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मंडलकार्यालय/Divisional Office कार्मिक शाखा/Personnel Branch मदरै/Madurai दिनांक /Date.04.09.2024

All Branch Officers/ MDU Dn All Supervisory Officials/ MDU Dn

Sub: Freezing of the facilities to Trade Unions Post notification for SBE-III-2024 for recognition of Trade Unions on Indian Railways- reg.

Ref: 1) Railway Board's Letter No.2024/SBEC-III/Elections dated 30.08.2024(PBC 177/2024) 2) Railway Board's Letter No.2023/SBEC-III/Policy/I dated 30.08.2024 (PBC 179/2024)

The Railway Board have issued notification for Secret Ballot Elections for recognition of Trade Unions of Indian Railways vide letter No.2024/SBEC-III/Elections dated.30.08.2024. Subsequently, a copy of Railway Board's letter under ref (2) (copy enclosed) was communicated by PCPO/MAS, contents of which are reproduced below for information.

"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 recognized TUs. In order to provide level playingfield 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 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.

- 1. However such TU's 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. 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 recognized Us after the date (i.e.30.08.2024) of notification of the election".

This may be noted and notified to all concerned for guidance and compliance.

Encl : As above.

Divisional Personnel Officer/MDU

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