

(e) No benefit for the previous service should, however, be allowed for fixation of seniority irrespective of the fact whether the services are continuous or otherwise.

(f) The N.F. Railway may issue passes to the selected employees to join their new posts.

5. A copy of list of the Surplus staff, both approved as well as local recruits, will be sent by the G.M., N.F. Railway, direct to all concerned.

**Serial No. 3448—Circular No. 720-E/O-X (Pension), dated 16-5-1966.**

**Sub.**—Grant of option for pension to the retired/ released Defence Service Officers, appointed on Railways prior to 16-11-57, who get confirmed in Railway service.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. F(P)66PN-1/5, dated 26-3-1966, on the above subject is forwarded for information and necessary action.

Railway Board's letters No. E(G)58EM1-29, dated 31-3-1959, E(G)60EM3-6, dated 26-2-1962, E(P)62-RC12-13/E(GR)II, dated 11-6-1964 & F(P)65PN-1/41 dated, 3-3-1966 were circulated under this office letter No. 831-E/9-III (Eiv), dated 20-4-1959, 19-3-1962, 720-E/O-X (Pension), dated 9-3-1966 and 831-E/9V (Eiv), dated 3-7-64. Circular Nos. 501, 1500, 3364 & 2577).

*Copy of Rly. Board's letter No. F(P)66PN-1/5, dated 26-3-1966.*

**Sub.**—As above.

The retired/released Defence Services Officers appointed on the Railways are governed in the matter of retirement benefits, by the terms contained in Railway Board's letter No. E(G)58EML-29, dated 31-3-1959, read with their letter No. E(G)60EM3-6, dated 26-2-1962. Some of these officers may be considered suitable for permanent absorption. The effect of such absorption is that these officers acquired the status of regular Railway employees. It has, therefore, been decided with the approval of the President that in regard to the retirement benefits, they shall, on permanent absorption, be governed by S.R. P.F. (Contributory) system or Pension system as indicated below :—

(i) *Officers appointed on the Railways on or after 16-11-1957.*—shall be governed by the Pension system.

- (ii) *Officers appointed on the Railways prior to 16-11-1957.*—shall be governed by the S.R.P.F. (Contributory) system or the pension system in accordance with their option. The option by such of those officers as have already been permanently absorbed in Railway service may be exercised either to remain under the S.R.P.F. (Contributory) system or to come over to Railway Pension Rules including the Family Pension Scheme for Railway Employees, 1964, as amended from time to time. The option shall be exercised up to 30-6-1966, and shall be on the general terms & conditions referred to in Railway Board's letter No. FP65 PN-1/41, dated 3-3-1966. The officers appointed prior to 16-11-1957, but not yet confirmed in Railway service may be allowed to exercise a similar option, within a period of three months of the date of which the orders of their confirmation are issued.

2. The above orders are in partial supersession of the orders contained in the concluding sentence of Board's letter No. E(P)62-RC12-3/E(GR) II, dated 11-6-1964 which will hereafter be applicable only to officers appointed on Railways on or after 16-11-1957.

Serial No. 3449.—Circular No. 720-E/O-X (Pension), dated 29-7-1966.

**Sub.**—Retirement benefits in the case of temporary gazetted Officers (neither class I nor class II).

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. F(P)65PN-1/42, dated 29-3-1966 on the above subject is forwarded for information and necessary action.

Railway Board's letter No. F(P)65PN-1/42, dated 28-12-1965 was circulated under this office letter No. 720-E/XI (Pension), dated 27-1-1966. (S. Circular No. 3295).

*Copy of Railway Board's letter No.F(P)65PN-1/42, dated 29-3-1966.*

**Sub.**—As above.

Reference Railway Board's letter of even number, dated 28-12-1965 on the above subject. Statements 'A' 'B' & 'C' enclosed therewith as referred to in para 4 thereof, may be substituted by the amplified/modified statements forwarded herewith and this should be brought to the notice of all temporary officers concerned. Sufficient number of spare copies are enclosed for ready distribution.  
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