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[Despatch Abstract.]

Railway Provident Funds

Comm. to the officers concerned, a Resolution of the Govt of India regarding the abolition of the Supplementary Rule III of — and the method of distributing bonus.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
RAILWAY ESTABLISHMENTS.

RAILWAY PROVIDENT FUNDS.

Abolition of Supplementary Rule III and method of distributing bonus.

Simla, the 14th September 1899.

READ AGAIN—

Resolution No. 99 R.E., dated 24th January 1899.

Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 58 Ry., dated 14th July 1898, paragraph 6.

READ ALSO—

Resolution No. 967 R.E., dated 23rd May 1899, paragraph 5.

RESOLUTION.—In consequence of the representations received from various Railway Administrations that the ruling contained in paragraph 1 (iii) of the revised Provident Fund Rules, published under Public Works Department Resolution No. 69 R.E., dated 24th January 1899, read in the preamble, stating that the rule operates harshly and is looked upon with disfavour by the majority of the Staff, the Government of India are pleased to abolish that rule and to substitute in its stead the following:—

Rule (III). If a depositor is dismissed from the public service, the Manager may cause to be withheld all, or any part of the bonus provisionally allotted to him with the interest accrued thereon, only the balance at his credit without such bonuses and the interest thereon being paid to the depositor. In the case of there being any outstandings against a depositor who may have absconded, resigned or been dismissed, the amount of such outstandings may be deducted from his Compulsory or Voluntary deposits, the balance only after such deductions being paid to him. Any bonus and interest withheld from a dismissed depositor under this rule shall be credited to the Fine Fund of the Railway.

2. The above rule is intended primarily for State Railways, but the Government of India have no objection to Companies' Lines embodying it in their own rules in place of an existing rule covering the same ground, in such manner as may be considered necessary.

3. The Government of India have also considered the method to be adopted in distributing the second bonus under Rule 1 (b) and paragraph 2 of Public Works Department Resolution No. 99 R.E., dated 24th January 1899, during the period in which there remain subscribers to the fund under the old rules, and are pleased to lay down the following rule:—

(1) A share of the bonus of one-half per cent. of net earnings should be first allotted to subscribers under the old rules, in the proportion that their salaries bear to the total salaries of all subscribers under both sets of rules. By this means the subscribers under the old rules will practically receive what they would have received had all remained under the old rules. The bonus allotted will of course be subject to the limit of 50 per cent. of subscriptions under the old rules.

- (2) The bonus of 1 per cent. of net earnings, minus the amount allotted to the subscribers under the old rules in accordance with rule (1), should then be distributed amongst the subscribers under the new rules, up to the limit of 50 per cent. of their subscriptions.

4. The period of six months within which the option of coming under the new rules might be exercised by subscribers already in the service under Rule II, Clauses (a) and (b) of Resolution No. 69 R.E., dated 24th January 1899, is extended from the 24th July 1899 to the 1st January 1900.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governments of Madras, Bombay and Burma, Public Works Department, Railway Branch; the Chief Commissioner of Assam; the Resident at Hyderabad; the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow and Assam and the Managers North Western, Oudh and Rohilkhand, East Coast and Eastern Bengal State Railways, for information and guidance.

Ordered also, that a copy be forwarded to the Accountant General, Public Works Department, for information, and that it be published in the *Gazette of India*.

G. H. Walker

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Documents accompanying.

Nil.

To
The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department, Railway Branch

With 50 Rs.