

---Circular No. 39-E/14(Eiv), dated 19/20-9-1961.

Sub.—Point four programme FY-1962—Revised Policy regarding
of international air travel of Indian Training Participants.

A copy of the Railway Board's letter No. E(G)61/TRI/6, dated 7-8-1961 is forwarded for information and guidance.

Copy of Railway Board's letter No. E(G)61/TRI/6, dated 7-8-1961 to General Managers, all Indian Railways, etc.

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Copy of Ministry of Finance's (Deptt. of Economic Affairs, New Delhi) Circular Memo No. 1/5/60-TCM, dated 15-6-1961 on the subject noted above, circulated for information and guidance.

Copy of Circular Memo No. 1/5/60-TCM, dated 15-6-1961 from the Ministry of Finance's (Deptt. of Economic Affairs, New Delhi) to all Ministries, Government of India.

Sub.—Point Four Programme FY-1962—Revised Policy regarding
Class of international air travel of Indian Training Participants.

The undersigned is directed to state that as the Ministries, State Governments etc., are aware, the International travel of Indian participants sent abroad for training under the Point Four Programme is arranged and paid for by the TCM of the U.S. Government in New Delhi. Until FY-1960 Programme, the practice had been to provide first class air travel for all Indian participants.

2. In July, 1960 ICA/Washington issued Circular instructions to all their field Missions requesting them "in the interest of economy etc., to purchase tourist or economy class tickets" for all participants. However, in respect of participants sponsored under FY-1961 Programme, it was agreed with the T.C.M. that they might provide tourist class air passages except in those cases where specific recommendations were made by the Government of India for providing first class air passage in view of the status of the participants concerned who had been selected on an understanding of the previous practice.

3. ICA/Washington have now reiterated that they are opposed to providing first class travel at ICA expense and have suggested that the Indian sponsoring authorities should assume the difference in cost between economy and first class fares for those participants whom they designate for first class travel.

4. It has accordingly been decided that with effect from the FY-1962 Programme only tourist class air passages will be provided for all Indian participants. If in any specific cases, passages by higher classes have to be arranged, the participants concerned will have to find the difference either on their own or through their employing authorities.

5. It is requested that all concerned may be informed accordingly.