

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA/भारत सरकार
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/RAIL MANTRALAYA
(RAILWAY BOARD)

... RBE No. 243/90.

No. E(G)90 QR3-6.

New Delhi, dated 31.12.1990

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways &
Production Units etc. etc.

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Sub: Unauthorised retention of Railway quarters by
Railway Officers and Staff- steps to be taken
for vacation of.

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Reference Railway Ministry's letters No.E(G)81 QR1-51
dated 24.4.1982, 4.6.1983 and 17.1.1985 and para 3(ii)(a) of
letter No. F(E)III/87/PN/2 dated 19.8.1987 on the above noted
subject.

2. As per the extant orders, an appropriate amount from the
retirement/death gratuity or the special contribution to P.F.,
as the case may be, can be held back if the Railway servant
after retirement or the family of the Railway servant who dies
while in service, does not vacate Railway quarter. It is further
stipulated in the orders dated 19.8.1987 referred to above that
if local conditions so warrant entire amount of gratuity/ special
contribution to P.F. may be withheld till the quarters are
vacated.

3. It has come to the notice that there have been widely
varied applications of the above orders in regard to the quantum
of gratuity withheld not only over the different zonal Railways
but also on different persons over the same zonal Railway giving
rise to representations. It has also been observed that where
gratuity is withheld, only in part it has not served the objective
of a deterrent against continued retention of railway quarters
resulting in shortage in the availability of quarters for
employees genuinely in need of allotment.

4. Taking into account all the aspects, the extent to which
gratuity can be withheld in cases of non-vacation of railway
quarters has been reviewed and it has been decided that retirement/
death gratuity or special contribution to P.F., as the case may be,
should be withheld in full for non-vacation of railway quarters
not only after superannuation but in all cases cessation of
service, namely, voluntary retirement, death etc. Further, the
amount withheld should remain with the Administration only in the
form of cash without conversion into any type of security lest
the very purpose of withholding full D.C.R.C. should get defeated.
It may also please be kept in view that the gratuity should be
released as soon as the quarter is vacated so that there is
neither any hardship to the retired employee or its family nor
there is any claim for payment of interest on withheld gratuity
for reasons of any administrative lapse.

Please acknowledge receipt.

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