

**Serial No. 3401.—Circular No. 220-E/O/14 (Eiv), dated 12-4-1966.**

**Sub.—**Grant of advance increments to Stenographers in the lowest grade-qualifying examination.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. PC-64/PS-5/OS-8, dated 5-3-1966 is forwarded for information and guidance. The Board's letter No. PC-60/PS-5/OS-4, dated 5-6-1961 referred to therein was circulated under this office endorsement No. 220E/O/14 (Eiv), dated 7-7-1961 (Serial No. 1227).

*Copy of Railway Board's letter No. PC-64/PS-5/OS-8, dated 5-3-1966.*

**Sub.—**As above.

Representations have been made to the Board for the increase in the number of chances given to stenographers at present for appearing in the examination for the grant of advance increments. The Board have considered the matter and have decided that in addition to the three chances at present admissible in terms of para. 2 (1) (b) of their letter No. PC-60/PS-5/OS-4, dated 5-6-1961, a fourth chance may be allowed at the discretion of the General Manager in special cases. The General Manager will not, however, accord permission to any candidate to appear in the examination beyond the fourth chance unless Board's prior approval is obtained.

**Serial No. 3402.—Circular No. 844-E/213-II (Rectt.), dated 29-4-1966.**

**Sub.—**Recommendations of the Technical Training Committee regarding the training of Apprentice Mechanic.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. E (TRG.)I. 66 TRI-19, dated 15-3-1966 is forwarded for information and guidance.

*Copy of letter No. E(TRG)I. 66TRI-19, dated 15-3-1966.*

**Sub.—**As above.

**Ref.—**Correspondence resting with Railway Board's letter No. E(NG) 57TRI/9, dated 16-9-1957.

The question of laying down a uniform procedure for training and assessment of the order of merit of Apprentice Mechanics and Intermediate Apprentices (directly recruited as well as those drawn from skilled artisans) on the Railways in the light of the recommendations of the Technical Training Committee, 1965, as accepted by the Railway Board, has been under their further consideration for some time. The Board have now decided that, in supersession of the existing practices followed on the various Railways in the matter, the following procedure should be adopted uniformly on all Railways with immediate effect:—

- (a) The training of Apprentice Mechanics and Intermediate Apprentices should, in consonance with the facilities available on the various Railways be strictly regulated in the various sessions as recommended by the Tech. Training Committee, 1965, vide extracts attached.