

Serial No. 3450.—Circular No. 807-E/O-iii (PF) Settlement, dated 18-5-1966.

Pension Circular No. 25/1966.

Sub.—Expeditious payment of settlement (Provident Fund) dues.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. E(W)65PF1-11, dated 25-4-1966 on the above subject is forwarded for information and necessary action.

Railway Board's letter No. E(W)65PF1-3, dated 4-6-1965 was circulated under this office letter No. 807E/O-iii(PF) Settlement, dated 25-6-1965.

Copy of Railway Board's letter No. E(W)65PF1-11, dated 25-4-1966.

Sub.—Expeditious payment of settlement (Provident Fund) dues.

The Estimates Committee (3rd Lok Sabha) in their 91st Report on the South Eastern Railway have observed as under :—

“The Committee are glad to note that the Railways have taken prompt action on the lines suggested by the Committee in their earlier reports for expediting disposal of cases relating to settlement of pension, provident fund and gratuity dues of their employees and that there are no cases pending for more than two years on the S.E. Railway. The Committee hope that vigorous efforts will continue to be made by the Railway for expeditious disposal of such cases so that each retiring employee gets his dues settled within six months of retirement.”

In this connection your attention is drawn to Board's letter No. E(W)65PF1-3, dated 4-6-1965. The Board desire that besides initiating action one year in advance of retirement, the Railways should ensure that all cases of final settlement are expeditiously dealt with and a regular watch kept on the prompt disposal of the cases so that each case is settled before it is six months old.

Serial No. 3451.—Circular No. 843-E/147/Evii (P.P.), dated 19-5-1966.

Sub.—Incentive to the trainees under the Hindi Teaching Scheme—
Grant of Personal Pay equal in amount to one increment.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. Hindi/66/G-8/2, dated 23-4-1966, is forwarded for information and guidance. Board's letter No. Hindi/64/8/10, dated 6-11-1964 referred to therein was circulated under this office letter No. 843-E/147-V Evii, dated 7-12-1964 (S. No. 2762).

Copy of Railway Board's letter No. Hindi 66/G-8/2, dated April, 23, 1966.

Sub.—Incentive to the trainees under the Hindi Teaching Scheme—
Grant of personal pay equal in amount to one increment.

Ref.—Board's letter No. Hindi/64/8/10, dated 6-11-1964.

A question has been raised whether Foremen employed in Railway Workshop can be considered for grant of personal pay equal in amount to one increment on passing the Pragya Hindi Examination. It is clarified that all categories of Workshop staff including Foremen are exempted from obligatory requirements of in service training in Hindi and, therefore, they are not eligible for the grant of personal pay on passing the Pragya Hindi examination.

Serial No. 3452.—Circular No. 831-E/81-IV(Eiv), dated 23-5-1966.

Sub.—Recognition of Technical and Professional Qualifications.

A copy of the Ministry of Education Office Memorandum No. F. 18-54/61-T-2, dated 28-2-1966 received under Railway Board's letter No. E(GR)II-65RCI-4, dated 5-4-1966 is forwarded for information & guidance.

Copy of letter No. F. 18-54/61-T-2, dated 28-2-1966 from the Ministry of Education, New Delhi addressed to the Ministry of Railways, New Delhi and others.

Sub.—Recognition of Technical and Professional Qualifications.

In supersession of this Ministry's O.M. No. F. 18-54/61-T. 2, dated 5-5-1964 the undersigned is directed to state that on the recommendations of the Board of Assessment for Technical and Professional Qualifications, the Government of India have decided to recognise graduate (Masters and Doctor's) degrees in Engineering and Technical subjects awarded by the Accredited American Universities/Institutions at par with post graduate degrees of Indian Universities in the corresponding subjects for purposes of recruitment to superior posts and services under the Central Government subject to the following conditions :—

1. That the degrees are obtained from such of the Universities/Institutions whose under graduate and/or graduate curricula/degrees are accredited by the appropriate National Accrediting Agencies, as given below, in or before the year of award of graduate degrees :—

<u>Subject</u>	<u>National Accrediting Agency.</u>
Engineering.	Engineers Council for Professional Development.
Architecture.	National Architectural Accrediting Board.
Business Admn.	American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business.
Forestry.	Society of American Foresters.
Pharmacy.	American Council on Pharmaceutical Education.
Veterinary Science.	American Veterinary Medical Association.
Agricultural.	Regional Accrediting Agencies in the U.S.A.

(ii) The undergraduate degree has been obtained in the appropriate Engineering/Technical or in an allied subject.