

Serial No. 3472.—Circular No. 843-E/147-Evii (CA), dated 15-6-1966.

Sub.—In service training of Administrative personnel in Hindi—Exemption from the obligatory requirements to Officers who have passed certain examinations.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. Hindi/66/G-1/3, dated 18-5-1966 on the above subject is forwarded for information and necessary action. The Board's letter No. Hindi/64/8/2, dated 5-3-1966 referred to therein was circulated under this office letter No. 843-E/147-VI/Evii, dated 23-3-1966 (Serial No. 3372).

Copy of Railway Board's letter No. Hindi/66/C-1/3, New Delhi, dated 18-5-1966

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Ref.—Board's letter No. Hindi/64/8/2, dated 5-3-1966.

In accordance with the instructions contained in the Board's letter quoted above, employees who have passed the Matriculation or an equivalent examination with Hindi as an elective, compulsory, optional, elementary, additional or second language etc. are, exempted from passing the Pragma Hindi Examination.

2. On the above analogy, it has been decided that employees, who have passed the Middle School or an equivalent examination with Hindi as an elective compulsory, optional, elementary, additional or second language etc. should be exempted from passing the Praveen Examination under the Hindi Teaching Scheme and that they are not eligible for grant of cash awards in respect of the Praveen Examination.

Serial No. 3473—Circular No. 698E/10-IV(Evi), dated 22nd June, 1966.

Sub.—Classification regarding the "building operations" occurring in item 7 of the Schedule to the Minimum wages Act, 1948.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. E(LWA)65AT/MW/1-11, dated 11-5-1966 together with advance correction slip No. 139 to Indian Railway Establishment Manual is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action.

Copy of Railway Board's letter No. E(LWA)65 AT/MW/1-11, dated 11-5-1966

Sub.—As above.

In accordance with the advice given to the Railway Board, it had been clarified in para. 3 of Chapter XXXI of the Indian Railway Establishment Manual, that the words "road construction" appearing in item (7) of Part I of the Schedule to the Minimum wages Act, 1948 would include maintenance and repairs of roads and the words "building operations" appearing therein would include construction of docks, wharfs, jetties, bridges, tunnels, overhead tanks etc. and also maintenance and repairs to the same.

2. In this context a doubt has since been raised whether the expression "Building Operations" in item 7 of Part I of the Schedule to the Minimum Wages Act includes the maintenance of a building such as ordinary repair, cleaning,

washing, repainting, external cleaning of the structure etc. The Railway Board have now been advised that the term "building operation" does not include the maintenance of a building. Accordingly the Board desire that steps may be taken to exclude the labour employed on the maintenance work of buildings such as those mentioned above from the scope of the notified minimum wage rates and also the provision of the Minimum Wages Act and the rules framed thereunder.

It has been decided therefore that para. 3 of Chapter XXXI of the Indian Railway Establishment Manual should be amended as in the advance correction slip enclosed.

Advance Correction Slip to Indian Railway Establishment Manual.

Advance Correction slip No. 139.

Chapter XXXI

Paragraph 3

(1) Substitute the following for existing items (i) and (ii) of paragraph 3(a) :—

"(i) Employment on the construction or maintenance of roads or in building operations;

(ii) Employment in stone breaking or stone crushing."

(2) Substitute the following for existing paragraph 3 (b) :—

"In so far as employment on road construction is concerned, it covers new constructions as well as repairs and maintenance of existing roads. As for employment in building operations it covers construction of buildings, docks, wharfs jetties bridges, tunnels overhead tanks etc. The expression "building operations" however does not include the maintenance of a building dock, etc., viz. such operations as ordinary repair, cleaning, white washing, repainting, external cleaning of the structure etc. As such the staff employed on the maintenance work of buildings, docks etc. are excluded from the scope of the notified minimum wage rates and also the provisions of the Minimum wages Act and the rules framed thereunder."

(Railway Board's letter No. E(LWA)65AT/MW/1-11, dated 11-5-1966.)

Serial No. 3474.—Circular No. 720E/O-X (Pension), dated 14-6-1966.

Sub.—Disbursement of Provident Fund dues payable to minors.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. 65ACII/21/3, dated 7-5-1966, along with its enclosures on the above subject is forwarded for information and necessary action.