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Sub: Allowances and Special facilities for Railway employees serving in the States and Union territories of the North-Eastern region—recommendations of V Central Pay Commission

Under the extant instructions, railway employees posted in the North-Eastern region comprising the territories of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura are eligible for certain allowances and facilities with a view to attracting and retaining competent officers for service in the North Eastern region.

2. The Fifth Central Pay Commission had made certain recommendations suggesting further improvement in some of the allowances and facilities admissible to the Government employees including Railway employees posted in the North-Eastern region. The recommendations of the Commission have been considered by the Government and the President is now pleased to decide as under—

2.1 Special Duty Allowance:

Railway employees who have “All India Transfer Liability” and are drafted to serve in the N.E. Region of N.F. Railway on tenure basis, shall be granted, on posting to any location of N.F. Railway falling in the N.E. region, a Special (Duty) Allowance at the rate of 12 1/2% of basic pay in the revised scales of pay brought into effect under the Railway Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 1997. The existing ceiling on the quantum of this Allowance to Rs.1,000 p.m. as provided in Board’s letter No.F(F)/88/AL-4/36 dated 12.1.1989, as also the condition that total of Special (Duty) Allowance plus Special Pay Deputation (Duty) Allowance should not exceed Rs.1,000 p.m. as provided in the letter ibid shall stand dispensed with w.e.f. 1.08.1997.

Railway employees shall be entitled to Special (Duty) Allowance at the rates indicated above without any reference to any other allowances etc. including any Special Compensatory Allowances, as admissible under Board’s orders issued separately. Other terms and conditions governing the grant of this allowance shall remain unchanged.
2.2 Special Compensatory Allowances

Orders revising the rates of the following Special Compensatory Allowances have been issued vide Board's letters cited below:

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Railway employees posted in the N.E. region of N.F. Railway shall be entitled to the above allowances, at the revised rates, in addition to and independent of Special (Duty) Allowance, subject, however, to observance of the terms and conditions as prescribed in Board's letters regulating the grant of above allowances, issued from time to time.

2.3 Children Education Allowance and Hostel Subsidy

The existing provisions as contained in this Ministry's letter No.I(E)W/84 EDU.I dated 20.1.89, 19.6.89, 4.9.89, 7.2.90, 14.9.90 & 2.12.92 shall continue to be applicable. The rates of Children education Allowance and Hostel Subsidy have been revised vide Railway Board letter No.I(E)W/98 EDU-I dated 9.9.1998, and the Allowance and subsidy shall be payable at the revised monthly rates of Rs. 100 to Rs. 300 respectively per child.

2.4 Tenure of posting

The provisions in regard to the tenure of officers posted on NF Railway as contained in this Ministry's letter No.I(E)OIII-91 PL/24 dated 19.11.1992 and letter No.I(E)OIII-91 PL/24 dated 21.2.92 read with letter of even no. dated 7.3.97 shall continue to be applicable.

2.5 The revised rates of allowances discussed in para 2.1 above shall be effective from 1-8-1997. For the period 1-1-1996 up to 31-7-1997, the railway employees shall, however, continue to draw Special Duty Allowances at the then prevailing rates w.r.t. notional pay which would have been drawn in the applicable pre-revised Scales of Pay, and subject to appropriate ceilings etc. prevailing under pre-revised scales of pay.

3. The existing instructions as issued by Railway Board from time to time in respect of the following benefits shall continue to apply till further orders:

(i) Weightage for Central Deputations Training Abroad and Special Mention in Confidential Records
(ii) Travelling Allowance for Journeys on Transfer, Road Mileage for Transportation of Personal Effects on Transfer
(iii) Joining Time with leave
Retention of Government Accommodation at the Last Station of Posting

House Rent Allowance for Employees in Occupation of Hired Private Accommodation

Retention of Telephone Facility at the Last Station of Posting

Medical Facilities

4. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

5. Hindi version will follow.

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Executive Director Pay Commission
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