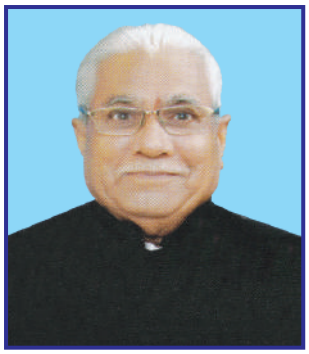
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Dear Subscribers and Railwaymen,

All branches have celebrated International Labour Day on 01-05-2026 at Branch and Divisional Levels. The 8th Pay Commission has extended the date for submission of Memoranda till 15-06-2026. The All-India Railwaymen's Federation has submitted a Corrigendum and Supplementary Memorandum to the Pay Commission in continuation of its earlier Memorandum submitted on 28.04.2026. The details are given in this issue.

The National Council (JCM) meeting was held on 11.05.2026. A number of issues were discussed and positive assurances were given by the Cabinet Secretary on the items raised in the agenda. The demand of Defence Civilian employees that their transfer to the newly formed corporation be treated as deemed deputation which has been agreed to, and necessary orders have also been issued by the Ministry of Defence.

The issue of coverage under the Old Pension Scheme for employees appointed on compassionate grounds was positively responded to by the Cabinet Secretary. It has been decided that those appointed prior to 23.12.2003 and who have requested coverage under the Old Pension Scheme will be considered and covered under the Old Pension Scheme. Necessary orders have been issued.

The Running Staff Conference was successfully organized by the National Railway Mazdoor Union at Nagpur on 15.05.2026. A long-pending issue regarding exemption of Kilometre Allowance for Running Staff has been increased from ₹10,000/- to ₹25,000/- w.e.f. 01.04.2026.

The All-India Railwaymen's Federation has demanded the inclusion of revision of pension in the Terms of Reference of the 8th CPC. A Technical Staff Conference is being organized at Jaipur on 16.08.2026. The All-India Railwaymen's Federation is fighting for the implementation of Inter-Division/Inter-Railway request transfers without any further delay.

A Co-ordination Committee of all Central Trade Unions has organized a National Conference on 29.07.2026 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi. We request all senior leaders and activists to attend this conference to oppose the retrograde amendments proposed through the 4 Labour Codes.

We are hopeful that the Government of India will take note and take corrective action to protect the existing rights of workers.

ALL INDIA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(Base 2016 = 100)

Month/Year	Base year 2001=100 Average	Total of 12 months	Twelve Monthly Average	% increase over 261.41* for DA
Jun-25	418	4959	413.25	58.08
Jul-25	422	4970	414.17	58.43
Aug-25	424	4984	415.33	58.88
Sep-25	424	4996	416.33	59.26
Oct-25	425	5005	417.08	59.55
Nov-25	427	5016	418.00	59.90
Dec-25	427	5030	419.17	60.34
Jan-26	428	5046	420.50	60.85
Feb-26	428	5063	421.92	61.40
Mar-26	429	5080	423.33	61.94
Apr-26	431	5098	424.83	62.51
May-26	434	5120	426.67	63.22

*Average Price Index for January 2016



GLIMPSE OF AGM OF AIRPWF AT ADI ON 03-04-2026



WELCOMED SHRI RAMASHRAY PANDEY, GENERAL MANAGER, WESTERN RAILWAY



WELCOME TO SMT. SUJATA PANDEY, PRESIDENT-WRWWO AT RJT ON 12-06-2026



WREU-RTM HANDING OVER MEMORANDUM TO THE GENERAL MANAGER ON 05-06-2026 AT RTM





GLIMPSE OF ALL INDIA TRACKMAN CONFERENCE HELD AT NDLS ON 22-04-2026



WREU-DHD W/S HANDING OVER MEMORANDUM TO CWE-CCG ON 19-06-2026 AT DHD



AIRPWF-MUMBAI ON ENROLMENT CAMPAIGN ON 30-05-26

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR DAY

On the occasion of International labour day on 01-05-2026 various programmes have been organized enthusiastically at branch and divisional level in each division and non-divisional units. Gatherings held on this occasion have been addressed by the senior leaders of divisions and branches.WREU-BRC organized a Blood Donation Camp at BRCP in AC Railway Coach at Saloon Siding on 01-05-2026. The programme was inaugurated by chief guest Shri Raju P. Bhadke DRM/BRC. The Guests of Honour were Shri Vijay Shah and Drutiben Shah, Director Indu Blood Bank. Com. Santosh Pawar, AGS and GS HMS Gujarat. The Blood Donation Camp was successfully organized by the Youth Wing of BRC Division with active participation of railway employeesand HMS affiliated Unions. During the camp, a total of 72 bottles of blood collected. The programme was conducted successfully on the guidance of Com. Sanjay Pawar and Aditya Morya and other leaders.

52nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORICAL RAILWAY STRIKE 1974

PRATAPNAGAR W/SHOP BRANCH - At the call of WREU/AIRF, A grand gate meeting was held to commemorate the 52nd anniversary of the historic strike of 1974 on 8th May, 2026.Large number of employees participated. Com. Sudhir Kumar, Com. Bharat Makwana and Com. Dharmendra Chauhan addressed the meeting and explained the background and Struggle of historic strike and the tough challenges ahead.They urged for strengthening the organization.Team WREU expresses its heartfelt gratitude to all the workshop staff present in the meeting.

BCT DIVISION- On the clarion call of AIRF to pay homage to the Marty's of the historic 1974 Railway Strike and to remember their sacrifices, meetings were organised on 08-05-2026 across Mumbai Division.Programmes were held at Mumbai Central, Dadar, Andheri, Valsad, Surat, Nandurbar and other branches. Com. Prashant Kanade, Com. Jitendra Singh, Com. Chandraprakash Upadhyay, Com. Sanjay Parihar and Com. Praveen Kale addressed the participants.On this occasion they gave detailed information about the 1974 strike, its causes and achievements.

WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING OF AIRF

The Working Committee Meeting of All India Railwaymen's Federation was held in the NUSI Resort, Lonavala on 5th May, 2026. Com. J.R. Bhosale, Working President presided the Meeting. Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, General Secretary, reported the major decisions and activities after the conduct of AIRF's 102nd AGM held at Lucknow. He briefly narrated about the Memorandum submitted to 8th CPC by JCM Staff side and AIRF and Meeting with 8th CPC by NC-JCM Staff side held on 28th April, 2026. He also informed about the Meeting of the Core Committee of CRC – 2023 held on 21st April, 2026 in New Delhi. After deliberations the following decisions were taken –

- "Chintan Shivir" of the Federation (AIRF) would be held at Ekta Nagar (Kevadia), Vadodara, and that WREU would host it in the month of July, 2026.
- It was decided to organize All India level Conferences of different categories of the Railwaymen, which will be hosted by the affiliates of AIRF in the undernoted sequence:

(I) S&T Staff Conference by Northern Railway Men's Union.
(ii) Workshop and Loco Shed Staff Conference by National Railway Mazdoor Union.
(iii) Technicians Conference by North Western Railway Employees Union.
(iv) Commercial and Operating Staff Conference by Western Railway Employees Union.
(v) Medical Staff Conference by East Central Railway Karmachari Union.
(vi) Track Machine Org. and Bridge Staff Conference by Eastern Railwaymen's Union.
(vii) Technical Supervisors' Conference by SWRMU.

