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[Despatch Abstract.]

Exchange Compensation allowance, Govt of India
Letter to their Consulting Engineer for Rys: on the
Subject of the eligibility of Railway employees
of the fluctuating staff who are not Subordinate
Superior and whose pay does not exceed Rs.
200 per annum, Com to the Agents Messrs
H. S. & Co.

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Forwarding copy of Govt. of India
letter No 2191 G of 14.8.97 to the
Consulting Engineer to the Govt. of India
for Railways, Calcutta, regarding the
eligibility of railway employes of the
fluctuating staff, whether recruited in
England or India, for _____.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
INDIA FOR RAILWAYS, CALCUTTA.

Simla, the 14th August 1897.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of correspondence ending with your letter No. 1522, dated 20th May 1895 relating to a representation made by the Agent, East Indian Railway, against the rule contained in paragraph 3, clause III of Public Works Department letter No. 1989 G., dated 19th June 1894, under which railway employés of the fluctuating staff, whether recruited in England or India, who are not subordinate Superintendents and whose pay does not exceed Rs. 200 per mensem, are not eligible for exchange compensation allowance, but are permitted to draw instead, under the orders of the Agent, an addition not exceeding 15 per cent. to their pay, up to a limit of Rs. 230.

The above order, which was in the first instance applicable to men of the State Railway establishment, was extended to the employés of Companies' lines by the general orders on the grant of exchange compensation allowance to such employés, contained in Public Works Department No. 2040 G., dated 23rd June 1894.

2. I am now directed to state, that the matter has been again under consideration with reference to the revised rules under which the grant of exchange compensation allowance is to be regulated in future, issued under Finance and Commerce Department Resolution No. 2422 Ex., dated 31st May 1897; and the Government of India are of opinion that the same reasons exist for maintaining the above restriction under the new rules, as were held to exist under the rules of 1894 above referred to.

3. The Government of India, therefore, see no grounds for materially altering the orders originally issued, or for modifying the decision to maintain them, as stated in Public Works Department letter No. 370 G., dated 5th February 1895.

4. They have, however, already agreed to a relaxation of the orders of 1894 to the extent noted below:—

(1) That the line for defining the "fluctuating" staff enumerated in paragraph 3, clause III of Public Works Department No. 1989 G. dated 19th June 1894 need not, in the case of Companies' employes, necessarily be drawn at Rs. 200. This line was drawn with reference to the State Railway organization which it suited. The Agent is at liberty to draw the line differently to suit the organization of his Railway. The only rule to be borne in mind is, that men holding sanctioned appointments as subordinate Superintendents are to draw exchange compensation allowance under the rules laid down, while the fluctuating staff above referred to are to receive increased pay, when necessary in the judgment of the Agent.

(2) That men who come out to India with a clause in their covenants stating that they will receive exchange compensation allowance, will receive it irrespective of the above orders.

With the above modifications the orders should be adhered to.

5. I am to request that, in communicating the above orders to the Agent, East Indian Railway, his attention may be drawn to Public Works Department No. 3561 G., dated 29th November 1894 in which objection was taken to the practice of enhancing the pay of men engaged in England in addition to granting them exchange compensation allowance.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant.

G. H. D. WALKER.

Under Secretary.

Documents accompanying.

Nil.

No. 2192 G.

Copy forwarded to the Governments of Madras, Bombay and Burma, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, and the Consulting Engineers, Lucknow and Assam, for information and guidance.

By order,

G. H. D. Walker

Under Secretary.

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*To The Joint Secretary to the Govt of Madras.
P.W. Department, Railway Branch*