



KAMGAR EKTA COMMITTEE

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To,
The General Manager
Central Railway,
CSMT, Mumbai 400001

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Sub: A Joint application by 72 Loco-pilot mail for Voluntary Retirement from Railway service, submitted to DRM, Central Railway Mumbai division

Reference: Letter dated 16th February 2026 on the above subject

Respected Sir,

With great pain and anguish we wish to draw your kind attention to the above mentioned subject and letter.

As you are aware, due to a very large number of vacancies in the Loco-pilot cadre, all our current Loco-pilot brothers and sisters are already extremely overloaded. In such a situation, it is but natural to expect that Railway administration would go out of its way and ensure that all the necessary facilities are made available to all the Loco-pilots in time so that already overloaded Loco-pilots can at least get proper rest.

But as the subject letter points out, even some very basic facilities like good quality hygienic food, clean properly maintained running rooms with essential amenities are not available for the Loco-pilots. They have to wait for hours together to get an empty cot to lie down and due to all this, they are unable to get proper rest and recovery, to be ready for the next strenuous duty cycle.

The letter points out that approaches to the lobby, trip shade and running rooms do not have proper walkable pathways. In many places lighting on those pathways are miserable and even absent in many cases. This pathetic situation exposes Loco-pilots to serious safety risks especially during night hours and during adverse weather conditions. At the time of sign on, a Loco-pilot Mail has to do shunting without issuance of shunting authority on T/806 which may lead to untoward incident as he has to rely on verbal indication by pointsman and the same thing is not ensured at the destination to put the loco in shed and we do not know which path/route the operating staff select and many of the trains coming towards CSMT are either detained in loops for hours together or terminated at Thane/ Dadar which increases the working hours beyond what is stipulated in link and this creates uneasiness in Loco-pilots. The Loco-pilots are the only category who are deprived of time to take tea, food or even to release pressure of natural calls namely urine and toilet though others are given opportunities in their duty hours. Why are Loco-pilots treated unjustly? Thus we request your good self to look into these issues and that relieving is to be done at KYN or Dy SS of nearest station to ensure refreshing facilities.

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To ensure that all the above anomalies are eliminated is not a very tall task and do not need huge funds or time.

The subject letter also points out that there is a lot of avoidable and unjustified interference by administration in the day to day work of Loco-pilots.

As the letter points out, all the above is causing an extremely adverse impact on health and family life of the Loco-pilots. This desperate situation has pushed the 72 Loco-pilots to take the extreme step of applying for Voluntary retirement from Railway.

In today's situation, with continuously increasing cost of living, continuously increasing unemployment and extreme shortage of jobs which offer secure permanent employment, 72 Loco-pilots offering to resign from a prestigious job in Indian Railways, in itself indicates how desperate they and their families must be.

The All India Loco Running Staff Association (AILRSA), Central Railway, has many times represented to your good office as well as Divisional Railway Managers of the different divisions of Central Railways the various grievances being faced by Loco Running Staff in Central Railway. The present mass VRS by 72 loco pilots in Mumbai Division is one outcome of these pending and unresolved grievances.

The Secretary General of AILRSA has also written many times to the Chairman and CEO of the Railway Board regarding the various issues being faced by Loco Pilots of the Indian Railways.

AILRSA has organised many protest meetings, hunger fast demonstrations at the divisional, zonal and All India level to bring our grievances to the notice of the authorities.

Loco-pilots are one of the backbones of operating staff of Indian Railways. If their safety and concentration while on duty is ignored, then it is tantamount to ignoring safety of lakhs of other railway workers and crores of passengers who travel daily by Indian Railways.

Indian Railways is the property created and built by Indian people and hence to ensure its safe operation is the responsibility not only of Railway workers but first and foremost the responsibility of Railway Ministry of Government of India.

We, on behalf of AILRSA (Mumbai Division-CR) and Kamgar Ekta Committee, with the objective of safety and security of Loco-pilots, other railway workers and passengers demand the following from your good office.

Considering all the above we demand that your good office should ensure that :

- 1) All the issues raised in the Loco-pilots letter be resolved on an extremely urgent basis, with an agreed and committed time bound plan. The plan should be to complete all these within 3 months from now i.e. end May 2026. Such a plan be publicised widely in press. This is necessary

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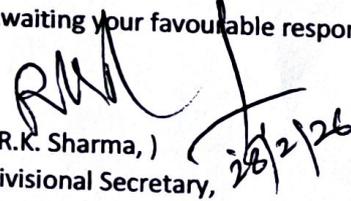


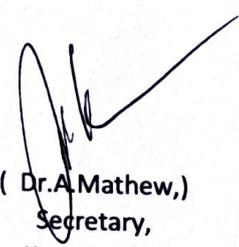
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since Indian Railways already has got bad publicity in press when the news of 72 Loco-pilots letter was widely reported in print media.

- 2) The 72 Loco-pilots must be met along-with their organization AILRSA.
- 3) Avoidable and uncalled for interference in day to day working of Loco-pilots is stopped immediately.
- 4) A time bound action plan be declared to fill all the vacancies in the Loco-pilot cadre. The Railway Board has approved 1400 vacancies of ALP's for notification in Central Railway for the current year 2026. This is woefully inadequate. The actually required strength of Loco Pilots/ Assistant Loco Pilots to ensure a 9 hours duty, 46 hours periodic rest, return to headquarters after 36 hours and restriction of continuous night duty to 2 nights should be worked out in Central Railway and the same be conveyed to Railway Board so that the number of approved vacancies is increased to meet the requirements of ALP's /LP's for a dignified and humane working conditions. This should be ensured in maximum 6 months time from now i.e by end of August 2026.

Awaiting your favourable response,


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