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Shri Piyush Goyal,  
Hon'ble Minister of Railways,  
Rail Bhavan,  
New Delhi  
Dear Sir,

Not to close Printing Presses

Sub: Need to continue Railway Printing Presses in the overall interest of Railways-reg.

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In the meeting held in the chamber of Hon'ble Railway Minister on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2019, important subjects concerning Railways were discussed for over an hour, while you have been very attentive and responsive on many matters. CRB and Member Staff have also participated in the discussions.

During discussions, I requested that on new proposals and changes in the systems/policies, prior consultations with the Federations are very much necessary, thereby decisions in the overall interest of Railways and its employees may be arrived at. You have been kind enough to agree and accordingly CRB has been advised for holding discussions. I hope that the Railway Ministry will convene meetings to discuss with the Federations on the recently announced proposals and decisions very soon.

With regard to Railway Printing Presses on five Zonal Railways proposed to be closed by March, 2020, NFIR has sent factual justification, explaining the necessity to continue them for the good of Railways and avoiding additional financial implications. I learnt that GMs of Zonal Railways have also written to the Chairman, Railway Board to re-consider the decision to facilitate continuance of five Printing Presses in the interest of Railways. NFIR has also highlighted the likely disadvantages if these Railway Printing Presses are allowed to be closed.

NFIR, therefore, requests the Hon'ble MR to kindly direct CRB to review the matter, keeping in mind the interests of Railways. CRB may also be advised to discuss with the Federations to enable us to place the facts pertaining to the performance of five Railway Printing Presses and their necessity for Railways to enable the Railway Ministry to take conscious decision.

NFIR, trusts that you would kindly respond positively to enable Railway Board to hold discussions with the Federations.

Thanking you,

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Yours sincerely,

(Dr. M. Raghavaiah)  
General Secretary

Copy to the Chairman, Railway Board, New Delhi for necessary action please. CRB's kind attention is also invited to NFIR's letters dated 06/06/2019, 26/8/2019 and 10/10/2019 (copies enclosed).

Copy to the Member Material Management, Railway Board, New Delhi for necessary action please.

Copy to the Executive Director (IR), Railway Board, New Delhi.

Copy to the General Secretaries of Zonal Unions of NFIR.

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