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Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC)
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Dated: 24/02/2020

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

Accident free service awards to Guards, YM, DTI etc.,

Sub: Grant of "Accident Free Service" Award to the Guards, Yard Master, DTIs etc., in the Operating Department and Maintainers (Signal) of S&T Department-reg.

The extant instructions contained in Board's letter No. 86/Safety-I/24/35 dated 06/07/1998 provide for disbursement of "Accident Free Service" Award to Loco Pilot, Motorman, ASMs, SMs, Switchmen, Pointsmen, Cabinmen who belong to essential safety categories, but however do not include Shunting Master, Shunt Man, Yard Master, DTIs who also perform train movement duties.

The issue has also been deliberated at various levels in the Zones and a few Zones have also approached Railway Board for inclusion of the categories of Shunting Master, Shunt Man, Yard Master, DTI in the AFS Award. On the insistence of our Zonal Unions the issue has also been referred to Railway Board, example PCOM, S.E. Railway's letter No. SFY/HQ/Misc/1 dated 26/06/2019 addressed to Railway Board, copy enclosed for reference. Federation contends that since the cadre of Station Master/Yard Master/DTIs is unified and the incumbents are being utilized on assigned duty as per requirement of the respective Railway Administrations, the Yard Master/DTIs in any case are to be covered under the Accident Free Service Award Scheme. Similarly, when Running Staff is eligible for the said award, the Train Guard who is equally responsible for safe running of trains cannot be left out from the scope of Accident Free Service Award.

Incidentally, Federation desires to convey to the Railway Board that on NFIR's demand contained in Agenda Item No. 03/2017 relating to 'Accident Free Service Award to Signal Department Staff', the Official Side during NFIR's PNM meeting held with the Railway Board on 25th & 26th April, 2019 has agreed to review the matter to include Signal Maintainer category for Accident Free Service Award. Federation however feels sad to state that thereafter there has been no progress towards finalization of this issue.

NFIR, therefore, requests the Railway Board to kindly consider the above points and issue instructions to the Zonal Railways to include Guards, Yard Master, DTIs WMIs and Maintainers (Signal) in the list of categories eligible to receive Accident Free Service Award. A copy of the instructions issued may be endorsed to the Federation.

DA/As above

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. M. Raghavaiah)
General Secretary

Copy together with the enclosure is forwarded to the Pr. Executive Director (Safety), Railway Board, New Delhi for information and necessary action please.

Copy to the General Secretaries of Zonal Unions of NFIR.

Media Centre/NFIR.

File No. 03/2017 (PNM).

File No. II/28/2018.

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Dated: 26.06.2019

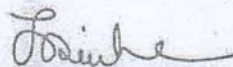
To
The Pr. Executive Director (Safety),
Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, Room No. 301,
New Delhi - 110001.

Sub: Award for Railway staff for "Accident Free Service".

In terms of the instruction contained in the Board's letter no. 86/Safety-I/24/35 dated 06.07.1998, Drivers / Motormen of running cadre are eligible for grant of "Accident Free Service Award" at the time of retirement in recognition of having rendered an accident free service. However, Guards who are equally responsible for the safe running of trains, have not been considered eligible for the award of "Accident Free Service".

The ASMs / SMs / Pointsmen / Cabinmen / Switchmen of Operating department are eligible category for "Accident Free Service" award. It is to be mentioned that Station Master, Yard Master and DTIs belong to a Unified Cadre and are being utilised in any category as an when required by the Railway Administration.

So the Guards, Yard Masters and DTIs / TIs should also be included in the eligible category for "Accident Free Service Award".



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Pr. Chief Operations Manager

Copy to: Member (Traffic), Railway Board, Room No. 228, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi for kind information.