

It has been clarified by the Railway Board that the change of scale of Mistries sanctioned vide Board's letter No. E(S)1-57TRB/7, dated 26-11-57 and E(S)1-57 TRB/7 Pt. 1, dated 11-4-1959 is a case of revision of pay scale and not of upgrading.

2. Consequently the fixation of pay of the Mistries whose scale has been revised to Rs. 100-185 (CPC) should be done under 2017(a) (ii)-R.II only and over payments if any made as a result of earlier fixation of their pay under 2017(a) (i)-R.II should be recovered in suitable instalments where necessary.

3. Railway Board's letters referred to in para. 1 above were circulated under this office letter No. 561-E/85-32(3)SPL, dated 12-12-1957 and 561-E/85-383 (SPL), dated 27-4-1960.

**Serial No. 1361.—Circular No. 433-E/1-III,(Eiv), dated 1-11-1961.**

**Sub.—Grant of Special leave.**

The orders governing the grant of special leave to staff for attending meetings of employees Co-operative Credit Society in the capacity of Committee Members and for appearing as defence Council on behalf of the accused staff, are contained in Railway Board's letters No. E41FU24(L), dated 28-11-1941 (copy enclosed) and E(D & A)56RG6-4, dated 25-9-1956 (circulated vide this office letter No. 433E/1(EIV), dated 13-12-1956.)

A question was raised whether the grant of leave in such cases was to be subjected to any ceiling limit. It has been held that since the Board have not prescribed any such limit in the cases mentioned in para. 1 above no ceiling limit should be prescribed in their case but it should be borne in mind that the grant of special leave is always subject to the exigencies of service and where this is likely to impose undue inconvenience on the Administration, it lies within the discretion of the competent authority to refuse sanction of special leave. At the same time it is desirable that the facility of special leave for certain activities afforded to the staff is not rendered negatory by refusing such leave without sufficiently strong reasons.

This disposes of D.O. letter No. WS153E/Coop/Wel/167, dated 28-8-1961 from Shri L.K. Saxena A.P.O.(W), Jodhpur.

*Copy of Railway Board letter No. E41FU24(L), dated 28-11-1941 addressed to the General Manager, E.I. Railway.*

**Sub.—Facilities for Committee Members of Employees Co-operative Credit Society to attend Meetings.**

With reference to your letter No. AP252VOL I, dated 3-9-1941, I am directed to state that the Railway Board regret that the provisions of rules 342 of the State Railway Establishment Code, Volume I cannot be relaxed, so as to permit the issue of the orders proposed by you. I am to add that the Board consider as incorrect the view of your F.A. & C.A.O. that for the purpose of grant of travelling allowance, absence for attending meetings of the Employees Co-operative Credit Society can be treated as absence on duty, by passing an order in each case under Rule 223R.

2. The Railway Board, however, consider that the requirements of the case will be met by the grant of special casual leave and special passes outside the usual personal account to members of the staff whose absence on account of attending these meetings is not now treated as absence on duty and to this I am to communicate their approval.

**Serial No. 1362.—Circular No. 404E/O(Eiv), dated 9-11-1961.**

**Sub.—**Joining time to staff.

A copy of the Railway Board's letter No. E(G)60JT1-1, dated 12-10-1961 is reproduced below for information and guidance:—

“Reference this office letter No. E55JT1/1/2, dated 25-6-1955 where in the General Managers were permitted to grant special casual leave in lieu of joining time. The Railway Board have now decided that Sundays falling *within* a spell of Special Casual Leave granted in lieu of joining time as per Board's letter quoted above, should *not* be treated as a part of the Special Casual Leave.

These orders will have effect from the date of issue.”

The Railway Board's letter dated 25-6-1955, referred to above was circulated under this office endorsement of even number dated 18-8-1955.

**Serial No. 1363.—Circular No. 39-E/O/4(Eiv), dated 30-11-1961.**

**Sub.—**Rates of daily allowances admissible to Railway servants deputed to Pakistan.

In supersession of all previous orders on the subject copies of the following letters of Ministry of External Affairs are forwarded for information and guidance.

Ministry of External affairs letter No.	Ref. of Rly., Board's letter under which received.
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| 1. No F.68(39)FD/59, dated 5-11-1960 | F(E)61/AL-8-1, dated 19-9-1961.      |
| 2. No. 73(22)FD/61, dated 26-4-1961. | No. F(E)60/AL-8/1, dt. 14/15-5-1961. |
| 3. No. 73/22/FD/61, dated 10-8-1961. | F(E)61/AL-8/1, dated 19-9-1961.      |

2. Copies of Ministry of External Affairs letters No. F68(39)FD/59 dated 10-11-1959 and 24-8-1960 were circulated under this office letter of even number, dated 7-4-1961.

*Copy of Ministry of External Affairs letter No. F68(39)FD/59, dated 5-11-1960.*

**Sub.—**Refixation of rates of daily allowance in Pakistan.

In supersession of all previous orders on the above subject I am directed to convey the sanction of the President to the fixation of the following all-inclusive