GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
Ministry of Railways (Rail Mantralaya)
(Railway Board)

File No. PC-VII/2016/RSRP/3 **New Delhi, dated: 29.06.2017**

The General Manager/CAOs(R),
All India Railways & Production Units,
(As per mailing list)

Sub:- Clarification regarding bunching of stages in the revised pay structure under RS(RP) Rules, 2016.

Instructions relating to bunching of stages while fixing the pay in 7th CPC was issued vide Board's letter dated 26.09.2016. Subsequently, it was considered necessary to clarify vide this office letter dated 12.01.2017 that fixation of cases arising out of bunching of stages should only be done within the ambit of the instructions only and cases involving issues such as providing multiple increments while bunching of stages, extending the benefit of bunching between officials appointed through different streams (DR and Promotee) and providing benefits in cascading manner shall await issue of detailed clarifications.

2. Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure, Implementation Cell) have also issued clarification vide OM No. 1-6/2016-IC (Pt) dated 13.06.2017 (copy enclosed) that pending issue of detailed guidelines on bunching from their end, implementation of provisions in respect of their OM dated 07.09.2016 on bunching may be put on hold, where not given effect to so far.

3. In view of these clarifications issued by Ministry of Finance, it is advised that, wherever not given effect to implementations of the provisions of bunching contained in Board's letter dated 26.09.2016 may be put on hold till such time detailed clarifications are issued to avoid subjective interpretation of the provisions that could result in anomalies/recoveries at a later date.

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