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Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi

Respected Sir,

Sub: Rationalization of Government Bodies under the Ministry of Railways-reg.

Ref: Dy. Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat's ID No. 551/2/4/2019-Cab III dated 08/09/2021 addressed to CRB & CEO.

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NFIR brings to your kind notice that there is widespread unrest and resentment against the proposals of Principal Economic Adviser, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India to the Ministry of Railways for closure/merger of institutions/bodies of Railways. It may be appreciated that these institutions have been built over a period of time and they have been functioning efficiently and contributing for greater efficiency of Indian Railways. The radical proposals of Principal, Economic Adviser under the title "Rationalization", if implemented, may lead to chaos and disruption of systems and cause serious setback to the orderly and efficient functioning of the Railways.

Sadly, the recognized Federations of Railwaymen have not been consulted by the Railway Ministry on these developments, while there is uproar among rank and file of rail workforce. The Federation (NFIR) has the track record of serving the Nation and Railways with commitment. The Federation has been contributing a lot for maintaining healthy industrial relations which paved way for freight movement of over 1234 million tonnes during the year 2020-2021 amid Covid-19 pandemic (Second wave).

NFIR is keen to see that healthy industrial relations in the Railways is preserved. In this context, NFIR requests you to kindly see that no action is taken on the proposals of Principal Economic Advisor without prior consultations and without reaching consensus on each proposal. NFIR also suggests that a meeting be fixed with Hon'ble MR for discussion on each proposal to enable the Federations to place views and convey the agitated feelings of Railwaymen.

Federation trusts that you would give suitable directives to the Railway Board to halt actions on all the "Rationalization" proposals, pending discussions.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. M. Raghavaiah) . General Secretary

Copy to the Chairman & CEO, Railway Board, New Delhi for information and necessary action please. Media Centre/NFIR.

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