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Government of India
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

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The Chief Security Commissioners
Railway Protection Force,
All Indian Railways

The Chief Security Commissioner
Railway Protection Special Force
Railway Board

Sub. : Transfer of RPF/RPSF personnel

1. In supersession of all instructions issued on the subject in the past, the policy of transfer of RPF/RPSF personnel will be as follows. These instructions will be supplementary to the provisions contained in the RPF Rules, 1987.

2. Tenure for all officers and other ranks of Executive, Fire and Prosecution Branch will be 3 years extendable by one more year with the approval of DG/RPF.

For the first five years, all categories of staff from constable to AC/ASC will have to work in difficult areas in RPF/RPSF. No transfer except in exceptional cases would be permitted. Anybody bringing interference of any outside agency for transfer and posting will have to be dealt with under disciplinary action cases and adverse entries will be made in their ACRs by the controlling officers. In fact, the discipline of the Force is violated by bringing outside pressure or involvement of any outside authority in the RPF.

3. As Rule 93.2 of RPF Rules, 1987 refers to 'transfer from one station to another', the term 'station' will mean a 'city' or 'town' from which the member has to be moved. A person who moves from one outpost to another outpost under the same post and at the same time if the transfer entails movement from one station to another, it should be taken as a fresh tenure. In stations like Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras etc. there may be a number of posts, as such a person may continue at such station maximum upto two tenures with a break of one tenure

4. The tenure of posting indicated above is in the nature of guidelines and does not preclude the administration from transferring staff at any time before completion of the tenure in exigencies of service or for administrative reasons as envisaged in Rule 90 of RPF Rules, 1987.

5. Members of the Force should not remain posted at the same station for more than the number of years specified above. Where due to disproportionate number of posts at a particular place coming in the way of equal rotation, the transfer should be so implemented that the personnel with the longest stay must move out on transfer before those who have put in comparatively less number of years at that place.

6. Nobody should ordinarily be posted back to a station for a second time continuously.

7. Subordinate officers/members of the Force should not be so posted that his home falls within 100 kms. of his place of posting as per the existing provisions of RPF Rules, 1987.

8. As regards bad climate areas or out of the way places, the CSCs may identify such areas or places and obtain DG's orders before resorting to reduce tenure at those places.

9. All RPSF personnel shall be eligible for transfer to RPF after completion of 5 years service in RPSF.

10. Officers and staff who complete their tenure between 1st April and 30th June should be transferred in the same year and those who complete their tenure later than 30th June should be transferred during the next general transfer. Care should be taken to issue transfer orders before the academic session starts.

11. Efforts should be made to keep working couple together if the spouse is employed.

12. Request for inter-railway transfers will normally be considered in the initial grades only (i.e Constable and SI) and will be on bottom seniority. However, in rare cases inter-railway transfers in intermediary grades may be allowed on the following grounds :