Other Categorical Conferences will be arranged in consultation with the affiliates.

- Payment of due affiliation fee, and also clearance of the outstanding dues of the Centenary Celebration of AIRF (in instalments – upto Rs. 10 lakhs in three instalments and above Rs. 10 lakhs in four instalments).
- Re-launching of the "Wellness and Trade Union Education Programmes".
- To support Youth and Women Empowerment activities in a proper manner by the affiliates.

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to chair.

RUNNING STAFF CONFERENCE AT NAGPUR

All India Railwaymen Federation held the conference of Running staff on 15-05-2026 at Vasant Rao Deshpande Sabagruh, Civil Line, Nagpur. NRMU has hosted the conference. Com. Venu P. Nair, General Secretary/NRMU has welcomed Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra, J.R.Bhosaleand other leaders with floral bouquet and Shawl. Large number of running staff attended the conference. Com. Nagbhushan, CLI and Branch Secretary-CCG-Mumbai division has lead the participants of WREU. Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra and J. R. Bhosale addressed the gathering and discussed various grievances of Running staff and the demands included in the Memorandum submitted to the 8th CPC. Com. Venu Nair gave thanks to the leaders and the participants attended the conference.

PADMAVIBHUSHAN COM. GEORGE FERNANDES CHOWK NAMING CEREMONY.

The Municipal Corporation of Mumbai has named the chowk at the junction of Dr. Hirachand Lalchand Marg and Dadabhoy Naoroji Road, near Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus- Mumbai as "Padma Vibhushan Com. George Fernandes Chowk".It is a matter of pride for the working class that one of the city's important chowk has been named after our former labour leader, Com. George Fernandes. June 3 marks the birth anniversary of Com. George Fernandes. On this auspicious occasion, the Municipal Mazdoor Union (Mumbai), Municipal Engineers Association, Municipal Nursing and Para-Medical Staff Union, Mumbai Labour Union, The Municipal Union, Municipal Fire Services Union, Mumbai Hawkers Union, Mumbai Gumasta Union, Mumbai Autorickshaw Men's Union, BEST Workers Union, Mumbai Bidi Tambaku Vyapari Sangh, Thane Labour Union, Mumbai Taximen's Union, Safai Mazdoor Sangh etc., jointly organized the nameplate unveiling programme at Com. George Fernandes Chowk.The programme was attended by workers from Mumbai in general and municipal workers in particular. The Municipal Mazdoor Union organized a meeting in the Conference Hall on the 1st floor of Baldandavate Smruti Bhavan.Com. Waman Rao Kaviskar, Vice President, All India Hind Mazdoor Sabha and General Secretary, Municipal Mazdoor Union; Ashok Jadhav, Working President, HMS Maharashtra State and President Municipal Mazdoor Union and Ramesh Bhutekar-Deshmukh, Working President, Municipal Engineers Association, took the lead in organizing both programmes on behalf of all unions lead by Late Com. George Fernandes and Late Com. Sharad Rao.

Several labour leaders who attended the conference were honoured and spoke on the subject "Com. George I Knew While Working With Him". Com. J.R. Bhosale-Treasurer-HMS, Com. Nivrutti Dhumal, President-HMS Maharashtra, Com. Sanjay Vadhavkar, General Secretary-HMS Maharashtra, Com. Waman Rao Kaviskar, Com. Ashok Jadhav and other prominent labour leaders attended the meeting and paid rich tributes to Late Com. George Fernandes.

CORRIGENDUM & SUPPLEMENTARY MEMORANDUM TO THE MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY AIRF TO THE 8TH CPC

All India Railwaymen's Federation(AIRF), wishes to submit the undernoted Corrigendum with a view to rectify some inadvertent errors, omissions as well as inconsistencies in the Original Memorandum submitted by this Federation to Hon'ble 8th Central Pay Commission, which may kindly be considered as an integral part of the Main Memorandum submitted earlier by AIRF to the 8th CPC on 28th April 2026.

1. **Cadre Management** (Q.N.7 of the format published for submitting Memorandum).
   In Annexure to Cadre Management, the following additions and amendments are submitted:-

A. Commercial Department(No.II of the Annexure to the Memorandum submitted to the 8th CPC)
   The following may be added at S.N.5, under the column of Designation:-
   Chief Commercial Inspector[Marketing/Claims/Rates]Commercial Supervisor.

Commercial Clerk cum Ticket Collector (Combined cadre of erstwhile Commercial Clerk, Booking Clerk, Parcel Clerk, ECRC and Ticket Examiners)					
S.No	**Designation**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Proposal for 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1.	**Commercial-cum-Ticket Checking Staff (CCTC)**	Level- 3	PS-3	Rs.112000	In view of digitalization in ticketing system, technically experienced and persons having IT knowledge are required. So higher initial pay is justified.
2.	**Sr. Commercial-cum-Ticket Checking Staff, (Sr. CCTC)**	Level -5	PS-4	Rs.135700	
3.	**Chief Commercial-cum Ticket Supervisor/ Inspector**	Level 6	PS-5	Rs.182500	
4.	**Commercial Superintendent/ Chief Ticket Inspector/Chief Commercial Inspector**	Level 7	PS-6	Rs.215100	
5.	**Chief Commercial Superintendent/ Ticket Inspector/ Commercial Inspector(In-charge)/ Marketing/ Claims/Rates**	New Scale	PS-7	Rs.259500	They have already been provided Level-8 & 9 in existing pay matrix (NF) under provision of RBE No.155/2022. Therefore, proposed new scale is justified.

B. SIGNAL & TELECOM DEPARTMENT

Under the heading Telecom.–Cum-VC Operator (No. IV of the Annexure to the Memorandum submitted to the 8th CPC), the undernoted correction is hereby submitted.

TELECOM CUM VC OPERATOR					
S.NO	**DESIGNATION**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Level in 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1.	**Telephone –Cum-VC Operator**	Level -2	PS.3	Rs.112000	
2.	**Sr. Telephone –Cum-VC Operator**	Level-4	PS.4	Rs.135700	
3.	**Chief Telephone –Cum-VC Operator**	Level-6	PS.5	Rs.182500	
4.	**Superintendent Telephone –Cum-VC Operator**	Level-7	PS-6	Rs.215100	.

C. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT(S.N.VIII of the Annexure to Memorandum submitted to 8th CPC)

The Nursing Staff of the Central Government Hospitals, including Railway Hospitals, were recommended higher replacement grades by the earlier Pay Commissions, considering the fact that they have to remain in contact with the patients having different kinds of ailments caused due to serious infection, infectious diseases etc. They are supposed to take care of the patients admitted in the Hospital Wards where they work. They are supposed to implement specialised healthcare protocol round-the-clock, patient care responsibility and extended supervisory functions, patient management, ward supervision, inspection control measures,

emergency care coordination etc.

In our original proposal, we (AIRF) had proposed two separate Pay Levels for Nursing Supdt. and Sr. Nursing Supdt.

On further consideration of nature of duties and responsibilities of both the above-mentioned categories, it is now felt appropriate that, both these categories should be placed in replacement pay-scale of PS-6 of the 8th CPC instead of earlier proposal.

