

The Railway Board's letter dated 22-5-1961 referred to therein was circulated under this office letter No. 39-E/O-V(Eiv), dated 6-6-1961. It should be noted that the staff governed by ex. Company travelling allowance rules have the option to come over to the revised T.A. Rules within the periods of 2 months from the date of issue of Railway Board's letter viz. 4-5-1962. These orders should, therefore, be given wide publicity to enable the staff to exercise their option within the stipulated time.

Serial No. 1591.—Circular No. 803-E/315-II(Eiv), dated 25-5-1962.

Sub.—Seniority of temporary grainshop staff on absorption in other Departments.

Reference para. 1 (iii) of this office letter No. 803-E/315-II(Eiv), dated 19-1-1962. It has now been decided by the Board that the temporary staff who were recruited for a regular Deptt. prior to 15-9-1945 but initially posted to the Grainshop Deptt: and on release were absorbed in categories different from those for which they were originally recruited, should also be allowed to count their seniority in the absorbing Department from the date of their appointment in the Grainshop Department.

2. The Board have further desired that the following procedure should be followed in readjusting the seniority of concerned staff:—

(i) The seniority of grainshop staff vis-a-vis others should be readjusted with effect from 7-4-1962.

(ii) Promotion of staff already made to higher grades (selection or non-selection) prior to date of issue of these orders, if any, on the basis of seniority previously determined should not be disturbed. They may, however, be reverted, if necessary, on the basis of their revised seniority only on account of contraction of cadre (entailing reduction of posts) provided it is not due to the expiry of a temporary post created after 7-4-1962 for less than six months duration. The staff who may now be due promotion to higher grades on the basis of revised seniority should be promoted against future vacancies only.

(iii) Such of the staff who have been confirmed against posts on the basis of the seniority previously determined should not be reconfirmed, their seniority, if necessary may be revised in accordance with the above orders. Those who may become eligible for confirmation on the basis of revised seniority should be confirmed against next available vacancies.

3. The seniority of those recruited after 15-9-1945 for regular Departments but initially appointed to grainshop Deptt: shall on absorption in other Deptt: be regulated by the orders already issued in this office letter referred to above.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Serial No. 1592.—Circular No. 831-E/68-Dup., dated 29-5-1962.

Sub.—Advance from the State Railway Provident Fund.

According to the instructions issued in this office letter No. 11-E/O(Eiv), dated 17-4-1953, certificates from Railway Medical Officers and Registered Medical Practitioners only should be accepted for the purpose of grant of advance from S.R.P. Fund under Rule 1321 (g) II-RI, to meet expenses incidental to severe illness of the subscriber or any member of his family etc. as mentioned in that Rule.

2. It has now been decided that certificate from a Vaid or a Hakim qualified from a Government recognised institution may *also* be accepted, at the discretion of the competent authority for the purpose of grant of this advance. The certificates produced should indicate the registered number of the Practitioner and the Government recognised institution from which he qualified.

Serial No. 1593.—Circular No. 92-P/O-V, dated 5-5-1962.

Sub.—Admissibility of School passes to Sons/Daughters of Railway Employees engaged in research work.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. E(G)61PS5-1/20, dated 16-4-1962 is forwarded for information and guidance.

Copy of letter No. E(G)61PS5-1/20 of 16-4-1962 from Dy. Director Railway Board to General Managers, all Indian Railways, etc.

Sub. Admissibility of School passes to Sons/Daughters of Railway Employees engaged in research work.

The Board have had under consideration for some time past the question whether sons/daughters (over 21 years in the case of sons) who are engaged in research work after completion of studies in recognised educational institutions and are getting stipend or scholarship therefor may be granted passes on school account. They have carefully considered the matter and decided that school passes may be issued in favour of the student sons/daughters who are not getting any stipend/scholarship subject to the condition that in each case the university or college authorities certify that the student is engaged on research work and does not draw any remuneration. In cases where a stipend or scholarship is granted, no school passes should be issued.

(This also disposes of the G.M., S.E. Railway's letter No. F/29/61/Sch. Priv. Passes/11, dated 28-8-1961).

Serial No. 1594.—Circular No. 8-P/9-VIII, dated 5-5-1962.

Sub.—Air-conditioned Chair Car in the Air-conditioned Express (De-luxe) Trains.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. 61-TG1/139/ACC, dated 11-4-1962 is forwarded for information and guidance.

Copy of letter No. 61TG1/139/ACC, dated 11-4-1962 from Dy. Director, Traffic (Genl.) Railway Board to General Manager, all Indian Railways and copy to other concerned.

Sub.—Air-conditioned Chair Cars in the Air-conditioned Express (De-luxe) Trains.

Ref.—Railway Board's letter No. 703-TG/56/46, dated 29-9-1956 and 25-2-1957.

In supersession of the instructions contained in the Railway Board's letters.