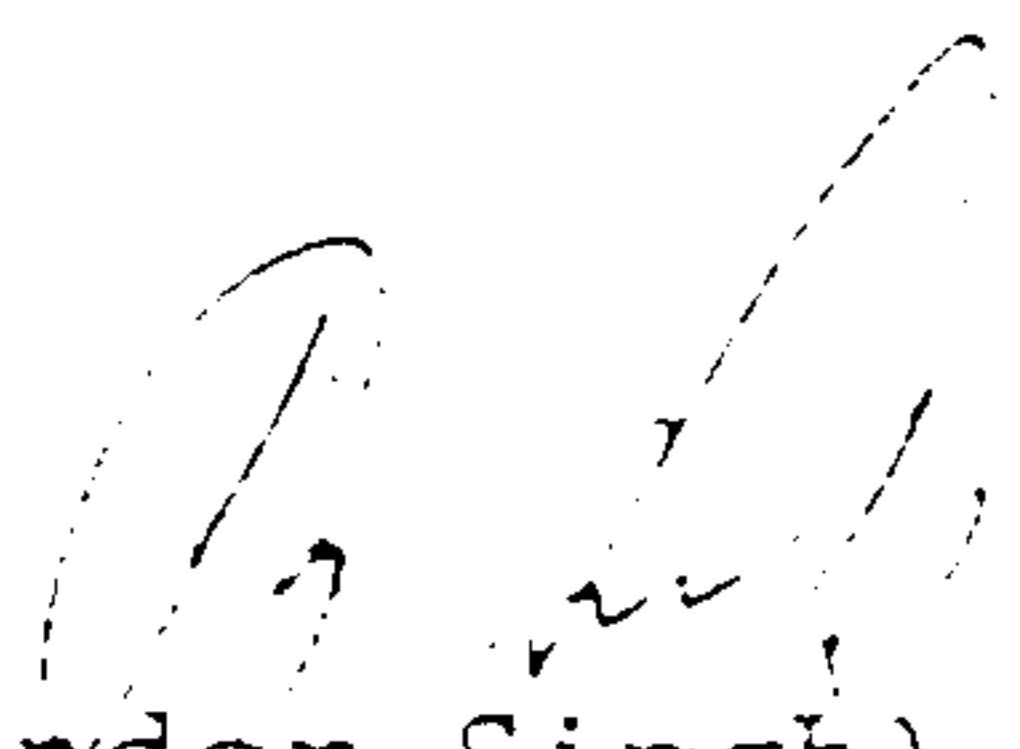
- (a) RPF/RPSF personnel seeking transfer must have completed probation in the rank.
- (b) He should be ready to go on bottom seniority in the same rank.

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- (c) RPF/RPSF personnel of his date of promotion in the lower rank must have been promoted to his rank on that railway where transfer has been sought for.
 - (d) In the case of all inter-railway transfers the staff must have completed 5 years on that railway.
 - (c) All inter-railway transfer will be approved by DG/RPF.

13. Change of category from one Branch to another will not generally be admissible. However, in exceptional cases, DG/RPF may consider such requests on merit of each case. Instructions relating to tenure and bottom seniority will also apply.

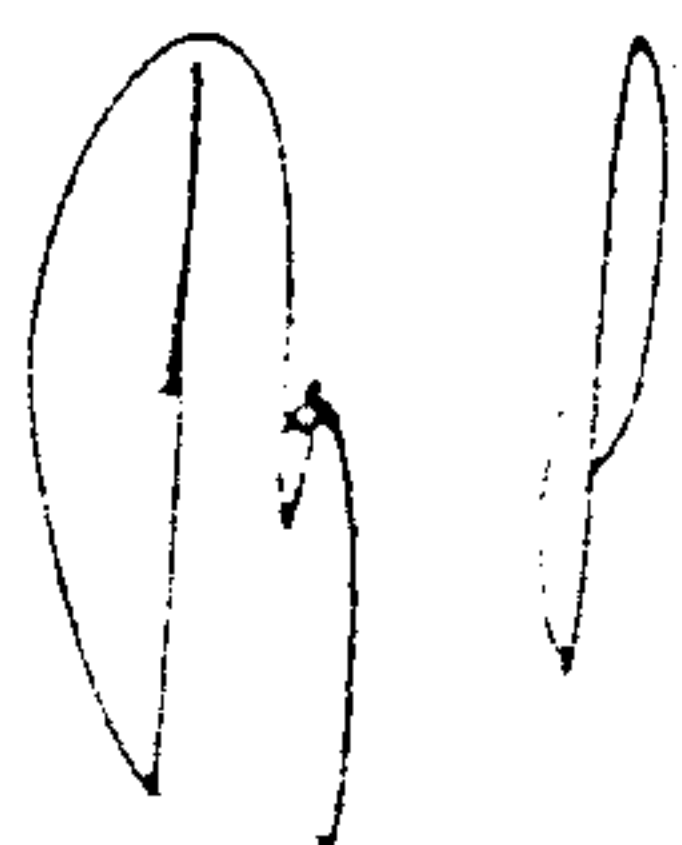
14. Since inter-railway transfer of Inspector Gr.I adversely affects the promotional prospects of Inspector Gr.II officers who are waiting for their promotion, the CSC should not recommend inter-railway transfers of Inspector Gr.I.

Please acknowledge receipt.


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Director General/R.P.F

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