In the case of Nursing Supdt. (S.N.1 of the Memorandum submitted by AIRF to the 8th CPC), the following amendment is submitted:-

The Proposed Pay Level for Nursing Supdt., who are presently in Level-7 of the 7th CPC pay- scale, proposal for the 8th CPC may be amended as PS-6 in place of PS-5.

NO. VIII MEDICAL DEPARTMENT					
NURSING SUPERINTENDENT					
S.No.	**Designation**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Proposal for 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1.	**Nursing Superintendent**	Level-7	PS-6	Rs. 215100	1. AIRF proposes to merge Nursing Superintendent with Sr. Nursing Superintendent. 2. Revised pay scales and other facilities granted to Nursing Staff in other Hospitals under Ministry of Health be also given to the Railway Nursing staff
2.	**Senior Nursing Superintendent**	Level-8			
3.	**Chief Nursing Superintendent**	Level-10	PS-7	Rs.259500	

A. Lab Technician(Medical)

Against S.N.1, under the column designation, Lab. Asstt. Gr.-I (presently in Pay Level-4 of the 7th CPC), PS-4is proposed, and atS.N.3., under the column designation, Lab. Technician-Cum-Asstt. Chemist(In-charge), presently in Pay Level-5 of the 7th CPC, PS-5 is proposed, in place of PS-4, for the 8th CPC.

LAB TECHNICIAN					
S.No.	**Designation**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Proposal for 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1.	**Lab Assistant Gr.II**	Level-3	PS-3	Rs.112000	1. Lab technicians in railway pathology labs conduct vital blood, urine, and stool tests, ensuring accurate diagnosis and timely treatment. Their technical skills, precision, infection risk, and responsibility for reliable results directly impact patient care, justifying a higher starting pay scale. 2.Cadre to be merged as performing similar duties
2.	**Lab Assistant Gr.I**	Level-4	PS-4		
3.	**Lab Technician/ Asstt. Chemist (Incharge)**	Level-5	PS-5	Rs.182500	

A. ECG Technician

Against S.N.1, under the column designation, Cardiac Technologist needs to be added.

ECG TECHNICIAN					
S.No.	**Designation**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Proposal for 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1.	**ECG Technician/ Cardiac Technologist**	Level-4	PS-4	Rs. 135700	Entry level educational qualification justifies higher grade pay. Designation to be changed to Cardiac Technician
2.	**Sr. ECG Technician/ Cardiac Technologist**	New Scale	PS-5	Rs. 182500	Single grade exists. Additional grades for career progression are must.
NOTE	Revised pay scales and other facilities granted to ECG Technician/Cardiac Technologist Staff in other Hospitals under Ministry of Health be also given to the Railway ECG Technician Staff.				

B. Dietician

The existing Pay Level in the 7th CPC be read as under:-

Dietician Level 7 – Proposed PS-5.
Sr. Dietician Level 8 – Proposed PS-6.

DIETICIAN					
S.No.	**Designation**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Proposal for 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1.	**Dietician**	Level-7	PS-5	Rs.182500	B.Sc with Diploma in Dietician. They plan therapeutic diets, manage nutrition for patients and staff, and support recovery in medical cases. Their specialized knowledge, clinical responsibility, and role in improving health outcomes and reducing complications justify a higher starting pay scale.
2.	**Sr. Dietician**	Level-8	PS-6	Rs.215100	
NOTE	Revised pay scales and other facilities granted to Dietician cadre Staff in other Hospitals under Ministry of Health be also given to the Railway Dietician Cadre.				

Apart from the above-mentioned corrections for different categories in Medical Department, the following categories also need to be added:-

Under the category of **Family Welfare Organisation,** for the category of **Distt. Extension Educator,** the proposed pay scale be read as "8th CPC PS-5" in lieu of PS-4, and for **Sr. Distt. Extension Educator,** the proposed pay scale be read as "8th CPC PS-6" in lieu of PS-

FAMILY WELFARE ORGANISATION					
S.No.	**Designation**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Proposal for 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1.	**Field Worker**	Level-2	PS-3	Rs. 112000	1. Benefit of pay fixation in identical grade be given. 2. Revised pay scales and other facilities granted to Family Welfare Organisation Staff in other Hospitals under Ministry of Health be also given to the Railway Family Welfare Organisation Staff.
2.	**Sr. Field Worker**	Level-4			
3.	**Compilation Clerk**	Level-5	PS-4	Rs.135700	
4.	**District Extension Educator**	Level-6			
5.	**Sr. District Extension Educator**	Level-7	PS-5	Rs. 182500	

1. Prosthetics & Orthotics

(i) Prosthetics & Orthotics Technician(7th CPC Pay Level 4) - Proposed 8th CPC PS-5.

(ii) Sr. Prosthetics & Orthotics Technician(7th CPC Pay Level 5) - Proposed 8th CPC PS-6.

(iii) Sr. Prosthetics & Orthotics Technician (In-charge) - Proposed 8th CPC PS-7.

Prosthetics & Orthotics					
S.No.	**Designation**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Proposal for 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1	**Prosthetics & Orthotics Technician**	**Level - 4**	**PS-5**	**Rs. 182500**	
2	**Sr. Prosthetics & Orthotics Technician**	**Level-5**	**PS-6**	**Rs. 215100**	
3	**Sr. Prosthetics & Orthotics Technician(Incharge)**		**PS-7**	**Rs. 259500**	

2. The undernoted designations of Cath Lab. Technician be added:-

(I) Cath Lab. Technician(7th CPC Pay Level-6) - Proposed 8th CPC PS-4.

(ii) Sr. Cath Lab. Technician(New Scale) - Proposed 8th CPC PS-5

Cath Lab. Technician					
S.No.	**Designation**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Proposal for 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1	**Cath Lab. Technician**	**Level-6**	**PS-4**	**Rs. 135700**	
2	**Sr. Cath Lab. Technician**	**New Scale**	**PS-5**	**Rs. 182500**	

3. The designation of Skilled Electronic Technician, with the undernoted pay scale, be added:-

(i) Bio-Medical Engineer(7th CPC Pay Level-5) – Proposed 8th CPC PS-4

(ii) Sr. Bio Medical Engineer(New Scale)- Proposed 8TH CPC PS-5

Skilled Electronic Technician					
S.No.	**Designation**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Proposal for 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1	**Bio-Medical Engineer**	**Level-5**	**PS-4**	**Rs. 135700**	
2	**Sr. Bio-Medical Engineer**	**New Scale**	**PS-5**	**Rs. 182500**	

4. The designations of Audiometrist-Sum-Speech Therapist, with the undernoted pay scale, be added:-
(I) Audiometrist-Sum-Speech Therapist(7th CPC Pay Level-6) - Proposed 8th CPC PS-4.
(ii) Sr. Audiometrist-Sum-Speech Therapist(New Pay Scale) - Proposed 8th CPC PS-5

Audiometrist-Sum-speech Therapist					
S.No.	**Designation**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Proposal for 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1	**Audiometrist-Cum-Speech Therapist**	**Level-6**	**PS-4**	**Rs. 135700**	
2	**Sr. Audiometrist-Cum-Speech Therapist**	**New Scale**	**PS-5**	**Rs. 182500**	

5. The designations of Hospital Cook, with the undernoted pay scale, be added:-
(i) Asstt. Cook(7th CPC Pay Level 2) – Proposed 8th CPC PS-2.
(ii) Sr. Cook(7th CPC Pay Level 4) – Proposed 8th CPC PS-3.
(iii) Head Cook(7th CPC Pay Level 5) – Proposed 8th CPC PS-4.
(iv) Sr. Head Cook(7th CPC Pay Level 6) – Proposed 8th CPC PS-4.

