

recruited Assistant Surgeon, who is fresh from the college and has practical training in a teaching hospital, is eminently suited for undergoing a post-graduate specialisation. However, on account of the present stipulation regarding the minimum qualifying service, Doctors, who even though promising but have not completed 5 years of service, are not eligible for selection.

It is, therefore, requested that the 5 years qualifying period may be reduced to 1 year. It should be sufficient if the candidate selected executes a fid lity bond to support his undertaking that he will serve the Railway for a period of 5 years on his return to duty after study leave.

Serial No. 1571.—Circular No. 362-E/142(Eiv), dated 5-5-1962.

Sub.—Incentive to the Railway employees/Apprentices for acquiring higher or additional professional qualifications.

A copy of Railway Board letter No. E(NG)58RC1/143, dated 10-4-1962 is reproduced below for information and guidance:—

‘A point has been raised whether the benefit of Cash award/advance increments is admissible to those persons also who had passed both parts ‘A’ & ‘B’ of the prescribed examinations from the profession I Institutions indicated in Board’s letters of even number dated 28-12-1959 25-5-1960 and 7-3-1961 prior to their appointment to Railway service. The Board desire to clarify that it is not their intention to admit such persons to the benefits of the Incentive Scheme.’

The Railway Board’s letters dated 28 12 1959, 25-5-1960 and 7-3-1961 were circulated vide this office endorsements No. 362E/142(Eiv), dated 15-2-1960 25-6-1960 and 21-4-1961 respectively.

Serial No. 1572.—Circular No. 769-E/O/2(Eiv), dated 17-5-1962.

Sub.—State Railway Provident Fund—Rate of interest.

In continuation of this office letter No. 769-E/O/1(Eiv), dated 25-6-1960, pending fixation of the rate of interest for the State Railway Provident Fund for the year 1962-63, the rate for the previous year viz. 3.75% may continue to be allowed provisionally, in settlement cases only.

(Authority:—Railway Board’s letter No. F(P)62PF-1/9, dated 16-4-1962).

Serial No. 1573.—Circular No. 38-E/O(Evi D & A), dated 28-5-1962.

Sub.—Pay and allowances for the period of suspension on reinstatement.

In terms of Rule 2044-RII as amended by Correction Slip No. 8-RII, in cases where the Railway servants have not been fully exonerated or in the case of suspension, it is not considered wholly unjustified, the competent authority while regularising the period of absence from duty may direct that the period of absence from duty shall be converted into leave of any kind, due and admissible to the Railway servants, provided they so desire.