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Rail Bhawan, New Delhi-110001, dated: 28.11.2011

The General Managers/OSDs,
All Indian Railways & Production Units, CORE, Allahabad & Metro Rly. Kolkata,
GM/RDSO, Lucknow, etc (As per standard Mailing List)


‘Railway Minister’s English Essay Competition’ is conducted every year and the following Prizes are awarded alongwith a certificate:-

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2. The essays are required to be written (preferably typed) in English only in double space and on one side of the paper. The essays should be restricted to a word limit of 2000 failing which an entry shall be disqualified. Every Railway employee whether permanent or temporary, who has put in a minimum of three month’s service is eligible to submit only one essay on any one of the Topics given below. The prizes are distributed during the Annual Railway Award Function held every year.

3. For the purpose of this Competition, Railway Units are required to invite essays from the Officers and Staff and select best 10 percent of the essays, for forwarding to the Board’s Office. The essays are then examined by a Special Committee appointed by the Board.

4. It has been observed that in the Competition held last year, some of the Railways had not sent any entries. Accordingly, it is requested that due publicity may be given for inviting entries for the year 2011-12 from the Railway employees. The selected essays (in triplicate) duly signed and also mentioning on the cover of the Essay - the name, designation, Zonal Railway/PU, category (gazetted/non-gazetted), office address and telephone number may be forwarded to the Ministry of Railways, latest by 10th February, 2012, so that assessment of the essays and further necessary action in relation to the prize-winning essays may be completed well in time. In case no essay has been/is selected by your Railway/Office, a ‘NIL’ statement may please be sent.

LIST OF TOPICS FOR THE RAILWAY MINISTER’S ENGLISH ESSAY COMPETITION 2011-2012.

1. Are Public Private Partnerships the way forward for Indian Railways? Indicate the areas identified by Indian Railways for Public Private Partnership and analyse.

2. Discuss the green initiatives taken by Indian Railways. What other methods can be adopted to ensure that the Railways become even more eco-friendly and environment conscious?

3. Railway Stations are an important interface of the Railways with the passengers. Suggest ways and means to improve them and make them more passenger friendly.