

3/c
Sl. No. 86/2014

EASTERN RAILWAY

No. SBF/Homoeo/Staff/Vol.VII

Kolkata, dt. 01.8.2014

ALL CONCERNED

Sub: Indigenous system of medicine- Homoeopathic/
Ayurvedic dispensaries. Revised policy reg.

The copy of Railway Board's letter No.E(W)2013/ISM/1 dt. 23.7.2014 (RBE No. 80/2014), mentioned below, is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action.

Board's earlier letter mentioned therein, were circulated as stated against each and in case of non-circulation, copy is enclosed.

Sl. No.	Board's letter No.	date	RBE No.	This office Sl. circular No.
1.	E(W)2012/WE-1/1	09.4.2013	30/2013	40/2013
2.	E(W)88WE1-16	10.7.1989	177/89	Copy enclosed.
3.	E(W)89/WE1-15	30.10.89	250/89	Copy enclosed.
4.	E(W)2012/PNM/NFIR/5	24.1.2014	13/2014	08/2014.
5.	E(W)97/PS5-1/45	28.10.1999	-	P-222 (By Pass Sec)

(S. K. Chattopadhyay)
Asstt. Personnel Officer (Hq)
for Chief Personnel Officer

Copy of Railway Board's letter No. E(W) 2013/ISM/1 dt. 23.7.2014 (RBE No. 80/2014) addressed to General Manager (P), All Indian Railway & Production Units.

Sub: Indigenous system of medicine- Homoeopathic/Ayurvedic
dispensaries. Revised policy reg.

Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic dispensaries are being run under the aegis of Staff Benefit Fund purely as a measure of staff welfare for medical treatment under Indigenous System of Medicine. These dispensaries are managed by the Central Staff Benefit Fund Committee of the respective Zonal Railway/PU.

Pursuant to the demands raised by the recognized federations, i.e. AIRF and NFIR regarding increase in the retirement age, revision of monthly honorarium and other issues, Board has now decided to revise the policy for engagement of Ayurvedic /Homoeopathic practitioners as under:

- (i) Each Zonal Railway and Production Unit will NOT have more than a total of Eight (08) and Two (02) Dispensaries (including Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic together) respectively. The Railway Zones/PUs should reduce the number of dispensaries up to the new prescribed ceiling limit in a phased manner over a period of one year.

- (ii) The existing arrangement of 8 hourly and 4 hourly dispensaries should be replaced with 4 hourly dispensaries working any 5 days in a week. However, the existing practitioners working in 8 hours dispensaries may be allowed to continue till their current contract expires. No further extension will be given to them. Any fresh engagement, henceforth, should be done only on 4 hours basis. As such the powers delegated to General Managers vide Board's letter dated 09.04.2013 (RBE No. 30/2013) will stand annulled.
- (iii) Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic practitioners will henceforth, be engaged as Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic **Consultants** on the basis of their qualification as prescribed vide Board's letters no. E(W)88WE1-16 dated 10.7.89 (RBE No. 177/89), E(W)89/WE1-15 dated 3.10.1989 (RBE No. 250/89) and (W)2012/PNM/NFIR/5 dated 24.1.2014 (RBE No. 12/2014).
- (iv) These Consultants (Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic) should be engaged in SBF run dispensaries by the CSBF committee by associating one doctor from the concerned Zonal Railway.
- (v) The contract of the Consultants engaged in 4 hour dispensaries will be valid for one year only and can be extended further subject to the satisfactory performance of the Consultant.
- (vi) The age limit for the aforesaid Consultants and dispensers has been fixed at 65 years and the existing Consultants/dispensers should cease to be engaged after 65 years.
- (vii) The facility of Pass/PTOs will be admissible as per entitlement mentioned in Board's letter No. E(W)97/PS5-1/45 dated 28.10.1999 only to the 8 hourly Consultants. This facility should be withdrawn soon after a particular 8-hour dispensary gets converted into 4 hour dispensary.
- (viii) The revised monthly honorarium for Consultants and Dispensers (Homoeopathic/Ayurvedic) will be as follows:-

Revised Honorarium

	<u>8 hrs. duration</u>	<u>4 hrs duration</u>
Consultants (Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic)	Rs.24,000/-	Rs. 17,500/-
Dispensers (Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic)	Rs. 7,200/-	Rs. 5,000/-

- (ix) Monthly subsidy on medicines will be follos:-

Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic Dispensaries	Rs. 8,000/-
-------------------------------------	-------------

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

Index No. 1051 – Indigenous system of medicine- Homoeopathic/Ayurvedic Dispensaries.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXX