

Serial No. 1326.—Circular No. 540-E/5/2(Eiv), dated 12-10-1961.

Sub.—Recovery of rent for Railway quarters in occupation of Class IV staff.

The Railway Board in their letter dated 3-9-1960 as reproduced in this office letter No. 540-E/5/2(Eiv), dated 29-11-1960, decided that all Class IV staff appointed on or after 1-7-1959 shall be charged rent for quarters allotted to them at the rates in force from time to time, but permitted concession of rent free quarters to only such of the Class IV staff as were actually not charged rent for quarters under the extant orders on this Railway prior to that date, as a personal concession to them.

2. It has been pointed out by Audit that great difficulty is being experienced in checking the correctness of recovery of rent from Class IV staff in accordance with the instructions referred to above.

3. It has been decided that in order to exercise proper check to ensure that the concession of rent free quarter is granted to those Class IV staff who are actually entitled to it, a list of Class IV staff appointed prior to 1-7-1959, who under the Board's letter dated 3-9-1960 are to continue to enjoy the concession of rent free quarters should be made out immediately after this is vetted by your Accounts Officers, an entry should be recorded in the service card/sheet of each employee in regard to his title to this concession.

4. The date of appointment of all Class IV staff from whom no rent is recovered for the Railway quarters occupied by them should be shown under the name of the individual concerned in the salary bills/Muster Sheet and the words "Rent free" indicated in the column pertaining to recovery of rent to facilitate check by the Audit and Accounts that the concession has been correctly granted.

Serial No. 1327.—Circular No. 39-E/48(Eiv), dated 29-9-1961.

Sub.—Revision of rates of compensatory (Construction/Survey) allowance to staff employed on Construction/Survey Projects on account of introduction of the Revised Pay structure from 1-7-1959.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. PC60/CA-2/9, dated 13-9-1961, is forwarded for information and necessary action. Railway Board's letters referred to therein were circulated as shown below :—

<i>Railway Board's letter</i>	<i>Ref. to G.M.(P)'s letter No. and date under which circulated.</i>
1. No. E(G)57AL12/14, dated 8-5-1958.	39-E/48(Eiv), dated 20-11-1958.
2. No. E(G)57AL12/14, dated 27-2-1961.	39-E/48(Eiv), dated 7-4-1961.
3. No. E (G)57AL12/14, dated 15-6-1961.	39-E/48(Eiv), dated 22-6-1961.
4. No. PC-60/ROP-1/26, dated 20-5-1961.	561-E/162-V(PC), dated 21-6-1961.

Instructions issued in para. 3 of the Board's letter dated 13-9-1961 dealing with the question of waiver of the amount overpaid upto 31-7-1961 in conjunction with

the orders issued in their letter No. PC-60/ROP-1/26, dated 20-5-1961 mentioned above should be carefully noted and amount of overpayment waived in consultation with the Accounts Department after complying with the orders issued therein.

Copy of Railway Board's letter No. PC60/CA-2/9, dated 13-9-1961, to the General Managers, all Indian Railways, etc.

Sub.—Revision of rates of Compensatory (Construction/Survey) allowance to staff employed on Construction/Survey Projects on account of introduction of the Revised Pay structure from 1st July, 1959.

Owing to the absorption of a bulk or whole of the dearness allowance into Pay under the Revised Pay Structure introduced, from 1st July, 1959 and the consequent increase in the "Pay" element, the Railway Board have been considering the revision of the rates of compensatory (Construction/Survey) allowance current since that date. They have, with the approval of the President, decided that the rates of the said allowance should be revised as under :—

<i>Pay Grade</i>	<i>Quantum of allowance per month</i>
Intermediate and Junior Administrative Officers.	Rs. 150 subject to the condition that pay plus the allowance does not exceed Rs. 1759/-.
Senior Scale Officers and Assistant Officers drawing pay Rs. 700 and above.	Rs. 125
Other Assistant Officers and non-gazetted railway servants, drawing pay :—	
Rs. 601-699	Rs. 120
Rs. 501-600	Rs. 100
Rs. 301-500	20% of pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 62.50 and a maximum of Rs. 837.
Rs. 100-300	20% of pay.
Below Rs. 100	25% of pay.

2. The above rates are in partial supersession of those laid down in para. 1 (b) of Railway Board's letter No. E(G)57AL12-14, dated 27-2-1961 read with their letter of the same number dated 15-6-1961 and shall apply to those who elect or are brought on to the Authorized Scales of pay under the Railway services (Authorized Pay) Rules, from 1-7-1959 or from the date of their effective option, if later.

If the above revision results in any excess payment of the allowance having been made upto 31st July, 1961, the President is pleased to decide that such an overpayment shall be waived. In arriving at the amount of overpayment the benefit of waiver extended under Board's orders No. PC-60/ROP-1/26, dated 20-5-1961, should be taken into account.

Staff who have elected to retain their existing scales of pay or have opted to come on to authorized scales of pay from date later than 1-7-1959, will continue to be governed by the rates of allowance laid down in para. 2 (1) of Railway Board's letter No. E(G)57AL12/14, of 8-5-1958 and para. 1 (b) their letter of the same number dated 27-2-1961 as the case may be, for the period they so remain on the existing scales of pay, Dearness Pay will continue to be treated as pay for this purpose in their cases.

Serial No. 1328.—Circular No. 769-E/O-VI(Eiv), dated 3-10-1961.

Sub.—Withdrawal of ninety per cent of provident fund deposits.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. P (P)61/PF-1/21, dated 15-9-1961 is reproduced below for information and guidance :—

"In terms of rule 1337-RI, when a subscriber has proceeded on leave preparatory to retirement he may be permitted to withdraw any amount not exceeding ninety percent of the amount standing to his credit in the fund if he was appointed before the 1st June, 1937, or any amount not exceeding the total amount of his subscriptions and interest thereon if he was appointed on or after that date.

It has been decided that a subscriber who was appointed before the 1st June, 1937 and has opted for the pension rules may be permitted to withdraw any amount not exceeding the total amount of his subscriptions and interest thereon. The President, in exercise of the powers conferred under proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution, is pleased to decide that sub rule (1) of rule 1337 -RI may be amended as in the advance copy of correction slip No. 74-RI enclosed."

Advance C.S. No. 74-RI.

"1337-RI Substitute the following for sub rule (1) of this rule,

"(1) When a subscriber:—

(a) has proceeded on leave preparatory to retirement, or.

(b) While on leave, has been permitted to retire at the end of his leave or been declared by a competent medical authority, to be unfit for further service.

The controlling officer, or in the case of a non-gazetted servant, the District Officer, under whom the subscriber is for the time being employed, may, on the application of the subscriber, permit him to withdraw any amount not exceeding the total amount of his subscriptions and interest thereon.

Provided further that a non-pensionable railway servant appointed prior to 1-6-1937 shall be eligible to withdraw any amount not exceeding the ninety per cent of the amount (both compulsory subscription and Government contribution and interest thereon) standing to his credit."