CANTEEN STAFF					
S.No.	**Designation**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Proposal for 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1	**Asstt. Cook/ Cook Mate**	**Level-1**	**PS-2**	**Rs.83200**	
2	**Cook**	**Level-2**	**PS-3**	**Rs.112000**	
3	**Sr. Cook**	**Level-4**	**PS-4**	**Rs.135700**	
4	**Head Cook / Master Cook**	**Level-6**	**PS-5**	**Rs. 182500**	

Train Manager Category

In the changed scenario of the Indian Railways, due to introduction of Semi-High Speed and High Speed Trains, like Gatiman Express, Vande Bharat Express, Amrit Bharat Express, and further Bullet Train(to be introduced in near future), the duties and responsibilities of train management, working in coaching trains have, therefore, become more complex owing to involvement of passenger safety, punctuality management, disaster handling, coordination with multiple departments, on-board public interface and continuous train operation responsibilities during train operation. As a result, their responsibilities have become significantly more intensive than those attached to freight operation, and therefore, necessitate higher replacement grades.
It is also proposed that the existing designations of Train Manager Category should also be recommended to be revised as proposed in the below submitted proposal:-

TRAIN MANAGER					
S.No.	**Designation**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Proposal for 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1.	**Goods Train Manager**	Level-5	PS-5	Rs.182500	Higher pay scale is suggested due to educational qualification of graduation at par with other categories
2.	**Senior Goods Train Manager**	Level-6	PS-6	Rs. 215100	Cadre needs to be merged to provide better career progression
3.	**Senior Passenger Train Manager**	Level-6			
4.	**Mail/Express Train Manager/ Counsellor**	New Pay Scale	PS-7	Rs.259500	Needs to be upgraded to ensure promotional hierarchy.
NOTE	Additional Allowances to be granted for all grades and to be revised upwards accordingly.				

Under the Proposed Pay-Scale; PS-4 may be read as "PS 5", PS-5 as "PS-6", and PS-6 as "PS-7" respectively for Train Manager(Goods), Train Manager(Passenger/Mail/Express), Train Manager (Passenger/ Mail/Express and Chief Train Manager).

Accounts Department
Under Accounts Asstt./SSO, at S.N.2, for Jr. Accounts Asstt., the proposed pay scale may be read as "8th CPC PS-5" in lieu of PS-4, treating them as Merged with Accounts Asstt.Category.

ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT/ SSO					
S.No	**Designation**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Proposal for 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1.	**Accounts Clerk**	Level- 2	PS-3	Rs.112000	
2.	**Jr. Accounts Assistant**	Level-5	PS-5	Rs.182500	Merging Jr. Accounts Assistant with Accounts Assistant.
3.	**Accounts Assistant**	Level- 6			
4.	**Sr. Account Assistant**	Level-8	PS-6	Rs.215100	Since appendix-III qualified, grades to be merged.
5.	**Sr. Section Officer/Sr. TIA**	Level-8			
6.	**Sr. SSO/In-charge**	Level-8	PS-7	Rs.259500	AIRF proposes for higher pay scale for In-charges.

METRO RAILWAY, KOLKATA

Recruitment Qualification(Graduation), Training and other service conditions of Traffic Asstt., Sr. Traffic Asstt. and Traffic Supervisor of Metro Railway, Kolkata, are totally identical to those of Station Manager of the Traffic Deptt of Open Line Zonal Railways. As such, AIRF proposes to merge the categories of Traffic Asstt. and Sr. Traffic Asstt. with Traffic Supervisor(Level-6 of the 7th CPC Pay Matrix), and they should be placed in PS-5 of the 8th CPC on par with S.Ms category of Zonal Railways. Accordingly, proposal for Metro Railway, Kolkata, would be as under:-

S.No.	**Designation**	**Level in 7th CPC**	**Proposal for 8th CPC**	**Initial Pay**	**Remarks**
1	**Traffic Assistant (TA)**	**Level-6**	**PS-5**	**Rs. 182500**	**Merged as they are performing similar duties. AIRF proposes to merge the categories T.A, Sr. T.A, with T.S. and should be granted PS 5 on par with Station Master cadre in Zonal Railways because their recruitment qualification is Graduation and other conditions are similar to Station Masters cadre.**
2	**Sr. Traffic Assistant (Sr TA)**				
3	**Traffic Supervisor (TS)**				
4	**Station Superintendent**	**Level-7**	**PS-6**	**Rs.215100**	**To provide better promotional prospects and additional higher pay scale is justified.**
1	**Traffic Inspector (TI)**	**Level-6**	**PS-5**	**Rs.182500**	
2	**Chief Traffic Inspector (CTI)**	**Level-7**	**PS-6**	**Rs.215100**	
3	**Chief Traffic Inspector (CTI) Upgraded after 4 years**	**New Scale**	**PS-7**	**Rs.259500**	
4	**Commercial Porter**	**Level-1**	**PS-1**	**Rs. 69000**	
5	**Sr. Commercial Porter**	**New Scale**	**PS-2**	**Rs. 83200**	
6	**House Keeping Attendent (HKA)**	**Level-1**	**PS-1**	**Rs.69000**	
7	**Sr.House Keeping Attendent (HKA)**	**Level-2**	**PS-2**	**Rs. 83200**	

Metro Railway Fire Service Staff:

Metro Railway Kolkata has special features which warrant retention of fully equipped fire protection and maintenance wing. Unlike surface railways, it is essential from the angle of safety of underground train services & passengers that elaborate fire protection arrangements are in place throughout the entire system. Constant monitoring, inspections and maintenance of these equipment are essential. In addition, at the time of emergency including cases of smoke emission etc. or stalling of trains, the fire wing is the first to attend the site not only to extinguish the fire/smoke but also undertake rescue operation. This requires intensive training of the personnel both institutional as well as o the job, to ensure effectiveness.

So, the fire staff in Metro Railway should be given its due importance while recommending the new pay Scales by 8th CPC.

S.No	Existing Designation	Existing Pay Level (7th CPC)	New Designation	New Pay Level in 8th CPC
1	Fire Officer / Fire Inspector	Level-7 (Financial Upgradation in L-8 & L-9)	Fire Officer	Placing to Equivalent grade of Level-7 of 7th CPC
2	Fire Supervisor	Level-6	Merged and designated as "Senior Fireman"	Placing to Equivalent grade of Level-6 of 7th CPC
3	Sr. Fireman	Level-5		
4	Fireman Grade-l	Level-4	Merged and designated as "Junior Fireman"	Placing to Equivalent grade of Level-4 of 7th CPC
5	Fireman Grade-ll	Level-3		

Q.N.8. Career Progression

The format published for submission of the memorandum should be read as under:-

Career progression in Indian Railways is a key concern for employees across all categories. While structured promotion avenues exist, several issues affect growth and morale.

One major concern is delay in promotions, often due to procedural complexities, vacancies, and slow Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs). This leads to stagnation, especially in lower and middle cadres. Limited promotional posts further restrict upward mobility, creating intense competition and frustration.

Another issue is lack of transparency and uniformity in promotion policies across zones and departments. Employees often feel that seniority, merit, and reservation policies are not always balanced effectively. Delayed cadre restructuring also hampers timely career advancement.

