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"In terms of Government of India's Decision No. 1 under rule 1323(1) RI as inserted vide Correction Slip No. 39, railway servants who avail of an advance or assistance from Government for house building purposes under the scheme sponsored by the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply are deemed to be ineligible for the grant of final withdrawals from their provident fund accounts except for the express purpose of repayment of any loan taken under the aforesaid scheme.

It has been represented that in view of the considerable rise in the prices of land and of the increase in the cost of construction of a house, the maximum amount of loan admissible under the aforesaid scheme or the maximum amount of final withdrawal admissible from the provident fund is not always sufficient for a decent house. After careful consideration, the President is pleased to decide that the loans under the aforesaid scheme and the final withdrawal from the provident fund may be granted to railway servants *independently* of each other provided that the total amount drawn from all the sources does not exceed Rs. 75,000/- or five year's pay, whichever is less.

3. Keeping in view the spirit behind the various assistance schemes and the need for encouraging the constructions of houses, it has also been decided that final withdrawal from the provident fund for house building purposes may be granted at any time after the completion of twenty years of service (including broken period of service, if any) of a subscriber or within ten years before the date of his retirement on superannuation, whichever is earlier, subject to the usual other conditions.

Necessary amendment to the Indian Railway Estt. Code, Vol. I will be issued in due course".

Serial No. 1581.—Circular No. 52E/O/26(EVI D & A), dated 22-5-1962.

Sub.—Revised Discipline and Appeal Rules.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. E(D&A)62RG6-8, dated 3-5-1962 together with a copy of this office letter No. 52E/O/26 (Evi D&A) dated 24-3-1962 to which it is a reply, is forwarded herewith for information and guidance.

Copy of letter No. E(D&A)62RG6-8, dated 3-5-1962 from Dy. Director, Establishment, Rly. Board to G.M., N. Rly.

Sub.—Revised Discipline and Appeal Rules.

Reference your letter No. 52-E/O/26(Evi D&A), dated 24-3-1962 on the above subject. The provisions of Rule 1721-RI apply in cases of *Government Servants* (as distinct from Railway servants) whose services have been borrowed from a Central or a State Government, etc. and not to cases of *Railway Servants* transferred from one Railway Administration, including Railway Board's office, to another. The cases of employees holding administrative lien on temporary posts in the Board's office and working on your Railway should

not, therefore, be dealt with under Rule 1721-RI of the revised D & A Rules. Since these employees are under your administrative control so long as they work on your Railway, they should be treated in the same way as other employees of your Railway for disciplinary purposes. This office should, however, be kept informed about the action taken in such cases, since they hold administrative lien on posts in this office.

Copy of letter No. 52-E/O/26(Evl D & A), dated 24-3-1962 from General Manager, N. Rly. to Secretary, Establishment, Railway Board.

Sub.--Revised Discipline and Appeal Rules.

Ref.—Railway Board's letter No. E(D & A)57RG6-83, dated 15-6-1961.

Rule 1721 of the revised Discipline and Appeal Rules introduced vide Board's letter quoted above lays down the procedure to be followed in cases of Disciplinary proceedings against Government Servants whose services have been borrowed from the Central or State Governments.

A doubt has arisen whether the cases of railway servants holding administrative lien on temporary posts in the Board's Office and who are at present employed on the Railways with the approval of Railway Board, should for the purpose of disciplinary action for the offences committed on the railways be dealt with under the provisions of rules *ibid*.

As the position is not very clear, it is requested that Board's orders in this respect may kindly be obtained and communicated to this office very early to enable pending cases being dealt with accordingly.

Serial No. 1582.—Circular No. 433-E/45(Eiv), dated 21-5-1962.

Sub.—Maintenance of Leave Accounts and service records.

In partial modification of the orders contained in para. 2 (ii) of this office letter No. 384-E/O(Eiv), dated 28-9-1957 on the subject noted above, it has been decided that only the current sheet of Leave Account shall be placed along with the service records/register and the previous sheet if any be kept separately to avoid any wear and tear of Service Book on account of its becoming bulky. The new sheet of Leave Account should bear the last entry from the previous leave account sheet and should be attested by a gazetted officer. The new leave account sheet should also indicate the number of the previous leave account sheets and the place where they have been kept separately under safe custody.

Where the leave to class IV staff is sanctioned by subordinate incharge, the Leave Accounts will continue to be maintained in terms of the orders contained in this office letter No. 384-E/O(Eiv), dated 29/30-1-1958.

Serial No. 1583.—Circular No. 831-E/46-III-A(Eiv), dated 18-5-1962.

Sub.—Reservation for members of Scheduled Castes in posts filled by selection.

It has come to notice that in certain selection posts, the scheduled castes employees were not considered in the selection on the ground that there was a