The question of revision of rates of honoraria for Inquiry Officers (Retired and the serving Railway Officers) and their assisting officials, in the conduct of Departmental Inquiry against Railway Servants, arising out of Vigilance Investigations, had been under consideration of the Board for sometime and it has now been decided that in Supersession of all previous instructions on the subject, the revised rates of honoraria will be as under:-

(a) Where Departmental Inquiry is conducted against gazetted officer(s) or against a combination of gazetted and the non-gazetted officials (composite case) by a retired senior Railway officer not below the rank of Selection Grade.

(i) **The rate of honoraria for Inquiry Officer.**
   The Inquiry Officer, in such departmental inquiries, will be entitled to a fixed Honorarium of Rs.12000/- (Rs. Twelve thousand, only), **exclusive of local transport charges**, per inquiry report.

(ii) **Rate of TA/DA for Inquiry Officer.**
    Where the duties and responsibilities entrusted to the RIO involves travelling, the rate of TA/DA, in such cases will be the same as applicable to the serving Railway Officers of equivalent rank.

(iii) **The rate of honorarium for Presenting Officer.**
    The Presenting Officer will be entitled to a fixed honorarium of Rs.1500/- (Rs. One Thousand Five Hundred only), per Inquiry Report in a case.

(iv) **The rate of honorarium for Stenographer/Typist.**
    In addition to the fixed amount of Rs.12000/- (Rs. Twelve Thousand only), the Inquiry Officer will be entitled for an additional amount of Rs.2100/-
(Rs. Two Thousand & One Hundred only), per Inquiry Report, provided the Stenographic/Typing assistance is arranged by the Inquiry Officer himself.

Where the services of a serving Stenographer/Typist are placed at the disposal of the Retired RIO, on his request, the serving stenographer/Typist will be eligible for honorarium @ Rs.1500/- (Rs. One Thousand & Five Hundred only), per Inquiry Report.

(b) Where Departmental Inquiry is conducted against a gazetted officer by a serving gazetted Railway officer, not below the rank of Selection Grade.

(i) The rate of honoraria for Inquiry Officer. The Inquiry Officer will be entitled to an Honorarium of Rs.6750/- (Rs. Six Thousand Seven Hundred & Fifty only) for the Inquiry, relating to the first charged official and Rs.1500/- (Rs. One Thousand & Five Hundred only) for each additional charged official, in the same case.

(ii) Rate of TA/DA for Inquiry Officer. Where the duties and responsibilities entrusted to the RIO involves travelling, the rate of TA/DA, in such cases will be the same as applicable to the serving Railway Officers of equivalent rank.

(iii) The rate of honorarium for Presenting Officer. The Presenting Officer will be entitled to an Honorarium of Rs.1500/- (Rs. One Thousand & Five Hundred only) for the Inquiry, relating to the first charged official and Rs.450/- (Rs. Four Hundred & Fifty only) for each additional charged official, in the same case.

(iv) The rate of honorarium for Stenographer/Typist. The Stenographer/Typist assisting the Inquiry Officer, in the conduct of a Departmental Inquiry, will be entitled to an Honorarium of Rs. 1500/- (Rs. One Thousand & Five hundred only) for Inquiry relating to the first charged official and Rs.450/- (Rs. Four Hundred & Fifty only) for each additional charged official, in the same case.

(c) Where Departmental Inquiry is conducted against a non-gazetted official by a retired Railway servant of JA grade and below upto the rank of group ‘B’ gazetted.

(i) The rate of honoraria for Inquiry Officer. The Inquiry Officer will be entitled to an Honorarium of Rs.3000/- (Rs. Three Thousand only) for the Inquiry Report, relating to the first charged official and Rs.750/- (Rs. Seven Hundred & Fifty only) for each additional Inquiry Report in the same case, besides local conveyance allowance
amounting to Rs.750/- (Rs. Seven Hundred & Fifty only) per Inquiry Report for A, A-1 and B-1 cities. The local conveyance charges for other cities shall be Rs.450/- (Rs. Four Hundred & Fifty only) per Inquiry Report.

(ii) **The rate of honorarium for Presenting Officer.**
    The Presenting Officer will be entitled to an honorarium of Rs.1000/- (Rs. One Thousand only) for first charged official and Rs.300/- (Rs. Three Hundred only) for each additional charged official in the same case.

(iii) **The rate of honorarium for Stenographer/Typist.**
    The RIO will be entitled to an additional amount of Rs.900/- (Rs. Nine Hundred only) per departmental Inquiry Report for Clerical/Stenographer/Typing assistance arranged by him. However, where the services of a serving Stenographer/Typist are made available to the RIO, a reduced amount of Rs.600/- per departmental Inquiry report will be paid to the serving Stenographer/Typist.

(d) Where Departmental Inquiry is conducted against a non-gazetted official by a serving Railway official of JA Grade and below upto Senior Supervisor level.

(i) **The rate of honoraria for Inquiry Officer.**
    The Inquiry Officer will be entitled to an Honorarium of Rs.2000/- (Rs. Two Thousand only) for the Inquiry, relating to the first charged official and Rs. 450/- (Rs. Four Hundred & Fifty only) for each additional charged official, in the same case.

(ii) **The rate of honorarium for Presenting Officer.**
    The Presenting Officer will be entitled to an Honorarium of Rs.1000/- (Rs. One Thousand only) for the Inquiry relating to the first charged official and Rs.300/- (Rs. Three Hundred only) for each additional charged official, in the same case.

(iii) **The rate of honorarium for Stenographer/Typist.**
    The Stenographer/Typist, assisting the Inquiry Officer, in the conduct of Departmental Inquiry, will be entitled to an Honorarium of Rs.600/- (Rs. Six Hundred only) per Inquiry Report for the Inquiry relating to the first charged official and Rs.300/- (Rs. Three Hundred only) for each additional charged official, in the same case.

(e) **Contingency Expenditure**

    An amount of Rs.75/- (Rs. Seventy five only) is permitted as contingency expenditure to meet the basic courtesy requirement of serving tea/biscuits etc. for each sitting of the Inquiry. This expenditure will be incurred by the Presenting Officer and will be reimbursed to him by the Railway Administration on certification of Inquiry
Officer. In the absence of Presenting Officer, the Inquiry Officer shall incur the expenditure and the same will be reimbursed to him by the Railway administration along with honorarium.

2. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate in the Ministry of Railways and the revised rates will be applicable w.e.f the date of issue of this letter.

(Sanjay Goel)
Director Vigilance (M)
Railway Board

No. 2005/V-1/DAR/5/1
New Delhi, dated April 2006

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