Skill development and training opportunities are sometimes inadequate, particularly for non-gazetted staff, affecting their readiness for higher responsibilities. Additionally, frequent transfers and lack of stability can disrupt both professional and personal growth.

There is also a growing demand for time-bound promotions, better career planning mechanisms, and digitization of service records to ensure fairness and efficiency.

Addressing these concerns through policy reforms, timely restructuring, and transparent systems can significantly improve railway employee's satisfaction and organizational productivity.

Previously 2 ACP were granted after completion of 12 & 24 years of service. ACP was granted in promotional hierarchy. MACP was introduced on completion of 10, 20 & 30 years of service in Grade pay hierarchy which is detrimental and results in lesser financial benefits than ACP in most of the cadres.

In view of the above AIRF demand that minimum 5 MACP benefits (Financial upgradations) in the Promotional Hierarchy be given as mentioned below:

1) First MACP after 6 years of service from the date of appointment.
2) Second MACP after 12 years of service from the date of appointment or after 6 years from the date of first promotion, whichever is earlier.
3) Third MACP after 18 years of service from the date of appointment or after 6 years from the date of second promotion, whichever is earlier.
4) Fourth MACP after 24 years of service from the date of appointment or after 6 years from the date of third promotion, whichever is earlier.
5) Fifth MACP after 30 years of service from the date of appointment or after 6 years from the date of fourth promotion, whichever is earlier.

This will go a long way, which enhances motivation, retention and efficiency, and will also provide meaningful relief from stagnation as also cadre-based discrimination in faster promotions etc. will come to an end. In case of any promotion for financial upgradation; the Railway Employees should be granted minimum benefit equivalent to two increments, subject to minimum benefit of Rs.10,000/-, and thereafter to be placed appropriately in higher level of the Pay Matrix, which will restore meaningful financial benefit as also remove the anomalies of the 6th and 7th CPCs, and ensure proper incentive for Career Progression.

In addition to the above, the following changes in the benchmarking for financial upgradation under MACPS, need to be incorporated:-

(i) The Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme(MACPS) was introduced vide DoP&T's O.M. No.35034/3/2008-Estt.(D) dated 19.05.2009, pursuant to the recommendation of the 6th CPC contained in para 6.1.15 of its report, as a replacement of earlier Assured Career Progression(ACP) Scheme. The objective of MACPS is to provide financial upgradation to the employees who suffer from stagnation due to lack of adequate promotional opportunities. The scheme envisages only financial placement in the next higher Grade Pay/Pay Level of pay structure hierarchy without involving assumption of higher duties, enhanced responsibilities or change in designation/status.

(ii) The benchmark prescribed for grant of financial upgradation under ACPS/MACPS used to be "Good" in the APARs. Prior to implementation of recommendations of the 7th CPC, the same benchmark of "Good" was the criteria for grant of financial upgradation under MACP as well. Unfortunately, DoP&T, vide O.M. No.35034/3/2015-Estt.(D) dated 22.10.2019 revised the benchmark for financial upgradation under MACPS from "Good" to "Very Good", which resulted in anomalous situation, wherein benchmark for financial updratadion under MACPS has been made higher than that prescribed for regular promotion in many categories where prescribed benchmark continuous to be "Good".

(iii) Introduction of the benchmark "Very Good", for grant of financial upgradation under MACPS, while benchmark for regular promotion continuous to be "Good", is absolutely irrational and broadly resulted in denial of financial upgradation under MACPS to those Railway Employees whose performance was quite satisfactory and were granted the benchmark of "Good" in their respective APARs.

(iv) Since financial upgradation under MACPS is only a placement in higher grade/pay level intended to offset stagnation and does not involve actual promotion to a higher post carrying additional duties and responsibilities, the benchmark prescribed for financial upgradation should not, in any case, be higher than the benchmark prescribed for regular promotion, because the existing provision has resulted in acute hardship due to denial of legitimate financial benefit to the Railway Employees despite many years of satisfactory service as also lead to avoidable grievances, litigations and deep sense of dissatisfaction and demotivation among the staff. .

AIRF would, therefore, sincerely urges upon the Hon'ble 8th CPC that the benchmark for grant of financial upgradation under MACPS should be modified from "Very Good" to "Good", which was in existence prior to issuance of DoP&T's O.M. supra dated 22.10.2019, at par with the benchmark prescribed for regular promotion, for ensuring fairness, uniformity, consistency and removal of anomalies in implementation of the MACPS.

Computing compulsory induction training at the time of initial recruitment for the purpose of eligibility period in case of Granting Financial Upgradation under MACPS.

The Indian Railways is a complex organisation having a number of essential categories wherein induction training at the time of recruitment is compulsory so the incumbents can perform their duties efficiently with competence for safe and hassle-free train operation.

AIRF urges upon the Hon'ble 8th CPC to recommend computation of the period of Induction Training while calculation the required duration of service for eligibility to grant financial upgradation under MACPS.

Q.No.2. Allowance
In addition to already submitted suggestions for several allowances, the undernoted Railway-specific allowances also need to be considered favourably:-

Production Control Organisation (PCO) Allowance
Production Control Organisation(PCO) Allowance is a key area of the Railway Workshops as well as Production Units, which is responsible for production schedule. PCO Allowance is admissible for the staff posted in the Production Control Organisation up to SSEs working in Pay Level-7 of the 7th CPC, however, the same is being denied to those placed in Pay Level-8 and Pay Level-9 as a result of non-functional upgradation, which were granted in terms of Railway Board's RBE No.155/2022 dated 17.11.2022. This is broadly the reason behind reluctance of the experienced Supervisory Staff to accept postings in PCO, which is likely to affect the efficient production management. Shortage of the technically competent and experienced Supervisory Staff in PCO may lead to deficiencies in production planning and coordination, delays in completion of outturn, ineffective monitoring of workflow, deterioration in quality control and improper material management. Consequently, overall productivity, efficiency and timely delivery performance of the Workshops and Production Units are likely to suffer adversely.

In the present scenario, the role and responsibilities of the Production Control Organisation have increased manifold due to substantial increase in production targets, introduction of advanced technologies and growing mechanisation and automation in Railway Workshops and Production Units. Implementation of ERP-based Workshop Management System has further enhanced the responsibilities relating to production planning, inventory control and coordination. Simultaneously, the need for maintaining higher quality and safety standards and ensuring effective inter-departmental coordination has made the functioning of the PCO much more complex and demanding than before. Under these circumstances, experienced and efficient Supervisory Staff are essential for smooth and efficient functioning of the Production Control Organisation.

In view of the above submission, PCO Allowance needs to be granted in case of SSEs, posted in the Production Control Organisation, who are placed in Pay Level-8 and 9th of the 7th CPC either on regular base or on non-functional post. The quantum of PCO Allowance, to be paid to the SSEs posted in the PCO, should also be at par with those SSEs posted in the Shop Floor, i.e. 15% of their pay.

Teaching Allowance to the Instructors
The Indian Railways has a large-number of Training Centres for imparting training to different categories of the staff, so that they can work smoothly and efficiently in the departments concerned, for which these Training Centres are meant for imparting proper and meaningful training to the trainees. Only selected

competent Instructors from amongst Supervisory Staff, selected by a committee of SAG level officers, are posted to impart training in these Training Centres. They are presently being paid 12% of their pay as Teaching Allowance. This also needs to be appropriately revised upwardly and should be defined to attract efficient and competent staff to impart training in these Training Centres.

