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Dated 06.07.2026.

The Director General (HR),
Railway Board,
Rail Bhawan,
New Delhi

Sub: Non-payment of Over Time Allowance to Running Staff of erstwhile Waltair Division of East Coast Railway, presently forming part of Rayagada Division under South Coast Railway/Visakhapatnam – Reg.

Ref: Sr. DEE/ECOR/Waltair's Letter No. WAT/RSO/Budget/26-27/OT/271 dated 05.05.2026 addressed to PCEE/ECOR/Bhubaneswar regarding payment of OT Allowance for 10 months.

Dear Sir,

The All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF) wishes to invite your kind and immediate attention towards a long-pending and extremely important issue regarding the non-payment of Over Time (OT) Allowance to the Running Staff of the erstwhile Waltair Division of East Coast Railway, which, after the reorganization of Railway Zones, now falls under Rayagada Division of South Coast Railway, Visakhapatnam.

The issue had earlier been taken up by our affiliated union, South Coast Railway Mazdoor Union (SCORMU), with the Federation, requesting that the matter be pursued at the level of the Railway Board. However, AIRF was of the considered opinion that the issue could be resolved more effectively if a comprehensive proposal, duly supported by all relevant facts and financial implications, was forwarded by the General Manager to the Railway Board for appropriate consideration and decision, if it is felt necessary, otherwise matter should be resolved at their end.

Accordingly, our affiliated union has repeatedly represented the matter before the General Manager and the Principal Chief Personnel Officer of South Coast Railway. Unfortunately, despite repeated representations, no tangible progress has been achieved. It has been consistently conveyed that since the period to which the claim pertains falls under the erstwhile East Coast Railway, the proposal should originate from East Coast Railway for consideration by the Railway Board.

In this connection, it is pertinent to mention that the Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer, Waltair Division, East Coast Railway, vide his letter dated 05.05.2026 (copy enclosed), has categorically stated that an amount of approximately Rs. 27 crore is payable towards the Over Time Allowance of the eligible Running Staff for a period of ten months. This itself establishes the genuineness and legitimacy of the claim.

It is, however, deeply unfortunate that the issue has been moving between East Coast Railway and South Coast Railway for a considerable period without any meaningful resolution, resulting in severe financial hardship to the affected employees. The employees, who have already discharged their duties and legitimately earned the OT Allowance, continue to suffer solely due to administrative and jurisdictional issues arising out of the reorganization of the Railway Zones, for which they cannot be held responsible.

Considering the extraordinary and inordinate delay in settling this genuine claim, AIRF is of the firm view that it would be appropriate and in the fitness of things for the Railway Board to call for all relevant records, proposals and factual reports directly from both the General Managers of East Coast Railway and South Coast Railway and thereafter take a final and time-bound decision in the matter. Such an intervention by the Railway Board would not only remove the existing administrative deadlock but also ensure that the legitimate dues of the affected Running Staff are released without any further delay.

The prolonged non-payment of OT Allowance, despite the availability of records and acknowledgment of the liability by the concerned Railway administration, is causing serious resentment among the affected employees. They have been deprived of their rightful earnings for an unduly long period and have been compelled to suffer because the matter has been repeatedly shifted from one Railway administration to another without arriving at any concrete conclusion.

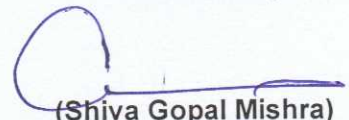
In view of the facts and circumstances explained above, AIRF earnestly requests your kind personal intervention to have the matter examined at the level of the Railway Board and to issue suitable directions to the concerned Railway Administrations for expeditious settlement and disbursement of the pending Over Time Allowance to all eligible Running Staff. Since the claim relates to legitimate wages already earned by the employees, any further delay would be wholly unjustified and against the principles of natural justice.

AIRF, therefore, sincerely hopes that an early and favourable decision will be taken in the interest of justice and employee welfare, ensuring that the long-pending dues are released without any further delay.

The matter may kindly be treated as MOST URGENT.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,



(Shiva Gopal Mishra)
General Secretary

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