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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/RAIL MANTRALAYA
(RAILWAY BOARD)

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No.E(P&A)II/87/FRA/15

New Delhi, dt.16.5.88

The General Managers/FA&CAOs
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and Wheel & Axle Plant, Bangalore.

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Sub: Admissibility of H.R.A. in the event
of non-acceptance or surrender of
railway residential accommodation.

In terms of instructions contained in this Ministry's letter No.PC-67/JCM-2 dt. 10.7.67, in superseasion of provisions contained in Rules 416(1), 417(1)(c) and 417(2)-R.I (1971 edition) it was decided that railway servants who are eligible for railway accommodation and (i) who do not submit applications for such accommodation; or (ii) who, after submitting applications for such accommodation, refuse to accept/when offered/allotted; /accept or (iii) who, after having accepted such accommodation, surrender it, may be paid house rent allowance, if otherwise admissible, provided that -

(a) those referred to in (ii) and (iii) above will not be considered again for allotment of railway accommodation for a period of one year from the date of such refusal or surrender; and

(b) the number of units available for allotment does not exceed the number of eligible employees, and there is no prospect of any residential unit remaining vacant as a result of such refusal, surrender or non-application for accommodation.

2. The above concession will not be admissible to employees for whom railway accommodation is specifically earmarked or to employees, whose occupation of railway quarters is essential for easy accessability during emergencies, efficient discharge of their duties etc., In case of the latter, however, one employee may be allowed to surrender this allotment in favour of another employee in the same category, provided it will not

fect the efficient working during emergencies.

It was further clarified in this Ministry's letter No. 67/JCM-2 dt. 29.8.68 that in the case of surrender of accommodation, house rent allowance, if otherwise admissible, will be payable from the date it is certified by the accommodation-controlling authority that no accommodation in the entitled class is available for allotment.

The Ministry of Railways have been renewing the sanction for eligibility to house rent allowance in such cases periodically on a year-to-year basis. In the context of a demand made in the NM/NRIR meeting held in the Board's office in December 1987, the Ministry of Railways have considered the question whether powers could be delegated to the General Managers etc. to renew the sanction on an annual basis, subject to the Ministry of Railways reviewing the overall policy at specified intervals.

The Ministry of Railways have decided that the sanction for eligibility to house rent allowance in the types of cases referred to above, may be issued by the General Managers and other Heads of organisations, who directly control allotment of quarters to railway servants, to be effective for a period of one year at a time, from the 1st April, 1988 onwards. The conditions prescribed for sanction of house rent allowance in these cases, as stipulated above, will remain unchanged. The General Managers, etc. should review the availability of railway accommodation within their control annually and issue a local sanction on a year-to-year basis. The power should be exercised personally by the General Managers/Heads of Organisations, in consultation with the associated Finance and should not be re-delegated.

6. In case after issue of orders, it transpires that some accommodation is likely to remain vacant/un-occupied due to lack of demand, the orders should be reviewed and it should be made compulsory to submit applications for such types, where there is surplus accommodation, and consequently, the employees entitled for such types would not be eligible to draw house rent allowance.

7. This delegation of powers will be valid upto 31st March, 1995, whereafter the question of renewing the delegation will be considered by the Board and a fresh sanction, if necessary, issued on the basis of reports received from the General Managers and other heads of organisations directly controlling allotment of quarters, in regard to the position of availability of railway accommodation under their control.

8. This delegation is also subject to the over-riding condition that these orders are liable to be withdrawn/modified at any time during this period, if it is considered necessary by the Ministry of Railways to do so.

9. A sanction has been issued under this Ministry's letter of even number dt. 30.12.87 for the period upto 31.12.87. This

sanction is hereby renewed for the period upto 31st March, 1988, whereafter the periodical review of sanctions will be regulated by the General Managers under these powers delegated to them.

10. This has the approval of the President and issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

11. Hindi version is attached.

12. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this communication.

K. Venkatesan

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Director, Establishment (P&A)
Railway Board.

DA: Nil.

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for Financial Commissioner,
Railways.

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for Secretary/Railway Board.

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