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The Secretary (E),
Railway Board,
New Delhi
Dear Sir,

All Tech. Supervisors

Sub: Discontinuance of direct Recruitment to the posts of Senior Section Engineers (SSEs)-reg.

- Ref: (i) Railway Board's letter No. E(NG)II/2018/RR-1/31 dated 25/10/2018 (RBE No. 166/2018).
(ii) NFIR's letter No. II/1/2018 dated 11/02/2019.
(iii) Railway Board's letter No. E(NG)-II/2018/RR-1/31 dated 15/02/2019, 06/03/2019 & 02/09/2019 (RBE No. 24/2019, 40/2019 & 145/2019).

Kind attention of Railway Board is invited to the instructions issued vide RBE No. 166/2018 dated 25/10/2018, discontinuing provisionally, the direct recruitment against the posts of SSEs in all Technical Departments of Railways, duly amending its earlier order dated 03/09/2009. Through the said order, Board also decided that these vacancies of SSEs may be added to those of JEs for the purpose of direct recruitment. In this context, NFIR vide its letter dated 11/02/2019 brought to the notice of the Railway Board the situation of imbalance created in the ratio of 67:33 fixed between SSEs & JEs respectively and urged to review and issue modified instructions to add the discontinued 20% DR Quota of SSEs to the Promotional Quota vacancies to be filled only by JEs. However, there has been no response to Federation's communication dated 11/02/2019 while the Railway Board vide its instructions dated 02/09/2019 (RBE No. 145/2019) have extended the provisional discontinuance of direct recruitment of SSEs for another year beyond 24/10/2019.

Federation also brings to the notice of Railway Board that while there is no direct recruitment to the post of SSEs, may be provisionally, the SSEs who sought inter Railway transfer have been facing difficulties as NOCs from other Zone/Division are not being issued, probably on account of incorrect interpretation of instructions, despite clarification issued by the Railway Board vide letter dated 15/02/2019 (RBE No. 24/2019) as follows:-

"In this regard, it is clarified that cases of inter Railway or inter Divisional own request transfers will not be covered by the above provisional discontinuation, subject to fulfillment of other prescribed eligibility conditions".

It is however surprising that the Zonal Railways are reluctant to follow the clarificatory instructions dated 15/02/2019 for entertaining inter-Railway request transfer applications, leading to widespread disappointment among the SSEs.

NFIR, therefore, requests the Railway Board to consider the issue in totality and issue clear cut instructions to the Zones etc., to consider one way transfer requests of those SSEs without imposing any condition/restriction. Federation further urges upon the Railway Board to issue clarificatory instructions to the effect that the erstwhile 20% DR quota posts of SSEs have become part of JE to be filled through promotion only from JEs cadre. Action taken in the matter may please be apprised to the Federation.

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary