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To

The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Enhancement of Kilometerage allowance rate by 25% w.e.f. 0I. 0I.2024

Ref:- (1) Rly Bd letter. E(P& A)II/2022/E (LR)-1.dated 24.12.2024.

(2) RBE No. 77/2012

(3) RBE No. 65/2014

This Association submit this representation before your esteemed office seeking justice.

Vide order under reference (1), the enhancement of Kilometerage allowance rates were rejected stating the reason that Running allowance rate is not DA indexed. In this connection we submit as follows:-

A) The 7th Pay Commission recommended to enhance various allowances, including the Daily Allowance, by 25% when Dearness Allowance reach to 50%. But the Subject matter of Kilometerage Allowance was not dealt by Pay Commission and the Commission left the matter to Railway Board as requested by the Ministry of Railway and Recognized staff unions.

Therefore taking a plea that the Pay commission has not recommended the Kilometerage allowance to be DA indexed or not, does not arise.

B) -The Daily Allowance/Traveling Allowance is DA indexed and accordingly the said allowances were enhanced by 25% w.e.f. 01. 01.2024.

C) – The Kilometerage allowance rate is derived by 30% pay element and 20 days DA/TA. When any one of the components either Pay or DA/TA is enhanced, the Kilometerage Allowance rate have to invariably be enhanced proportionally

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In the previous two occasions in the earlier Pay Commission regime the Kilometerage allowance rate had been enhanced when DA reached 50% and 100% respectively vide orders referred above under reference (2)& (3). At that point of time also the Kilometerage Allowance rates were not DA indexed. 6th CPC too did not make any recommendation on kilometerage allowance rates and Railway Board itself took the decisions in 2008, 2012 & 2014. During 5th CPC regime also, kilometerage allowance rates were revised along with increase of DA/TA rates.

D) – The position being identical in 6th CPC and 7 th CPC regimes, denying 25% enhancement to Kilometerage Allowance rates along with 25% increase in DA/TA on account of DA reached to 50% seems unfair and can be considered as a discrimination towards Running staff of IR at the hands of Railway Board.

We earnestly plead before your good office to take a fresh look in the decision that rejected the enhancement of Kilometerage Allowance rates and render justice.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely

Ernakulam 08/01/2025

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