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Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

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The General Managers (P),
All Indian Railways &
Production Units

Sub: **Enhancement of the rates of honorarium for Inquiry Officer and other assisting officials in the conduct of Departmental Inquiries, arising out of Vigilance investigations against Railway Servants.**

The question of revision of rates of honoraria for Inquiry Officers (Retired and the serving Railway Officers) and their assisting officials, in the conduct of Departmental Inquiry against Railway Servants, arising out of Vigilance Investigations, had been under consideration of the Board for some time and it has now been decided that**, in super-session of all previous instructions on the subject**, the revised rates of honoraria will be as under:-

(a) Where Departmental Inquiry is conducted against gazetted officer(s) or against a combination of gazetted and the non-gazetted officials (composite case) by a retired senior Railway officer *not below the rank of Selection Grade*.

(i) <u>The rate of honoraria for Inquiry Officer</u>

The Inquiry Officer, in such departmental inquiries, will be entitled to a fixed Honorarium of Rs.37,500/- (Rs. Thirty seven thousand five hundred only), **exclusive of local transport charges**, **per inquiry report**.

(ii) <u>Rate of TA/DA for Inquiry Officer</u>

Where the duties and responsibilities entrusted to the RIO involve travelling, the rate of TA/DA, in such cases will be the same as applicable to the serving Railway Officers of equivalent rank.

(iii) <u>The rate of honorarium for Presenting Officer</u>

The Presenting Officer will be entitled to a fixed honorarium of Rs.4690/- (Rs. Four thousand six hundred and ninety only), per Inquiry Report in a case.

(iv) <u>The rate of honorarium for Stenographer/Typist</u>

In addition to the fixed amount of Rs.37,500/- (Rs. Thirty seven thousand five hundred only), the Inquiry Officer will be entitled for an additional amount of Rs.6560/- (Rs. Six thousand five hundred and sixty only), per Inquiry Report, provided the Stenographic/Typing assistance is arranged by the Inquiry Officer himself.

Where the services of a serving Stenographer/Typist are placed at the disposal of the Retired RIO, on his request, the serving stenographer/Typist will be eligible for honorarium @ of Rs.4690/- (Rs. Four thousand six hundred and ninety only), per Inquiry Report in a case.

(b) Where Departmental Inquiry is conducted against a gazetted officer by a serving gazetted Railway officer, not below the rank of Selection Grade

(i) <u>The rate of honoraria for Inquiry Officer</u>

The Inquiry Officer will be entitled to an Honorarium of Rs. 21,100/- (Rs. Twenty one thousand one hundred only) **per Inquiry Report in a case**.

(ii) <u>Rate of TA/DA for Inquiry Officer</u>

Where the duties and responsibilities entrusted to the RIO involve travelling, the rate of TA/DA, in such cases will be the same as applicable to the serving Railway Officers of equivalent rank.

(iii) <u>The rate of honorarium for Presenting Officer</u>

The Presenting Officer will be entitled to an honorarium of Rs.4690/- (Rs. Four thousand six hundred and ninety only), per Inquiry Report in a case.

(iv) <u>The rate of honorarium for Stenographer/Typist</u>

The Stenographer/Typist assisting the Inquiry Officer, in the conduct of a Departmental Inquiry, will be entitled to an Honorarium of of Rs.4690/- (Rs. Four thousand six hundred and ninety only), per Inquiry Report in a case.

(c) Where Departmental Inquiry is conducted against a non-gazetted official by a retired Railway servant of JA grade and below upto the rank of group 'B' gazetted.

(i) <u>The rate of honoraria for Inquiry Officer</u>

The Inquiry Officer will be entitled to an Honorarium of Rs.9375/- (Rs. Nine Thousand Three Hundred and seventy five only) per Inquiry Report in a case, besides local conveyance allowance amounting to Rs. 950/-(Rs. Nine Hundred Fifty only), per Inquiry Report for A, A-1 and B-1 cities. The local conveyance charges for other cities shall be Rs.550/- (Rs. Five Hundred Fifty only) per Inquiry Report.

(ii) <u>The rate of honorarium for Presenting Officer</u>

The Presenting Officer will be entitled to an honorarium of Rs.3125/- (Rs. Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five only) per Inquiry Report in a case.

(iii) <u>The rate of honorarium for Stenographer/Typist</u>

The RIO will be entitled to an additional amount of per Rs.2810/- (Rs. Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Ten only) Inquiry Report in a case for Clerical/ Stenographer/Typing assistance arranged by him. However, where the services of a serving Stenographer/Typist are made available to the RIO, an amount of Rs.1875/- (Rs. One thousand eight hundred and seventy five only), per departmental Inquiry report**,** will be paid to the serving Stenographer/Typist.

(d) Where Departmental Inquiry is conducted against a non-gazetted official by a serving Railway official of JA Grade and below upto Senior Supervisor level.

(i) <u>The rate of honoraria for Inquiry Officer</u>

The Inquiry Officer will be entitled to an Honorarium of Rs. 6250/- (Rs. Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty only) per departmental Inquiry report.

(ii) <u>The rate of honorarium for Presenting Officer</u>

The Presenting Officer will be entitled to an Honorarium of Rs.3125/- (Rs. Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five only) per departmental Inquiry report.

(iii) <u>The rate of honorarium for Stenographer/Typist</u>

The Stenographer/Typist, assisting the Inquiry Officer, in the conduct of Departmental Inquiry, will be entitled to an Honorarium of Rs.

1875/- (Rs. One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five only) per Inquiry Report.

(e) Contingency Expenditure

An amount of Rs.100/- (Rs. One Hundred only) is permitted as contingency expenditure to meet the basic courtesy requirement of serving tea/biscuits etc. for each sitting of the Inquiry. This expenditure will be incurred by the Presenting Officer and will be reimbursed to him by the Railway Administration on certification of Inquiry Officer. In the absence of Presenting Officer, the Inquiry Officer shall incur the expenditure and the same will be reimbursed to him by the Railway administration along with honorarium.

(f) Rate of Local Transport charges

The rate of local transport charges will be the same as applicable to the serving Railway Officers of equivalent rank. For this purpose, the notified residential address of the Inquiry Officer, will be the deemed HQs of the Inquiry Officer.

(g) Postage and Stationery charges

Postage and Stationery charges, on certification by Inquiry Officer shall be borne by the Railways.

(h) Expenses made by the Inquiry Officer

Expenses made by the Inquiry Officer towards Fax and telephone call charges, shall be reimbursed to them on actuals, on certification by Inquiry Officer, subject to a maximum of Rs.250/- (Rs. Two Hundred Fifty only) per Inquiry Report.

2. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate in the Ministry of Railways and the revised rates will be applicable to the Inquiry reports that have been submitted after issue of this letter.

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(ii) Dy. Comptroller & Auditor General of India (Rlys.), Room No. 224, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.
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(i) The GM(Vigilance), All Indian Railways & Production Units etc.

(ii) All Officers and Branches of the Vigilance Directorate.
(iii) All the empanelled Railway Inquiry Officers.
(iv) ERB-I, ERB-III, EO-I, FE-II, EG, PAO and O&M.

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