

Serial No. 1587.—Circular No. 831-E/159/2-II(Eiv), dated 23-5-1962.

Sub.—Retention of Ministerial staff beyond the age of 55 years under Rule 2046(2)(a)-R, II.

Of late a number of cases are coming up for grant of benefit under Rule 2046 (2) (a) R-II for retention in service beyond the age of 55 years, particularly of those class III employees, who were initially recruited in Class IV but of whom there is no authentic proof to establish whether they were confirmed in Class III/Class IV before 31-3-1938 or not.

In cases where there is no proof to show that the employee held a lien or a suspended lien on a permanent post on 31-3-1938, prima facie, there is no case to grant him retention beyond the age of 55 years under the said Rule. However from a number of cases, it has been noticed that even though there is no documentary evidence, yet there is sufficient circumstantial evidence in support of their having such a lien or a suspended lien on a permanent post on the crucial date. Only such cases are to be referred to the Headquarters Office for a decision in regard to the admissibility of the benefit under the said rule to such staff. It is, however, noticed that this office is approached often at a very late stage and that too without properly scrutinising the circumstantial evidence on which the Divisional authorities recommend them for retention in service. It has, therefore, been decided that these cases should be scrutinized personally at the level of Divisional Personnel Officers and should be referred to this office at least six months before the date on which the employee is due to attain the age of 55 years. In doing so, definite recommendation should be given whether the Divisional Office recommends the employee for the grant of benefit under the said rule and following documents/information also furnished:—

- (i) Service sheet of the employee.
- (ii) Personnel File of the employee.
- (iii) Full particulars of service showing the date, designation and scale on initial appointment and subsequent breaks, if any.
- (iv) Circumstantial evidence in support of the employee's claim, which would prove that the employee held a lien or a suspended lien on a permanent post as on 31-3-1938.
- (v) The date from which an employee started contributing towards S.R.P.F. and by option or compulsorily, quoting the relevant rule under which this was permitted.

It should, however, be noted that under no circumstances the employee should be continued beyond 55 years unless a decision is communicated regarding his eligibility for the same.

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Serial No. 1588.—Circular No. 830-E/O/21(Eiv), dated 25-5-1962.

Sub.—Payment of Running Allowance to Running Staff attending Lok Sahayak Sena Camp.

A question has arisen as to how the running staff who are required to participate in the Lok Sahayak Sena Camp should be compensated for the loss

of mileage. The Railway Board have, after careful consideration, decided that the running staff who participate in the Lok Sahayak Sena Camp and are provided free messing may be paid allowance in lieu of mileage at half the rates specified under Rule VIII (i) of the revised Running Allowance Rules.

This has the sanction of the President.

(Authority:—Railway Board's letter No. E(S)62RS13, dated 30-4-1962).

Serial No. 1589.—Circular No. 39-E/O-V(Eiv), dated 23-5-1962.

Sub.—Grant of TA for journeys undertaken for medical examination in category CI to the candidates who applied for Appendix III-A Examination from Inspector's Group.

The Railway Board consider that when a candidate of Appendix III-A examination goes for medical examination to enable him to appear for this obligatory departmental examination, he may be paid travelling allowance for the to and fro journey only. No daily allowance for halt on the journey need be paid to him under rule 307-R.I.

These orders have the sanction of the President.

(Authority:—Railway Board's letter No. E(G)62AL6-3, dated 26-4-1962).

Serial No. 1590.—Circular No. 39-E/O-V(Eiv), dated 23-5-1962.

Sub.—Recommendations of Jagannadha Das Pay Commission—Revision of the rates of grant of Travelling allowance for journeys on tour beyond a radius of 8 kilometres from the headquarters.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. PC-60/TA-2/1, dated 4-5-1962 is reproduced below for information and necessary action:—

“Sub.—As above.

It has been represented to the Board that the revised travelling allowance rules as introduced in Board's letter No. PC-60/TA-2/1, dated 22-5-1961 consequent on the recommendations of the Jagannadha Das Pay Commission should be made applicable to the staff governed by ex. Company travelling allowance rules. The Board have considered the matter and have decided that the staff governed by ex. Company travelling allowance rules may be given an option either to be governed by the existing travelling allowance rules or to come over to the revised travelling allowance rules and rates as introduced vide Board's letter of 22-5-1961 referred to above. Staff may be given two months' time within which they could exercise the option and the option so exercised shall be final.

This has the sanction of the President.”