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(Personnel Department)  
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**Dy.CPO/Gaz, Chairperson/RRC**  
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**APO/Co-rd, APO/RP&PS & APO/Rectt.**

**Sub: Grant of Honorarium to the Inquiry Officer for conducting  
Departmental Inquiries against a Railway servant - reg.**

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The issue regarding grant of honorarium to Inquiry Officer (IO)/Presenting Officer (PO) and other allied staff as per RBV No. 12/2011 dated 22/09/2011 modified vide RVE No.06/2015 dated 07/10/2015 for conducting departmental inquiries, arising out of both vigilance and non-vigilance cases against Railway servants has been under consideration of this office.

2. The matter has been considered. As per RBE No.44/2015 circulated under this office serial no. 63/2015, the rule governing grant of honorarium to IO/PO & others, as issued vide RBV No.12/2011 read with RBV No. 06/2015, in respect of vigilance cases would also be applicable to Non-vigilance cases because vigilance case is just another DAR case. Consequently, the level of the Authority for the purpose of sanctioning honorarium to IO/PO & others both in vigilance and non-vigilance cases should be the same. Moreover, the instructions contained RBV No. 06/2015 ibid, which are also applicable to non-vigilance cases; do not make any distinction between gazetted IO/PO and non-gazetted IO/PO as well as the classification of the Charged Official (CO) for the purpose of grant of honorarium. It has since been clarified vide Dy.GM/Spl./ER's letter no.G.176/SOPEST, dated 22/01/2014 that respective Disciplinary Authorities (DAs) be the competent authority to accord formal sanction for payment of honorarium to IO/PO & other allied staff, arising out of Vigilance investigations against Railway servants without any finance concurrence.

3. In view of the above, it is clarified that henceforth, the concerned Disciplinary Authority (DA) will be the sanctioning authority for the purposed of grant of honorarium to both gazetted and non-gazetted IO/PO and other allied staff within the parameter fixed by Board in the case of departmental inquiry against Railway servants, arising out of both vigilance and non-vigilance cases.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

  
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