Government of India
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

No. E (NG)II/2007/RC-1/Genl/13. **New Delhi, dated 7.8.2009**

The General Managers (P)
All Indian Railways/PUS.

Sub: Appointment on Compassionate Ground –Change of allotted category.

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Attention in invited to para IX of Board's letter No .E(NG)III/78/RC-I/I dated 7.4.83 and para XII (b) of letter No. E(NG)II/90/RC-I/117 dated 12.12.1990 enumerating the provision with regard to change of category of a person, for appointment on compassionate ground.

On a reference from East Central Railway seeking clarification whether DRM could change the allotted category for compassionate appointment before the candidate undergoes the stages of acceptance of offer of appointment, medical test and training etc., it was conveyed to them that it is well within the competence of the DRM/CWM in their respective domains to make changes in the allotted category for compassionate appointment before the candidate undergoes preceding appointment formalities subject to candidate's suitability to the posts.

The matter has been further examined in the Board's office and it is clarified that in case of Compassionate Ground appointment, category allotted to a candidate could be considered for change only before a candidate accepts the offer of appointment and goes for medical examination. Once the candidate accepts the offer of appointment and goes for medical examination then change of category should be done either on account of medical unfitness or by an authority higher than the one who has decided the category of allotment.

Please acknowledge receipt.

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