

Public Works (1899) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 643 Ry.

DATED 8th June 1899

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following papers:—

G.O., No. 126 Ry., dated 1st February 1899.
" " 466 " " 24th April "

Resolution of the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 23rd May 1899, No. 967 R.E.

[Application to Railways worked by Companies of the scheme for improving the Provident Funds, approved for State Railways.]

Read again—

Resolution No. 09 R.E., dated 24th January 1899.

Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 58 Railway, dated 14th July 1898, paragraphs 2—4.

Read—

Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 68 Railway, dated 11th August 1898.

Resolution.—The Government of India are pleased to permit the rules for State Railway Provident Funds, as contained in the resolution quoted in the preamble, to be applied, so far as they are applicable, to the railways worked by companies quoted in the margin, whose Boards have expressed their willingness to accept the rules on behalf of their employés.

Madras.	Bengal and North-
South Indian.	Western.
Bengal-Nagpur.	Rohilkhand and Kum-
Indian Midland.	aun.
Southern Mahratta.	Burma.

Pending a further reference to the Government of Bombay in regard to a fundamental question affecting the application of the new rules to existing subscribers, the two railways noted in the margin, whose Boards have also expressed their willingness to adopt the new rules, have been excluded, for the present, from the scope of the resolution.

2. The rules published under Public Works Department Resolution No. 09 R.E., dated 24th January 1899, may be, so far as they are applicable, embodied in the existing rules of the several railways enumerated. The present subscribers will then exercise the option of electing between the old and new rules, and the European and Eurasian subscribers of 20 years' service and upwards who elect for the old rules will, on retirement to Europe, America, or the Colonies, also obtain the advantage of payment of their compulsory deposits, with bonus at the rate of 1s. 6d.

3. The condition of having their existing and future deposits recast and kept on a sterling basis does not apply to subscribers to the funds covered by this resolution, as the assets are invested in certain classes of securities prescribed by rule, and cannot, like the assets of the State Railway funds, be held at interest by Government.

4. Rule IV of those published under Public Works Department Resolution No. 09 R.E. of 1899 is not a fundamental rule, and there is no objection to the existing rule applicable to each railway concerned being retained.

5. Some objections have been raised to rule III in the form in which it was originally circulated to the Boards of the several companies. In its form as published it is believed that it is sufficiently elastic to meet these objections; but the Government of India are prepared to consider proposals for modifying it so far as railways worked by companies are concerned.

6. Pensioned officers of Government serving a company on a railway which adopts these rules, although they will be permitted to elect for the new rules, cannot have their deposits paid at the rate of 1s. 6d. unless they have more than 20 years' service during which they were earning no pension. Officers who are earning a pension while serving a company cannot, under existing orders, subscribe to the Provident Fund.

7. In the case of railways worked by companies to which the new rules may be eventually extended, it will be a condition of their adoption that all railway servants, on transfer from a State Railway to any line worked by a company, or *vice versa*, shall have their Provident Fund accounts transferred also, provided that the transfer is made with the consent of the Manager or Agent and without break of service.

8. Agents of the several railways concerned should report in due course whether the orders are accepted by the whole body of subscribers, subject to the above general conditions.

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, and the Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow and Assam, 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*.

ORDER—No. 643 Ry., dated 8th June 1899.

Communicated to the officers concerned for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

FRANCIS J. E. SPRING,
Joint Secretary.

To the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.

- " Agent, South Indian Railway.
- " Examiner of Guaranteed Railway Accounts, Madras.
- " Consulting Engineer for Railways.
- " Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Public Works (1899) Department.

A. (Print)

P. W. D.

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Resolution from the Govt. Print
No. 967 RE. at 23.5.99.

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From the Govt of India

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No. 967 RE.

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To Mr. (Manager) P. W. D.
A. (Print) Section
CR (Manager) P. W. D.
ER (Manager) P. W. D.
C. (Manager) P. W. D.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Secretary to the Government of India.

To The Joint Secy to the Govt of Madras.
Public Works Department.
Railway Branch.