

Serial No. 1560.—Circular No. 494-E/O/3(Eiv), dated 5-5-1962.

Sub.—Medical Attendance Rules—Central Government servants suffering from mental diseases Provision for treatment at Mental Hospitals under the reimbursement of diet and Attendants charges and capitation fees and waiver of the condition of treatment in the nearest hospital.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. 61/M&H/1/32, dated 4-9-1961 together with a copy of their letter No MH58ME1/20/Med., dated 13-5-1959 is forwarded for information and guidance.

Copy of letter No. 61/M&H/1/32, dated 4-9-1961 from Director, Medical & Health, Railway Board, Ministry of Railways, New Delhi addressed to the General Managers, all Indian Railways and others.

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In continuation of their letter No. MH58ME1/20/Med., dated 13-5-1959 on the above subject, the Railway Board have decided to extend the following further concessions to the Railway employees suffering from mental diseases:

(i) Reimbursement of diet charges in full to railway employees who are in receipt of pay not exceeding:—

(a) Rs. 380/- p.m. in the case of those who have elected the Authorised Scales of Pay.

(b) Rs. 300/- p.m. in the case of those who have not elected the Authorised Scales of pay.

In the case of others, 20% of the Hospitalisation charges will be reckoned as diet charges and will not be reimbursed to them.

(ii) Reimbursement of charges for an Attendant/Attendants will be admissible only in cases where it is certified by the hospital authorities that the engagement of the Attendant/Attendants formed part of treatment under the Hospital Rules and that the Attendant/Attendants was/were not engaged in lieu of 'Special Nursing'.

(iii) Reimbursement of 'Capitation fees' where levied in Mental Hospitals, is not admissible.

2. In partial modification of their orders contained in their letter mentioned above, the Board have decided that the concessions for consultation and/or treatment may be availed of in any (not necessarily the nearest) Government recognised Mental Hospital.

3. These orders apply to all pending cases also; past cases which have already been decided otherwise need not, however, be re-opened.

The above has the sanction of the President.

Copy of letter No. MH58ME1/20/Medical, dated 13-5-1959 from Director (Medical and Health), Railway Board, Ministry of Railways, New Delhi addressed to the General Managers, all Indian Railways, etc.

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The Railway Board have decided that a Railway servant suffering from mental diseases, may receive consultation and/or treatment in the nearest Government recognised mental Hospital, on the advice of the authorised medical attendant and with the prior approval of the Chief Medical Officer, subject to the condition that the duration of the treatment for which reimbursement of medical expenses will be admissible to the Railway servant concerned should not exceed six months unless the Medical Superintendent of the Mental Hospital, concerned, certifies that treatment for a reasonable period upto six months beyond the six month limit is likely to lead to complete recovery of the patient.

2. The above concessions are restricted to Railway servants only and are not applicable to members of their families.

3. A Railway servant suffering from mental diseases, when sent for consultation/treatment in a Mental Hospital may be given free passes for the outward and return journeys to the Mental Hospital, as admissible under the rules, but no daily allowance is to be paid. For the road portion of the journey travelling/expenses, incurred, subject to a maximum at half the rate of mileage allowance, calculated for the road journey, may be reimbursed.

4. If the authorised medical attendant certifies in writing that it is unsafe for the patient to travel unattended and that an attendant is necessary to accompany him to the place of consultation/treatment a free Railway pass by the same or lower class may be allowed for attendant both ways. For the road journey of the attendant, same concession as for the Railway servant vide para. 3 above may be given.

Note 1. The outward journey should be deemed to have commenced from the headquarters of the Railway servant or from which the patient actually travels, which is nearer to the place of consultation/treatment. Likewise the return journey will be deemed to have ended at the headquarters or at the place to which the patient actually travels, whichever is nearer.

Note 2. As regards travelling expenses for the road portion of the journey or for journey between Stations/connected by road only claimed by an attendant, he/she may be allowed the actual cost of transit not exceeding the travelling allowance admissible to the Railway servant concerned. This will cover journey not to the nearest railway station but also long journey by road to reach the nearest Railway Station or the hospital concerned where there is no rail link.

5. A list of Mental Hospitals, recognised for the treatment of Central Government servants suffering from mental diseases, is enclosed.

6. These orders will be effective from date of issue, and have the sanction of the President.