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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

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STANDING ORDER NO. 6 OF 1996 / DIRECTIVE

To

Chief Security Commissioners/RPF,
All Zonal Railways.

Inspector General/R.P.S.F, New Delhi.

Inspector

Sub:- Officers & Jawans attempting to further their interest in service matters in violation of Rules - instructions regarding.

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It has been observed that of late, there has been a spurt in references from ^{officers} sponsoring cases of individual officers and Members of the Force on service matters, relating to transfers, postings, promotions, and even in Discipline and Appeal matters. In most of these cases, it is also noticed that the Officers concerned had not availed themselves of the officially available redressal channels like putting up their request to the competent authority through proper channel or seeking redressal of their individual grievances by appearing before the concerned officers in Orderly Room, etc.

2. Another unfortunate trend noticed is that some officers and Members of the Force resort to sending representations signed by their wives, mothers and other family members either to the Senior Officers of R.F.F. or to the Railway Minister which also comes under the category of putting outside influence to bear upon the superior authorities to further their interests in respect of service matters.

3. Rule 20 of the Railway Service (Conduct) Rules, 1966 provides that no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or other outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government.

4. Rule 113 of the R.P.F. Rules, 1987 states that Members of the Force are forbidden to approach officials of other departments, Members of Legislatures, of private persons for support in pressing individual claims or obtaining redressal of the grievances. All Members of the Force are similarly forbidden to approach Members of Legislature with a view to having their individual grievances made the subject of interpellation in the legislatures.

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5. In this connection your attention is also invited to Department of Personnel's instructions forwarded alongwith Ministry of Railway's letter No. E(D&A)85/RG/6-3 dated 28.5.85 in which it has been made clear that a Railway employee who violates the conduct Rules in this respect for the first time should be advised by the appropriate disciplinary authority to desist from such actions and in the event of the employee violating the provisions for the second time, a written warning should be issued with a copy thereof placed in the Confidential Report Dossier and if he is again found guilty of violating these provisions, disciplinary action should be initiated against him.

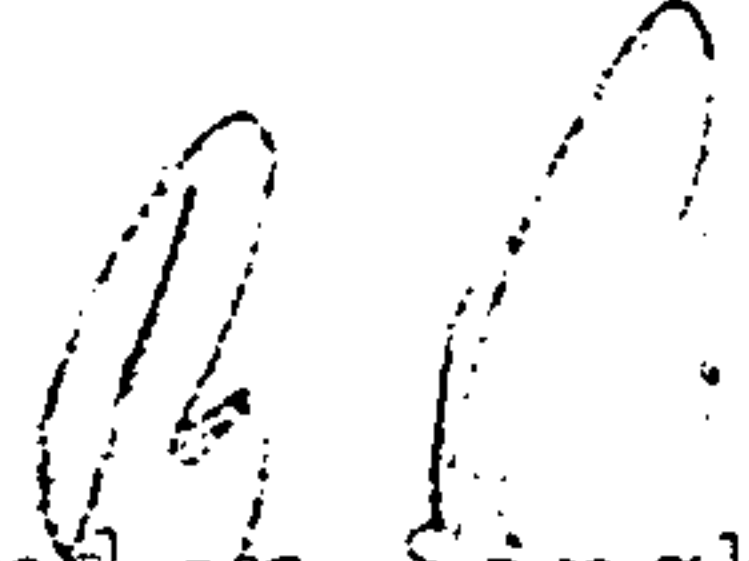
6. Since putting political or other outside influence in service matters contravenes the conduct Rules and the R.P.F. Rules besides undermining the discipline of the Force, you are requested to take the following action immediately:-

1) The relevant provisions of the Conduct Rules, RPF Rules and the above instructions in respect of action to be taken in case of violation of these provisions may be brought to the notice of all officers and men individually and their acknowledgement taken, and kept on record. The acknowledgement in respect of gazetted Officers be sent to the undersigned for record.

2) Instructions mentioned in Department of Personnel letter forwarded alongwith Ministry of Railway's letter No. E(D&A)85/RG/6-3 dated 28.5.85 should be strictly adhered to in dealing with all cases of violation of Conduct Rules in this respect.

3) All the same time action has to be taken to redress all genuine grievances of men. No body should be allowed to suffer on that account. I would like the DSCs/ Commandants of RPSF to reserve time from 3.30 P.M. to 4.30 P.M. for listening to the grievances of RPF men every day. Both these things, that is stopping of interference from outside agencies and redressal should go together.

The receipt of these instructions may please be acknowledged, and a report indicating action taken may be sent to the undersigned within 30 days time.


(Joginder Singh)
Director General
Railway Protection Force

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BNs.