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Dear **Ashwini Vaishnav Ji**,

Subject: Repatriation of railway employees transferred to remote depots in Palakkad Division

I wish to invite your kind attention to the issue relating to the running staff in Palghat division of Indian Railways who were transferred to distant depots following the protest undertaken from 1st to 28th June 2024.

During this period, the running staff of Palakkad, Salem and Thiruvananthapuram had resorted to a form of protest by self-availing adequate weekly rest, which has been a long-standing and legitimate demand of the employees. It is pertinent to note that this was carried out in a manner that did not disrupt train operations in any way.

In response to the protest, employees from the Palakkad, Salem, and Thiruvananthapuram Divisions were transferred to distant depots. Subsequently, following mediation, the competent authorities assured that the disciplinary actions would be resolved sympathetically.

Pursuant to this assurance, the employees transferred from the Thiruvananthapuram and Salem Divisions have since been repatriated. However, in the Palakkad Division, only 9 employees have been brought back so far, while the remaining 12 running staff employees continue to work in distant depots.

I am informed that these employees are compelled to perform their duties under severe mental stress, owing to prolonged separation from their families and the hardships associated with working in far-off depots. Despite repeated representations made by the organisation to the divisional authorities and assurances given that the matter would be resolved expeditiously, no concrete steps have yet been taken to repatriate these remaining employees.

In view of the above, I request your kind intervention to direct the concerned authorities to immediately repatriate the remaining 12 running staff employees of the Palakkad Division, in keeping with the assurance already given and the action taken in other divisions.

I trust that this matter will receive your urgent and sympathetic consideration.

With Regards,

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To
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