GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No.59/W2/QR/122 New Delhi, dated 27.10.59

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

It has been represented to the Board that due to scarcity of residential accommodation, particularly at some large stations, Railway employees (both gazetted and non-gazetted) experience considerable hardship when they are transferred from one station to another. The Board consider that, within the provision for residential quarters, buildings suitable for use as hostels could be put up at some of the important stations - particularly Railway Headquarters and divisional, district or workshop headquarters - for use as a sort of transit accommodation.

2. As a result of careful consideration of the matter, the Board desire that hostels open to all classes of staff with a common mess and a kitchen for about 20 employees should be provided at selected large stations where there is acute shortage of accommodation. Each employee may get a separate room, about 10' x 12' size but common bath rooms and lavatories should be planned. Austerity type of furniture for the rooms consisting of a cupboard, a table, a chair and a bed may be provided and plain furniture for the dining rooms as also utensils for the kitchen may also be arranged.

3. The rent for accommodation and furniture should be so fixed as to cover all charges to ensure that there is no out of pocket expenditure for the Railway.

4. Messing arrangements will have to be made by the employees themselves; for this purpose they may form vegetarian or other types of messes according to their own discretion.

5. The above arrangement is intended for staff without families. Where the General Managers consider family accommodation necessary, separate blocks of single rooms can be provided, but with individual bath rooms and kitchens.

6. General Managers may formulate and submit early, concrete proposals in respect of their Railway with rough estimate of cost and of rent recoverable, giving the order of priority to enable the Board to consider what can be reasonably taken in hand in the current year or/and included in the Final Works Programme for 1960-61. It is not intended that any additional land should be acquired for the purpose as these hostels should be provided on available Railway land. The buildings should also be so designed that they can be converted into staff quarters if necessary.

DA/nil.

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