



AILRSA & AIGC JOINT COMMITTEE
EAST COAST RAILWAY
SAMBALPUR DIVISION



Lr. No. AILRSA & AIGC/ 2025/01.

Dated. 20.01.2025.

To

The General Manager,
East Coast Railway: Bhubaneswar.

Subject: Regarding Genuine Demands of Titilagarh (TIG) Running Staff.

Respected Sir,

We, the running (Loco and Operating) staff of Sambalpur Division, warmly welcome your august visit to Titilagarh on Annual inspection of Sambalpur Division. We take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for your timely approval and support on various long-pending matters that have greatly benefited the staff and operations of the Sambalpur Division. We sincerely appreciate the following actions, which have made a significant positive impact:

Approval of the Central School at TIG: The establishment of the Central School at TIG is a welcome step, addressing the educational needs of the staff's children and greatly improving their quality of life.

Cadre Review for Running Staff: The recent cadre review and increase of cadre strength as per the growing requirements has bring a ray of light among running staff of Sambalpur division and we are thankful for your attention to the concerns of our running staff.

Supply of New Walkie Talkies: The provision of new walkie-talkies has significantly improved communication and operational efficiency on the ground, helping us ensure smooth and safe train operations.

Approval of Cell Allowance: The information of approval for cell allowance in east coast railway has been highly appreciated by our staff.

Improvements in the Railway Institute, TIG: The recent improvements, particularly the construction of the wooden badminton court and construction of shed over stage, have created a more conducive environment for recreational activities and well-being among our staff.

However, we would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention some pressing issues concerning the running staff of Sambalpur Division, which require your immediate intervention for the well-being and smooth functioning of operations:

1. Fill Up Running Staff Cadre Vacancies:

The shortage of running staff in our division is a significant concern. Despite a marked increase in Train Orders (T.O.s), the staff strength has not been correspondingly increased. This has led to operational inefficiencies and undue stress on our existing workforce, depriving staff of timely leave and causing excessive work pressure.

While the recent cadre review has brought hope, we urgently request that all vacant positions be filled promptly to ensure staff welfare and operational efficiency.

Furthermore, the filling of higher-grade vacancies without delay is essential to motivate staff and prevent unnecessary expenditure on higher-grade allowances.

2. Allow Minimum Guaranteed Kilometerage (MGK) in All Sections of SBP Division:

Running staff of Sambalpur Division are unable to reach the National Average Kilometerage target of 5100 KMs per month despite working with 16-hour rest periods due to traffic constraints and increased train movements. Despite working extended hours, many running staff fails to meet the minimum requirement of 120 km, resulting in financial strain.

According to the Indian Railways Establishment Manual Vol.1, Chapter-IX, Rule 914, in sections where running staff cannot earn adequate kilometerage within stipulated duty hours, they should be paid at the rate of 120 KMs for the full stipulated duty hours. This rule is not uniformly applied across all Goods train working sections of the Sambalpur Division.

Sir, the discontinuation of MGK for the AMB-RGDA section has affected a lot in monthly KMA of AMB base running staff. We respectfully request for restoration of MGK of AMB-RGDA section and the consistent application of the MGK policy over Sambalpur Division to ensure fair compensation for the running staff's actual workload.

3. Provision of Six-Bedded Medical Facilities at TIG Railway Health Unit or Tie-Up with Private Dispensary:

Sir, we appreciate the improvements in the medical facilities at TIG Railway Health Unit. However, the existing infrastructure is insufficient to handle emergencies for the over 2,000 railway staff at TIG and surrounding stations. We urgently request the establishment of a 06-bedded medical facility with an ambulance for emergency medical services. Additionally, we request a tie-up with a private dispensary in TIG as an interim relief until these facilities are established at TIG Railway Health Unit.

Sir, the TIG Railway Health Unit is currently in need of 01 more Medical Officer. We request before your kind honour for the sanctioning of 02 Medical Officers, including Dr. R. N. Panda, whose experience has been instrumental in the improvement of medical services at TIG. We further request the continuation of his services and the appointment of an additional officer to meet the demands of the unit.

4. Development of Railway Playground into Mini Stadium:

The TIG Railway playground, the primary venue for sports activities in the region. Regular tournaments in sports like Football, Cricket and volleyball are conducted here, but the absence of basic amenities like change room, piped water, lighting facilities and galleries; audience as well as players are facing a lot of problems throughout the seasons.

We request before your kind honour for the development of this playground into a mini-stadium to enhance the sports culture in the Sambalpur Division over East Coast Railway and provide a more dignified venue for the railway staff.

5. Provision of Swimming Pool at the Railway Institute, Titilagarh:

The TIG Railway Institute is the only recreational facility for the staff and their families, but it currently lacks a swimming pool. Staff and their wards must currently use unhygienic and unsafe local ponds for swimming.

We request the construction of a swimming pool at the Railway Institute, which would provide an excellent option for relaxation and fitness for the staff and their families.

6. Equitable Allotment of Coaching Train Work to TIG Crew and Train Managers:

Despite improvements in coaching train operations towards the TIG-VSKP section, the allotment of new coaching trains for the TIG-JSG and TIG-R sections remains inadequate. This disparity, which does not align with the train distribution formula based on occupied distance KMs, has been raised in various forums without resolution. We request your kind intervention to ensure more coaching trains are allotted to the TIG base, thereby addressing this imbalance.

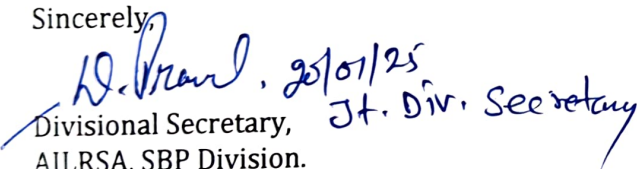
7. Humanitarian Consideration for releasing of Sr.ALPs and Train Managers:

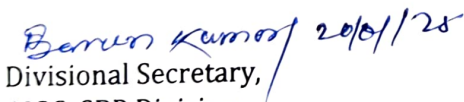
Around 40 Senior ALPs and 03 Train Managers (spouse ground) who received NOC for their transfer on personal requests on family-related issues are currently facing delays in their release due to acute staffing situation. We respectfully request your intervention to expedite these cases on humanitarian grounds and they may please be spared.

Our sincere and humble submission to you Sir, it's our earnest prayer at your honour to kindly look into the matter through necessary interference and favourable response. We are confident that your timely intervention and support will help alleviate the challenges faced by our running staff and enhance their overall work environment. We remain grateful for your understanding and consideration in these matters and look forward to your continued support.

Thank you for your kind attention to these critical issues.

Sincerely,


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