Officiating Allowance

The Indian Railways is a 24X7 operating transport system in the country, which caters to the needs of the passengers and freight transportation of a large quantum. The staff of different levels are assigned different responsibilities for smooth, efficient and safe train operation. In case of any shortage at the higher level, particularly in Group `C', like Loco Pilot(Mail/Express), Section In-charge, caused due to transfer, leave, sickness of the staff, the next below staff is put to officiate in administrative exigencies, who are traditionally being paid Officiating Allowance so as to motivate them to work on higher grade posts. It is, therefore, sincerely urged upon to restore Officiating Allowance in case of Railway Employees, and the rates of the same should be appropriately recommended by Hon'ble 8th CPC.

Dual Charge Allowance

The Indian Railways, being operational round-the-clock, certain situations arise when an incumbent is issued instructions to assume additional charge of the equivalent post because the captioned post cannot be kept vacant in the interest of smooth and safe train operation. Holding of dual charge in warranting situation is absolutely necessary both in cases of Non-Gazetted as well as Gazetted Staff of the Indian Railways. There has, therefore, been a practice of paying Dual Charge Allowance to such incumbents, which needs to be revived appropriately revising its rates.

Special Duty Allowance for N.E. Region

Owing to various reasons Special Duty Allowance @ 10% of Basic Pay is payable to the staff posted in N.E. Region, particular in N.F. Railway. As Railway Employees of other Railway Zones/Regions are reluctant to posting in Northeast Frontier Railway, particularly beyond New Jalpaiguri, i.e. in Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, etc., therefore, there is a need to provide incentive to such staff. Various provisions exist in the policy, already circulated by the Railway Board (Ministry of Railways), including payment of Special Duty Allowance. This also needs to be restored with adequate upward revision.

Revision of Pension / Family Pension :-

For a decent and dignified life after retirement to support a minimum two-member family units' full pension should be fixed at 67% of the Last Pay Drawn or the Average of the last 10 months emoluments which is more beneficial instead of the present 50%. Accordingly, the Family Pension should be 50% instead of the existing 30%.

The Family Pension is granted to the dependant family members of a deceased Government Employee. The present quantum of 30% being paid as family pension is absolutely insufficient for a dignified standard of living for the family in receipt of family pension and does not ensure financial security to them.

The dependant family are subjected to an artificial distinction between death in harness & death after retirement. The period of enhanced family pension also needs to be extended to 10 years instead of existing 7 years.

Additionally, eligibility conditions for widowed daughters and disabled children are unduly restrictive. Specifically, requiring a disabled child to have acquired the disability before the death of the pensioner or family pensioner is unjust, as disability creates financial hardship regardless of when it occurs.

Further Parliamentary Standing Committee has recommended Additional Pension of 5% every five years after superannuation. Similar additional family pension should also be given based on age criteria. We propose the following for the consideration of the 8th CPC.

Proposed Age-Based Pension Structure:

Age	Proposed Pension
65 Years	70% of Last Pay Drawn (LPD)
70 Years	75% of LPD
75 Years	80% of LPD
80 Years	85% of LPD
85 Years	90% of LPD
90 Years	100% of LPD

Various Supreme Court Judgments especially that of the historical "Nakara Judgment" dated 17/12/1982 that pension is not a bounty or Ex-Gratia but a right and deferred wage and prohibited discrimination amongst pensioners. Excluding the existing pensioners entirely from the Terms of reference of 8th CPC is in sharp contrast to the previous CPC's and Supreme Court Judgment. Recently the Hon'ble Supreme Court has ruled that pensioners cannot be discriminated when compared to serving employees on benefits like DA / DR etc and such discrimination will amount to violation of Article 14 of the Constitution of India. Therefore the recommendations of the 8th CPC with regard to all pensionary matters should be equally applicable to the pensioners who retired prior to 01/01/2026 and also to the existing family pensioners.

MEMORANDUM TO GENERAL MANAGER

Team WREU/RTM lead by Com. Manohar Singh Barot and Hardesh Pandey submitted a Memorandum to Shri Ramasharay Pandey, General Manager, Western Railway on his visit at Ratlam on 05-06-2026 for redressal of staff grievances

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MEMORANDUM TO CWE-CCG

Dahod workshop- Com.Shivkumar Tiwari, Com. Dharmendra Kumar, Com. Vineet Oswal, Com. Zkawan Saji, Com. Jitu Meena, Com. Dhanraj Jangid and other office bearers welcomed Shri Debasish Tripati, CWE-CCG with flower bouquet on his visit at Dahod workshop on 19-06-2026 and handed over a Memorandum for staff grievances.

MEMORANDUM TO PCMD-CCG

Valsad branch of Mumbai division handed over a Memorandum of staff grievances to Dr. (Smt.) Jyotsna Chopra, PCMD on 30-06-2026 on her visit at Valsad sub divisional hospital.

SHRADHANJALI SABHA

On the occasion of 16th Death Anniversary of Com. C.S.Menon, Ex. General Secretary of WREU a Shradhanjali Sabha was held in Grant Road office on 12-06-2026 and paid rich tribute to the Stalwart Leader by all leaders gathered in the union office, observed two minutes silence and paid homage. The leaders garlanded the portrait of Com. C.S.Menon lightened the lamp,poured rose petals on the portrait and paid Shradhanjali. Railway Sentinel paid rich tribute to Com. C.S.Menon. Shradhanjali Sabha also held in all divisions and non-divisional units and paid tribute to Com. C.S.Menon.

NATIONAL WORKING COMMITTEE OF HMS HELD AT NDLS

National Working Committee of HMS was held on 27-06-2026 and 28-06-2026 at Umramal Purohit Bhawan, National Headquarter, Sector-6, Institutional Area, Saket, New Delhi.Com. Raja Sridhar, President National HMS was on the Chair, Shri Harbhajan Singh Sidhu, General Secretary has placed the report before Working Committee Meeting. Com. Shiva Gopal Mishra and J.R.Bhosale also addressed the working committee. It has discussed various National issues including New Labour Codes implemented by the Government of India. Com. Santosh Pawar and Vikas Gupte also attended the Working Committee Meeting.

NEW DY. DIRECTOR- MANIBEN KARA INSTITUTE

Shri Vikas Gupte, Treasurer/WREU and Treasures/HMS- Maharashtra Council has unanimously entrusted the responsibility of Dy. Director of Maniben Kara Institute by the HMS.The Maniben Kara Institute is the organization founded by the HMS to promote the education, study and research on various subject with a view to meet the needs of the Trade Union Movement and welfare of the working class.MKI has been founded after the demise of great Veteran Trade Union Leader Kumari Maniben Kara on 10-01-1984.Shri Vikas Gupte will shoulder additional responsibility of Dy. Director-MKI and he would participate as Special Invitee in the National Working Committee of HMS on behalf of Maniben Kara Institute.

