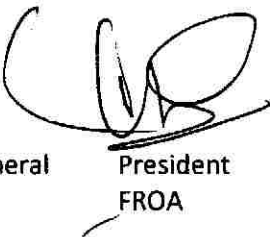
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