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No. I/5(g)/Part V

Dated: 29/08/2017

The Secretary (E),

Railway Board,

New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Sub: Risk and Hardship Allowance to P. Way Staff in Railways – Coverage of Black Smiths, Welders etc., of SSE/P. Way for payment of Allowance-reg.

Ref: Railway Board's letters No. PC-VII/2017/I/7/5/4 dated 10/08/2017.

Pursuant to the recommendation of 7th CPC and acceptance of the same by the Government, the Track Maintainers IV, III, II & I have been granted Risk and Hardship Allowance at Rs. 2700/- per month with effect from July 1, 2017.

In this connection, NFIR brings to Railway Board's notice that Black Smiths and Welders under SSE/P. Way along with their team members also work on P. Way Tracks regularly. They perform duties such as welding tracks, cutting, drilling, jointing rails etc., (using Gas cutters), in the process of laying and maintenance of tracks. The jobs being done by them are also Risky and Hardships prone as they also work on permanent way Tracks physically. The VII CPC has unfortunately failed to consider the role of these staff and equally the Railway Board has failed to recommend their case to the Committee on Allowances headed by Finance Secretary, Government of India thereby they are deprived of Risk and Hardship Allowance.

NFIR, therefore, requests the Railway Board to consider the genuine grievance of Black Smiths, Welders and associated staff of SSE (P. Way) and process the case for according sanction for payment of Risk and Hardship Allowance at Rs. 2700/- per month duly covering them under Risk and Hardship Matrix (cell R3H2).

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. M. Raghavaiah)
General Secretary

Copy to the Addl. Member (CE), Railway Board, New Delhi for necessary action please.

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✍ File No. IV/NFIR/7 CPC (Imp)/2016/Allowance/Part I.