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The Chairman,
Railway Board,
New Delhi

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Dear Sir,

Sub: Covid-19 pandemic-Need for deferment of D & AR enquires (major penalty)-reg.

Ref: Railway Board's letter No.E(G) 2020/Misc/04 dated 27/04/2020 to GMs.

The Railway Board vide letter dated 27th April, 2020 has communicated to the GMs, the DoP&T O.M. dated 30th March, 2020 for compliance. In the said letter, it has been indicated "not to count the lock down period for adherence of timelines in various administrative/quasi-judicial processes".

NFIR requests the Railway Board to kindly appreciate that various measures have been taken by the Government to contain spread of Corona virus and in the process, passenger train services have also been suspended (barring a few express trains). Due to rapid increase of Covid-19 cases, red zones/containment zones besides clusters are being demarcated for controlling the pandemic. The administrative machinery is totally geared up for meeting this unprecedented situation, while the railway staff are facing lot of hardships even to reach out work places.

In the above context, NFIR mentions that various procedures are required to be followed (in terms of rules) for conducting D & AR enquiries (major penalty) and in the present circumstances, it would be difficult to process for collection of relevant documents, sending communications to the defence helpers, witnesses etc., and also holding enquiries. As no train services and road transport available, it will be difficult for the concerned staff to attend enquiries. Even courts of law are not functioning due to Covid-19 pandemic.

NFIR therefore requests the Railway Board to kindly consider the points listed above and issue instructions to GMs to defer conducting D & AR enquiries at different levels till normalcy takes place.

Yours faithfully,


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General Secretary

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