Legal advice was sought in a matter relating to applicability of Rule 153.2 of RPF Rules, 1987 in common disciplinary proceedings where both RPF personnel and civilian staff were involved.

In this case, Legal Adviser (Railways) has tendered the following legal advice:

"Since Rule 153.2 states that the IO has to be senior in rank to the CO but not less than rank of Inspector and is silent about whether the IO can be a civilian officer or officer from force, it emerges that an in-service officer fulfilling the conditions as prescribed in Rule 153.2, both for civilian and RPF staff, i.e. 'senior in rank to CO' and not below the 'rank of Inspector' may be nominated as IO by DAs for composite case, which would be suitable for all the classes of staff/officers involved in the case".

The above may be noted for necessary action.

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