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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD

NO. 2006/LMB/20/26

New Delhi dated : 03.02.2009

Principal Chief Engineers
All Indian Railways, RDSO and
Production Units

Sub: Maintenance of railway colonies and staff quarters.

From time to time, instructions have been issued from Board's office reiterating the need for proper maintenance of railway colonies and staff quarters etc. However from the interaction with staff representatives at Board's level it transpires that action by railways is still far beyond being satisfactory. In the last PNM meeting with AIRF the staff side again drew attention of the Board towards reported poor condition of staff quarters and it was decided that a separate meting with Board (ME) would be held by the Federation on this issue.

From the above, it only appears that due attention to the maintenance of railway colonies and staff quarters is not being paid leading to complaints. Time and again, it has been emphasized that regular inspections of the colonies should be carried out by senior railway officials and the divisional officers which seems to be lacking. Attention of the Railways is also invited to Board's letter No.2002/LMB/20/09 dated 18.8.2004 vide which full Board's decision on discussions of the 29th meeting of PREM was conveyed to the Railways specifically directing that the three basic facilities namely, 'Water Supply', 'Cleanliness (drainage, sewer, etc.)' and 'No Seepage in Quarters' needed be ensured in all railway colonies.

Railways are, therefore, advised to take immediate necessary action for improvement in the condition of maintenance of railway colonies and staff quarters. Action plan should be prepared, monitored and implemented by railways in consultation with staff representatives identifying actionable points for short term, medium term and long term with optimum allocation of the resources. Action taken in the matter may be advised to the Board for discussion with the federation.

You are also requested to send copies of inspection notes of the territorial authorities, HODs indicating inspection of colonies and review of inspection of divisional officers in respect of colonies.

This information may be sent within a period of 15 days i.e by 20.02.2009 positively.

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