

The question whether the clerical staff attached to workshops should be eligible for holidays as other office staff employed in the administrative offices or as allowed to workshop staff was referred to Railway Board and they have advised that pending a decision on the general question, the existing practice be continued in terms of which the clerical staff employed in the Works Manager's office are allowed the same holidays as the workshop staff.

(Authority,—Railway Board's letter No. E(L)61H1-6, dated 28-9-1961.)

**Serial No. 1339.—Circular No. 831-E/331(Eiv), dated 16-10-1961.**

**Sub.—**Grant of special pay to Sand Blasters (semi-skilled) on Indian Railways.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No PC-61/SP-1/WS-1, dated 29-8-1961 is reproduced below for information and guidance.

"The Jagannadha Das Pay Commission vide para. 8, Chapter XXXII of their report (1957-59) have suggested that there should be periodical reviews of special pays. Accordingly, the Railway Board have since reviewed the continuance or otherwise of the special pay of Rs. 10/- p.m. granted to Sand Blasters (semi-skilled) on Indian Railways in consideration of the unhealthy and hazardous nature of their duties vide Railway Board's letter No. E(R)50JAC/101, dated 22-7-1952 and have decided with the approval of the President that it should continue to be granted to the staff concerned under the existing terms and conditions."

A copy of Railway Board's letter dated 22-7-1952 as referred to therein was circulated under this office letter No. 561-E/85-32-II (Spl). dated 14-8-1952.

**Serial No. 1340.—Circular No. 23E/O/4 (Eiv), dated 23-10-1961.**

**Sub.—**Execution of Service Agreements by Apprentices/Trainees.

A copy of the Railway Board's letter No. E(NG)55AG1/3 dated 14-9-1961 is forwarded for information and guidance.

It has also been decided that commercial and S.M. group students during the period of their training as also other class III staff who receive initial training before being appointed against working posts should execute standard agreement form as prescribed for apprentices in Class III & IV categories, a copy of which was circulated under this office letter No. 23E/O-Pt.II (Eiv), dated 9-6-1960.

(This disposes of Supdt. Chandausi letter No. 192, dated 12-4-1961 and is in supersession of this office letter No. 23E/O/4 (Eiv), dated 1-6-1961.

*Copy of Railway Board's letter No. E (NG) 55AG1/3, dated 14-9-1961 to the General Managers, all Indian Railways etc.*

**Sub.—**Execution of Service Agreements by Apprentices/Trainees.

According to the agreement executed by a person as Apprentice/Trainee, he stands committed to serve the Railway Administration for a specified minimum