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मंडल कार्यालय Divisional Office कार्मिक विभाग Personnel Department हुब्बल्लि Hubballi – 580 020 दिनाक Date:04.09.2024

All concerned Hubballi Division

विषय Sub:

Freezing of the facilities to Trade Unions post notification for

Secret Ballot Election (SBE-III)-2024 for recognition of Trade

Unions on Indian Railways -reg

संदर्भ Ref:

PCPO/SWR's letter no.SWRP/.694/Secret Ballot/RB/Letter-2024

dated 03.09.2024

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A copy of PCPO/SWR's letter cited above, along with Railway Board's letters referred therein, in regard to conduct of Secret Ballot Election (SBE-III)-2024 for recognition of Trade Unions on Indian Railways are enclosed herewith for information and guidance.

Railway Board has advised for freezing of the facilities to Trade Unions post Notification for Secret Ballot Elections (SBE-III)-2024 for recognition of Trade Unions on Indian Railways as under:

Certain facilities/ privileges have been provided to the existing recognized TUs. In order to provide level playing field to all contesting TUs for SBE-2024, the existing recognized TUs which are in possession of any railway facilities/ privileges such as office premises provided free of rent under PREM (erstwhile CEG) scheme, card passes etc., are **BARRED** from using them for their electoral purpose. Trade Unions would not use such premises provided under PREM scheme for storing advertising or election-related material. No election meeting shall be held at these premises.

"However, such TUs may be permitted to use Telephone/ Mobiles provided they agree to pay for their use during election and till fresh recognition is granted (if they win)".

- 2. Violation of these instructions shall be treated as corrupt election practices and violation of "Code of Conduct". The onus shall be on the TUs to prove that such facilities have not been misused.
- 3. Division/ Units shall not hold any PNM or formal meeting with the existing recognized TUs after the date (i.e. 30.8.2024) of notification of the election.

All concerned to adhere to the above instructions strictly.

Encl: As above

(Mahesh Abbigeri)

Divisional Personnel Officer
South Western Railway, Hubballi

Copy to: PS(Gaz) to DRM – for the kind information of DRM ADRM(G), ADRM(Op) – for kind information All Branch Officers – for kind information DS/SWRMU – for information and necessary action GS/SWRES – for information and necessary action DS/NRMS – for information and necessary action

## SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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दिनांक/Dated:03.09.2024

No.SWR/P.694/Secret Ballot/RB/Letter-2024

All PHODs/HODs CAO/CN/BNC, CWMs/ UBLS & MYSS, Sr.DPOs/ UBL SBC & MYS, Dy.CPO/TM/YPR, Dy.CPO/CN/BNC

**Sub**: Freezing of the facilities to Trade Unions post NOTIFICATION for Secret Ballot Election (SBE-III)-2024 for recognition of Trade Unions on Indian Railways-reg.

Ref: 1. Railway Board letter No. 2024/SBEC-III/Elections dated 30.08.2024

2. Railway Board letter No. 2023/SBEC/C-III/Policy/1 dated: 30.08.2024.

3. This office letter of even no.dated 02.08.2024.

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Railway Board vide letter under reference (1) has circulated the notification to all concerned Zonal Railways and PUs to conduct Secret Ballot Elections 2024 for recognition of Trade Unions on Indian Railways. The same has circulated to all concerned vide this office letter under ref (3).

Railway Board vide the letter under reference (2) has advised for freezing of the facilities to Trade Unions post Notification for Secret Ballot Elections (SBE-III)-2024 for recognition of Trade union on Indian Railways as under:

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- 2. Violations of these instructions shall be treated as corrupt election practices and violation of "Code of Conduct". The onus shall be on the TUs to prove that such facilities have not been misused.
- 3. Division/Units shall not hold any PNM or formal meeting with the existing recognized TUs after the date (i.e. 30.08.2024) of notification of the election.

(S.Purandara Naik)

Dy.CPO/HQ

For Principal Chief Personnel Officer

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## भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

No.2023/SBEC-III/Policy/I

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Rail Blassen, New Delhi - 110 cot, dated 30.08.2024

The General Managers(P)
All Zonal Railways including
Metro Railway, Kolkata,
CLW/ Chittaranjan & RCF/ Kapurthala.

Sub: Freezing of the facilities to Trade Unions post NOTIFICATION for Secret Ballot Elections (SBE-III) - 2024 for recognition of Trade Unions on Indian Railways - reg.

In terms of Secret Ballot Election Committee's letter No.2024/SBEC-III/Elections dated 30.08.2024, a NOTIFICATION has been circulated to all concerned Zonal Railways and PUs to conduct Secret Ballot Elections 2024 for recognition of Trade Unions on Indian Railways. Certain facilities/ privileges have been provided to the existing recognised TUs. In order to provide level playing-field to all contesting TUs for SBE-2024, the existing recognised TUs which are in possession of any railway facilities/ privileges such as office premises provided free of rent under PREM (erstwhile CEG) scheme, card passes etc. are BARRED from using them for their electoral purposes. Trade Unions would not use such premises provided under PREM scheme for storing advertising or election-related material. No election meeting shall be held at these premises.

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- Violations of these instructions shall be treated as corrupt election practices and violation of "Code of Conduct". The onus shall be on the TUs to prove that such facilities have not been misused.
- 3. The railway administration shall not hold any PNM or formal meeting with the existing recognised TUs after the date (i.e. 30.08.2024) of notification of the election.

(Renu Sharma)
Principal Executive Director(IR)
Railway Board

Copy to:

- (i) The PCCMs, All Zonal Railways.
- (ii) AIRF & NFIR for information to them and their constituents.
- (iii) SBEC-III for information.