AIDFCEU

A meeting of the active members of the All India Dedicated Freight Corridor Employees Union (AIDFCEU), Ahmedabad Unit was held on 28-06-2026 at the Western Railway Employees Union (WREU) office, Ahmedabad.The meeting included a detailed discussion on the issues faced by DFC employees. It was decided to conduct a membership drive for the year 2026 and ensure maximum enrolment of members by the end of July.Com. Rahul Malakar, Com. Ganesh Mangalkar, Com. Mohsin Khan, and Com. Hansraj Patel actively participated in the discussion. Com. Dinesh Panchal, and Com. Ghanshyam Yadav guided the participants.

DIPLOMA PROGRAMME ON LABOUR RELATIONS AND SOCIAL DIALOGUE

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Mahatma Gandhi Labour Institute (MGLI), Government of Gujarat, and the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO), Turin, Italy, on 29-06-2026 at Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar. The event also marked the launch of the Diploma Programme on Labour Relations and Social Dialogue.Shri Kanti Amrutiya, Minister of State for Labour, Skill Development & Employment, Government of Gujarat, inaugurated the programme. Shri Kunvarji Bavaliya, Minister of Labour, Skill Development & Employment, Government of Gujarat, and officials from ILO-Geneva and ITC-ILO, Turin (Italy) addressed the event virtually. Com. Dinesh Panchal represented HMS-Gujarat in the programme.



WELCOME TO NEW ENTRANTS IN EMU(POH) BRANCH ON 06-06-2026



GLIMPSE OF DOCTORS DAY ON 01-07-2026 BY WREU-BCT

PNM ACHIEVEMENTS

Item No.	Result
14/2024	Severe Shortage of Railway Quarters in ADI Division- General Manager has sanctioned construction of 110 Type-II and 22 Type-III and 2- Type-IV quarters under Umbrella Work 2025-26.
039/2024	A note issued by PFA on 04-06-2026 for 5 days a week working for IT Centre staff-Western Railway.
62/2024	Non-Implementation of Railway Board"s policy for grant of Notional promotion to PwBDs- Notional promotion granted to 27 PwBD employees. 19 under process (BCT-6, ADI-3, EMU(MX)-4), HQ-6).
71/2024	Abnormal delay in finalizing the Panels against the GDCE Notifications issuedin the year 2019, 2021 and 2023- GDCE notification No. 01/2021 and 01/2023- notice dated 19-05-2026 has been uploaded on RRC website.
42/2025	Difficulties being faced by e-Pass/e-PTO holders at the time in Opening tickets Reservation. (Advance Reservation Period)- The matter has been referred to Railway Board by PCCM-CCG vide its letter dated 8-5-2026 for issuing necessary guidelines to CRIS.
69/2025	Non-payment of HRA to the Hospital Attendants working under CMS-DHD- HRA has been paid to staff working under CMS-DHD.
86/2025	Need of adequate staff to manage the Electrical work in PRTN Workshop-Recently 5 Apprentices are allotted in workshop. Additional staff shall be posted in workshop whenever new staff is allotted to BRC division.
01/2026	Grant of Promotion to Accounts Clerk to the post of JAA in GP 2800- PFA-CCG has conveyed approval for promotion of Account Clerks to the post of JAA in GP 2800 by downgrading the post of AA (GP 4200). All divisions including HQ have given promotion to the Appendix 2A qualified Accounts Clerk to the post of JAA on one time relaxation.
19/2026	Filling up the post of TCN Gr. III against 25% LDCE and 50% Promotional quota-Instructions issued to Ratlam division for filling up the post of TCN GR. III against 25% LDCE and 50% Promotional quota.
33/2026	Incorrect implementation of upgradation-Case of SSEs- Mechanical department GP 4600/- as per RBE No.155/2022-CWM-PL has issued a fresh eligibility list of SSE in GP 4600 for upgradation to GP 4800/-.
40/2026	Grant of Medical Reimbursement – Case of Shri Bhagat Singh Baria, OS working under CWM-DHD- The appeal was considered by PCMD and approved for reimbursement as per CGHS rate and the case was sent to Accounts department.
51/2026	Filling up of 100% vacancies of Senior Section Engineers in all departments-Gm(E)-CCG has sent a letter dated 23-01-2025 to Railway Board for grant of one time exemption to fill 20% DR quota of SSE through promotion from JE.

AIRF'S REPRESENTATIONS

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/05 (119) dated 18-03-2026 address to The Chairman & CEO, Railway Board regarding grant of higher pay-scale to Railway Accounts Staff with retrospective effect from 01-01-1996 on actual basis.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/34(118) dated 20-03-2026 address to The President. Executive Director (N), Railway Board regarding rationalization of marks between Old and New CCAA (Act Apprentice) candidates to ensure parity in RRB Group 'D' selections.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/88 dated 06-05-2026 regarding Counting of training period of JE, SSE & other Technical Non-Gazetted staff as qualifying service for grant of financial upgradation under MACP Scheme.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/159(186) dated 13-05-2026 regarding Overburdening of Running Staff (ALP/LP) with excessive luggage-Widespread resentment against mandatory carriage of Fog Safe Device (FSD) throughout the year.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/101 dated 18-05-2026 request for adoption of policy similar to CGHS for

extending Railway medical facilities to dependent parents of Railway employees by inclusion in UMID Cards

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/97(191)(200) dated 21-05-2026 regarding Implementation and circulation of provisions relating to Income Tax Exemption on various Allowances in terms of Gazette Notification dated 20-03-2026 issued by Ministry of Finance (CBDT).

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/159 dated 22-05-2026 regarding provision of earmarked Seat/Berth for Loco Running Staff (LPs & ALPs) travelling spare to pick up Link Trains.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/263 dated 22-05-2026 request for reopening of Property Declaration link in HRMS module for Level-7 Group 'C' Supervisory Staff.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/66 dated 23-05-2026 regarding strong opposition to the linking of Ticket checking staffs Aadhaar Card with Biometric Attendance system- representation in TTE lobbies on problems and concerns regarding Aadhaar based Biometric login/Logout in TTE Lobbies on West Central Railway & South East Central Railway etc.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/82 dated 23-05-2026 regarding Optional Scheme of All India Leave Travel Concession (AILTC) Once in a Block of Four Years on Surrender of Privilege Passes- regarding entitlement of subsequent dependent children.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/24(C)(202) dated 25-05-2026 regarding Review of Guidelines for Deployment of Electrical Escorting staff in Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Mail/Express Trains-

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/24(C)(203) dated 25-05-2026 request for grant of Post-Retirement Medical Facilities to the retired staff who had worked in the Quasi-Administrative Offices (Recognized Federations/Unions etc.) in Indian Railways.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/116(215) dated 29-05-2026 requesting for provision of ground floor railway accommodation to railway employees having dependents suffering from 75% or more blindness /permanent disability on Medical and Humanitarian Grounds.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/82(219) dated 01-06-2026 regarding retention of Manual Option for issuance of Passes/PTOs to Retired railway employees and Divyang Employees - Guidelines for e-Pass/PTO Module of HRMS.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/8th CPC(225) dated 05-06-2026 regarding retention Memorandum on Grievances of Railway Pensioners/

