

EASTERN RAILWAY

Serial Circular No. 149/2016

No. E.85/0/Pt. XIII

Kolkata, dated 23rd November/2016

All Concerned.

Sub: Recommendations of the High Power Committee to review the duty hours of running staff – Decisions thereof on Breach of Rest Allowance.

Copy of Railway Board's letter No. 2014/E(P&A) II/ HPC Report dated 18.11.2016 (RBE No. 135/2016) addressed to GMs, All Indian Railway and others.

(S. Chakraborty)
Sr. Personnel Officer/BGB
for Chief Personnel Officer

Copy of Railway Board's letter No. 2014/E(P&A) II/ HPC Report dated 18.11.2016 (PRE No. 135/2016).

Sub: Recommendations of the High Power Committee to review the duty hours of running staff – Decisions thereof on Breach of Rest Allowance

The High Power Committee, constituted to review the duty hours of running staff and other safety related categories made its recommendations on various aspects related to working hours of these categories. The recommendations have been duly considered by the Board and the following decisions relating to Breach of Rest Allowance have been made:

- (i) The provisions contained in Rule 10 regarding Breach of Rest Allowance in the "The Rules for the payments of Running and other Allowances to the Running Staff on Railways, 1981" are reiterated. Breach of rest whether at Headquarters or at outstation should be permitted only in emergent situations like accidents, natural calamities and national emergencies subject to operational exigencies.
- (ii) There should be no Breach of Rest Allowance for breach of rest at Outstations. It will, however, continue to be admissible for breach of rest at Headquarters.
- (iii) There should be no Breach of Rest Allowance for breach in periodical rest. However, if need does arise for curtailment of periodical rest, it should be permitted only if the running staff has availed a complete night in bed during the periodical rest.
- (iv) The present rates for payment of Breach of Rest Allowance will continue.
- (v) Cases of breach of rest should be regularly monitored at a sufficiently high level in divisional offices and zonal offices.

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

Index No. 1068: Decisions on the Recommendations of the High Power Committee in respect to Breach of Rest Allowance.
