

Eastern Railway
(Personnel Department)
17, N. S. Road, Kolkata – 700 001

Serial Circular No.130/2018

No. CPO/PB/Misc/RB/Salary/Pt.II

Kolkata, dated 29.06.2018.

All Concerned

(As per standard list)

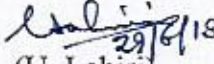
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The copy of Railway Board's letter No. 2018/AC-II/25/3 dtd. 20.06.2018 (RBA No.67/2018) addressed to General Managers of all Zonal Railways/PUs and CAOs/COFMOW & DLMW is circulated herewith for information, guidance and strict compliance.

In this connection please refer to Rly. Bd's earlier letter No.2018/AC-II/25/I dtd.27.02.2018 (RBA No.14/2018) circulated under this office Serial Circular No. 48/2018.

It is, therefore, requested to send a report to this office within a week about the preliminary status report of the system prevailing on your Division/Workshop/Unit and short comings related thereto, including short comings in Pay Roll module of IPAS, if any.

DA: As above.


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Dy. Chief Personnel Officer/R
for Principal Chief Personnel Officer

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

RBA No. 67/2018

No.2018/AC-II/25/3

New Delhi,

Dated 20.06.2018

**General Managers,
All Zonal Railways/PUs,
CAOs/COFMOW & DLMW**

Sub: Fraud in Salary Bills of DNB Doctors at Central Hospital, Northern Railway. .

Northern Railway, through Preliminary Report addressed to this Ministry has reported suspected fraud transaction during the course of internal check in the salary bills of DNB Doctors (Diplomate in National Board) at the Central Hospital, Northern Railway. The facts of the suspected fraud as brought out by Railway through Preliminary Report are as under:-

1. Income Tax Cell of Accounts Department while exercising internal checks on available data of highest Tax Deducted at Source with that of data of high arrears, noticed that a few entries were of significant size which merited further thorough check. On detailed scrutiny, payment of emoluments to DNB trainees of the Northern Railway Central Hospital, were noticed. The data was compiled from Paid vouchers and that available on IPAS.
2. The data available in paid vouchers and also data from IPAS were analysed and suspicious entries were noticed in the salary bills.
3. Total emoluments of Rs. 2,09,33,561/- was drawn in favour of the persons during March, 2017 to March, 2018, out of which Rs. 1,26,89,206/- is related to "Pay Arrears" disbursed on the basis of authority letter received from two different authorities, from Assistant Programme coordinator/Northern Railway Central Hospital and SPO/NRCH.
4. It was checked from IPAS that persons had been transferred to a dummy bill unit which dealt with salary payments to Staff Nurses of NRCH. Out of these, two individuals had drawn payments only in June 2017. There is no record of payments made to these two after June 2017 in the data base.
5. There is a difference in date of appointment as per IPAS database and as per letters available with Northern Railway.
6. An inspection team headed by Sr.AFA/Inspection was deputed to Central Hospital. However, no records could be made available for eight out of the nine DNB trainees.
7. The above facts raised the suspicion that the eight accounts of trainees have been created fraudulently in order to transfer government exchequer either to other accounts or to individuals not engaged by the Railway.
8. The Audit trail provided by CRIS has indicated that the Master Data entries for the above employees were created and confirmed by two different login IDs of IPAS. These IDs are stated to be of dealers of Northern Railway Central Hospital and SPO/NRCH respectively.
9. The suspected fraud of Rs. 2 crore approximately has been referred to Vigilance by Northern Railway.

In this connection, attention is invited to Board's letter no.2018/AC-II/25/1 dated 27.02.2018(RBA No.14/2018) through which Fraud detected in Salary Bills in Delhi Division, Northern Railway was circulated to all Zonal Railways/PUs to conduct scrutiny of Pay roll records from the year 2016 onwards to obviate possibility of similar frauds. It is reiterated that Bill checking mechanism may be strengthened to obviate chances of repeated frauds taking place across railways. It may also be ensured that as advised earlier, the codal provisions with regard to check of establishment charges and also Board's instructions issued vide letter no. 2002/AC-II/25/3 dated 15.11.2002 on check list for passing of establishment bills for strengthening of bill checking system are rigorously followed by both the Bill preparing officer and the Bill passing officer. It is observed that in the instant case of fraudulent payment of salary, both the 'Maker' and the 'Checker' have failed to exercise the basic checks laid down in the codes.

It has also come to notice of the Board that user credentials/passwords are shared by some of the officers with their junior subordinates. This practice is very dangerous as the credentials are likely to be misused by the junior staff as happened in the case of NRCH. **Sharing of passwords should be strictly prohibited.** To avoid misuse of passwords by un-authorized persons, declaration in appropriate format may also be taken from the concerned officers that they are not sharing user Id and passwords with anybody. Further information related to modus operandi will be shared with Zonal Railways/PUs on receipt of detailed report from Northern Railway.

It is requested that preliminary status report of the system prevailing on your railway/unit and short comings related thereto, including short comings in Pay roll module of IPAS, if any, may be reported to Board within a fortnight.

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Railway Board.

Copy to : PFA* & PCPOs of all Zonal Railways & Production Units.

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