Family Pensioners and Charter of Demands for the 8th Central Pay Commission – Joint Representation by AIRF and AIRPWF.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/86 (228) dated 09-06-2026 regarding Promotion to Pay Matrix Levels 6 & 7 in the Commercial cum Ticket Clerk (CCTC) merged cadre- clarification regarding career progression and transfer facilities.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/567 (229) dated 09-06-2026 requesting for updation and smooth functioning of the Mutual transfer Module in HRMS Portal by removing the existing technical anomaly and deputing a technical team to review the validation rules.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/MACPS dated 11-06-2026 regarding grant of parity in benefits under the Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS) to Graduate Engineers recruited prior to 01-09-1998 vis-à-vis Graduate Engineers recruited on or after 01-09-1998.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/8th CPC dated 11-06-2026 regarding Supplementary Memorandum and Corrigendum to AIRF's orginally submitted Memorandum on 28th April, 2026 vide email ID airoffice@gmail.com

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/(24 C) (240) dated 12-06-2026 regarding Introduction of Five Day working system in Railway Production Units and Workshop.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/55(237) dated 17-06-2026 regarding Withdrawal of Amendment Slip No.04 dated 18-02-2026 to G&SR Rule Book 1983 of Northern Railway.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/53 (241) dated 19-06-2026 request for reduction in the minimum qualifying service for eligibility to appear in the LDCE for the post of Office Superintendent (OS) in Level-6 (GP ₹4200/-), ensuring parity with other ministerial categories.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/101(6) (236) dated 19-06-2026 regarding provision of Healthcare Facilities to Quasi-Administrative Office Staff in Railway Hospitals/Health Units in the absence of UMID cards.

AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/78 (253) dated 19-06-2026 regarding restructuring of Pointsmen Cadre
AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/159(28) dated 22-06-2026 regarding rationalization of Manpower for FY 2026-27- Serious concerns regarding fixation of manpower surrender targets and KPI-linked implementation.
AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/78(249) dated 23-06-2026 regarding proposal for revision of Uniform Colour Code for Pointsmen-Introduction of Sky Blue Shirt and Black Trousers.
AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/80(259) dated 23-06-2026 regarding Optional Scheme of All India Leave Travel Concession (AILTC) once in a Block of Four years on Surrender of Privilege Passes-Removal of anomaly regarding entitlement of third and subsequent dependent children.
AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/82(255) dated 23-06-2026 request for inclusion of widowed mothers as dependent family members for Railway Pass/PTO and Medical facilities without application of income ceiling.
AIRF vide its letter No.AIRF/101 (248) dated 25-06-2026 request for extending uninterrupted Railway medical facilities to the dependents of serving Railway employees appointed to higher posts through RRB/other selection processes during their training period.

NC-JCM (Staff Side) REPRESENTATIONS

Secretary/NC(Staff Side)-JCM letter No.NC-JCM-2026/Pension/49 NC dated 29-06-2026 regarding Issues relating to implementation of the DOP&PW OM dated 03-003-2023 on the subject of coverage under CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 (now 2021).
Secretary/NC(Staff Side)-JCM letter No.NC-JCM-2026/Health dated 29-06-2026 regarding Issues of non-posting of Husband & Wife at the same station in case of employees working in AIIMS in different parts of the Country.
Secretary/NC(Staff Side)-JCM letter No.NC-JCM-2026/Health/49-16 dated 29-06-2026 regarding reimbursement of the cost of Implantation of Teeth and fixation of Dentures to serving and retired Central Government employees.
Secretary/NC(Staff Side)-JCM letter No.NC-JCM-2026/49 NC dated 29-06-2026 regarding Implementation of Court Judgments delivered in favour of the employees to all similarly placed employees to avoid multiplicity of litigations.
Secretary/NC(Staff Side)-JCM letter No.NC-JCM-2026/Health dated 29-06-2026 regarding Issues of non-posting of Husband & Wife at the same station in case of employees working in AIIMS in different parts of the Country.
Secretary/NC(Staff Side)-JCM letter No.NC-JCM-2026/49 NC dated 29-06-2026 regarding consideration of crucial date for compassionate appointment for inclusion under the CCS (Pension) Rule 1972 (Now 2021).

RAILWAY BOARD ORDERS

Railway Board vide its letter No.2026/E(W)/01/09/1 dated 20-03-2026 regarding endorsement on Special Passes issued on medical ground for issue of Pass for return journey.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VII/2016/I/7/2/1 dated 24-04-2026 regarding grant of Dearness Allowance to Railway employees – Revised Rates effective from 01-01-2026.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2020/E)LL)AT/MW/2 dated 05-05-2026 regarding revision of rates of the Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) for contract workers engaged in various employment/activities w.e.f 01-04-2026.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VII/2016/I/7/5/2 dated 12-05-2026 regarding Merger of cadre of Yard Master and Traffic Inspector with unified cadre of Station Master.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2026/E(Sports)14/21/Complaint (E.F.3529796) dated 12-05-2026 regarding transparency and fairness in Sports Quota recruitmens.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(G)2016/AW1/142 dated 19-05-2026 regarding implementation of DBT in the Ministry of Railways – inclusion of Cash Awards to an individual for Cultural Programmes.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(P&A)II/2025/PNM/NFIR/2 dated 21-05-2026 regarding review of classification of Trains as High Speed Trains for the purpose of Trip Allowance.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(G)2025/HO1/2 dated 26-05-2026 regarding Honorarium payable to various functionaries in Control Room for conducting examination.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2020/F(E)SPL./Computer Advance /1(7th CPC) dated 27-05-2026 regarding Interest Rate on Computer Advance for Railway employees for FY 2026-27.

Railway Board vide its letter No.PC-VII/2020/HRMS/6 dated 29-05-2026 regarding guidelines for e-Pass/PTO Module of HRMS.

Railway Board vide its letter No.2026/E(Trg)/41/14 dated 29-05-2026 regarding revised training modules for officials of the Personnel Department and Ministerial Cadre staff.

Railway Board vide its letter No.E(D&A)2026 GS1-1 dated 01-06-2026 regarding Submission of returns of immovable property by specified categories of non-gazetted railway employees for the year 2025 extension of deadline.

Railway Board vide its letter No.F(E)III/2024/UPS/1 dated 18-06-2026 regarding switching over from National Pension System (NPS) to Unfied Pension Scheme (UPS) in respect of employees retired on or after 01-04-2025.

Railway Board vide its letter No.57/05/2021-P&PW(B)/Compassionate/10593 dated 22-06-2026 regarding Consideration of crucial date for compassionate appointments for inclusion under the CCS (Pension) Rules.

VETERAN RETIRED

ShriRajeev Menon K., SSE/P.Way/USFD, Engineering Work shop and Branch Secretary, Workshop Branch, Sabarmatiretired on superannuation on 31-05-2026 after successful completion of 36 years of service. Railway Sentinel wishes him for a happy and healthy retirement life.

OBITUARY

Shri D. Sudhakar: Senior Congress leader, MLA for Hiriyur, and Karnataka's Minister of Planning and Statistics. He passed away on 10-05-2026 at the Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) in Bengaluru at the age of 66.

Shri Dhanendra Kumar: Retired IAS officer and the first Chairman of the Competition Commission of India (CCI). He passed away on 01-06-2026 at the age of 80.

Shri Yogesh Patel (Kaka): Senior BJP leader and eight-time MLA who formerly served as a minister in Gujarat. He passed away in Vadodara on 06-06-2026 at the age of 79.

Shri K.P. Dhanapalan: Veteran Congress leader and former Member of Parliament from Kerala. He passed away on 01-06-2026 in Kochi at the age of 76.

Smt. Shanthi Rajasridhar w/o Shri C.A.Raja Sridhar, Vice President/AIRF and President/HMS expired on 22-06-2026.