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No. IV/RSAC/2018

Dated: 05/11/2019

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

Running Staff

Sub: Payment of Allowance to the Running Staff in lieu of Running Room facilities-
Upward revision-requested.

- Ref:
- (i) NFIR's PNM Item No. 39/2016 (PNM).
 - (ii) Para 910(ii) of IREM, Vol. I (First Reprint Edition 2009) and Railway Board's letter No. E(P&A)II-2005/RS-34 dated 01/10/2009.
 - (iii) NFIR's letter No. IV/RSAC/Conf./Part VI dated 05/02/2016.
 - (iv) NFIR's letter No. IV/RSAC/Conf./Part IX dated 25/04/2018.
 - (v) Railway Board's letter No. E(P&A)II/2016/F.E.2/3 dated 14/08/2018 to GS/NFIR.
 - (vi) NFIR's letter No. IV/RSAC/2018 dated 25/07/2019.
 - (vii) Railway Board's letter No. E(P&A)II/2016/F.E.2/3 dated 18/10/2019 to GS/NFIR.

The reply sent by the Railway Board to GS/NFIR vide letter dated 18/10/2019 reveals that genuineness of the issue raised has not at all been taken into consideration therefore, the Federation is unable to agree with Board's view. The merits listed below deserve consideration.

- While the subject was tabled vide PNM Agenda Item No. 39/2016 and discussed in the special meeting held with the Railway Board (EDPC-I) on 04/06/2019, Federation vide its letter dated 25/07/2019 has again sent an elaborate letter citing relevant rules contained in IREM Vol. I (Para 908) wherein provision exists relating to payment of **Allowance in lieu of Running Room facilities to the Running Staff.**
- Railway Board may please appreciate that these situations arise mainly at outstations where Running Rooms are not provided. Experience also reveals that this Allowance is admissible to the Running Staff at road side stations irrespective of the fact whether trains get terminated or otherwise.
- Board is also aware that the Running Room facilities are not available at outstations and as a compensation to meet with the out of pocket expenses incurred by the Running Staff, Compensatory Allowance i.e. Allowance in lieu of Running Room facilities is allowed. The revised rates of Rs. 112, 81 & 70 respectively are totally inadequate and practically do not meet with the expenses actually incurred by the Running Staff.

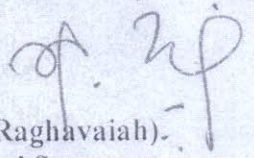
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- Considering the inadequacy of the amount mentioned in Para 4.1 of RBE No. 85/2019 dated 28/05/2019, the subject was discussed in the special meeting held on 04/06/2019 and full justification was also furnished vide Federation's letter dated 25/07/2019.
- Railway Board may kindly take note that the revised rates, mentioned above are in no way commensurate with the market rates as the same are grossly insufficient to meet with the lodging/boarding facility being availed by the Running Staff at outstations.

NFIR, therefore, requests the Railway Board to kindly have re-look and revise the rates to compensate realistically. A copy of modified instructions on the subject may be endorsed to the Federation.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. M. Raghavaiah).
General Secretary

Copy to the Executive Director, PC-I, Railway Board, DFCC Building, Pragati Maidan, Metro Bahvan, New Delhi.

✓ Copy to the General Secretaries of Zonal Unions of NFIR.

Copy to the Divisional Secretary, SCRES, Hyderabad Division, Secunderabad.
Media Centre/NFIR.

File No. 39/2016 (PNM).