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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

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No.: E(NG)65/SR6/29 New Delhi, dated 5/7-2-1966.

The General Managers,
Central and Southern Railways.

Sub: Calling of volunteers to serve in the Headquarters and Divisions of the South Central Railway - determination of seniority of staff.

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It has been decided by the Railway Board that a new Railway zone out of the existing Central and Southern Railways to be called South Central Railway will be formed shortly with its Headquarters at Secunderabad. The proposed zone will consist of thefollowing portions:-

i) Sholapur Division (excluding Poona-Dhondanmad sections) of the Central Railway.

ii) Secunderabad Division of the Central Railway.

iii) Hubli and Vijaywada Divisions of the Southern Railway.

The above will besubject to some marginal adjustments to correspond with the main stream of traffic.

2. In connection with the formation of the Executive and Accoumts Organisations of the new Zone at its Headquarters and on the Divisions, the Board desire you may call for options as follows:-

i) From Non-gazetted staff working at headquarters and on the divisions, other than those at Secunderabad and Sholapur on the Central Railway and Hubli and Vijaywada on the Southern Railway, for being transferred to the proposed Divisions and Headquarters of the South Central Railway subject to:-

a) Provision of residential quarters

b) without provision of residential quarters.

ii) From non-gazetted staff at present working on the Secunderabad and Sholapur Divisions on the Central Railway and Vijaywada and Hubli Divisions on the Southern Railway - options

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should be obtained from them as follows:-

1) Whether they would like to continue to work wherever they are working at present.

or 2) proceed to any of the other Divisions or the Headquarters of the proposed South Central Railway subject to the conditions (a) or (b) under item (i) above.

or 3) proceed on transfer to any of the Divisions/ Headquarters on the new Central Railway in respect of staff of the Sholapur and Secunderabad Divisions and the new Southern Railway in respect of staff of the Hubli and Vijaywada Divisions. In respect of this category, it should be made clear that no quarters will be provided for them if they opt out for new Central or new Southern Railway respectively.

NOTE:- No residential quarters will be provided for staff who opt to remain at the station at which they are already working.

3. It should also be made clear to the staff that those who opt should be prepared for transfer accordingly. The mere fact of their exercising an option does not necessarily imply that their transfer will beautomatically effected.

4. Staff should be asked to exercise their option within a period of two months. As soon as the options are received, a report may be submitted to the Board giving the number of such staff, categorywise and departmentwise, who opt for the new Zone or the bifurcated Central and Southern Railway as also the number of staff in various grades and different categories who are at present working on each of the above mentioned Divisions.

5. As regards the determination of seniority of staff who would be transferred to the new Zone, the Board have decided that by and large the general principles laid down for determination of combined seniority of staff on the regrouped in the year 1951 will be followed. However, for facility of reference, these principles are enumerated below:-

i) The seniority of staff coming on transfer from one Railway to another should be determined in each grade in accordance with the length of service in the grade, both officiating and permanent, as on the date of formation of the New Zone, irrespective of the date of confirmation of each individual employee.

NOTE: Fortuitious or short officiating service of less than 3 months duration will be omitted.

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ii) Seniority will be determined separately for the substantive and officiating grades being on the date of formation of the new Zone.

iii) The inter-se seniority of the staff of various units should not be disturbed.

iv) In respect of selection grades, staff who are already officiating on the date of formation of the new Zone will retain their places on the panels.

v) With effect from the date of formation of the new Zone, new panels will be formed in respect of selection posts.

NOTE: Until the new panels are formed, staff on the old panels may continue to officiate in vacancies but they should be advised that this does not give them any claim for promotion nor will the period they so officiate count for seniority subsequently.

vi) In respect of non-selection posts only staff promoted against regular vacancies on the basis of their seniority will retain their position.

6. The Board desire that the above principles may please be examined by you and your views or suggestions if any, may please be intimated within a period of one month.

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Copy forwarded for information to the General Managers, Eastern, South Eastern, Northern, North Eastern, Northeast Frontier and Western Railways. The Boarddesire that the non-gazetted staff working on your Railway may also please be given an option to seek transfer to Secunderabad on the South Central Railway without the provision of quarters in accordance with the above letter. Their relative seniority will be fixed in accordance with para-5 above. A report on the lines of para-4 may also be submitted to the Board.

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