

# CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATION OF RAILWAY OFFICERS' ASSOCIATIONS

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1. **Name:** The Federation shall be called "Federation of Railway Officers' Associations."
2. **Aims & Objects:** The aims and objects of this Federation would be as under:-
  - a) to promote and safeguard the interests of Railway Officers;
  - b) to deal with all matters pertaining to the welfare, service conditions and prospects etc. of Railway Officers; and
  - c) to inculcate a sense of fraternity and unity of purpose among the railway officers.
3. **Membership:** The Association of Railway Officers' Railway Board and all Zonal Project Railway Officers' Associations' shall be eligible for affiliation to the Federation of Railway Officers' Associations.
4. **Subscription:** The affiliated Zonal Railway and Project Railway Associations would be required to contribute a sum of Rs. 250/- and Rs.150/- respectively per annum for defraying the expenses of the Federation.
5. **Management:**
  - (i) The General Body of the Federation shall be constituted by representatives of the affiliated Associations, the number from each Association being as indicated below:

a) All Zonal Railways, RDSO and Railway Board Associations (5 each)	=55
b) Production Units, i.e. CLW, DLW, ICF, DCW, WAP, Metro Railway & RSC, Vadodara (2 each)	=14
	Total =69
  - (i)The elected representatives of the Governing Council who shall be 20 in number, as detailed in clause (ii) below, shall also be a part of the General Body and shall have the right to vote in its proceedings. The total number of members constituting the General Body shall be 89.  
Retired railway officers who are members of the affiliated Associations shall also be eligible for membership of the General Body.
  - (ii)**Governing Council:** The Federation shall have a Governing Council consisting of the following:
    - a) President
    - b) Six Vice Presidents, out of which three will be from outstations.
    - c) Secretary-General

- d) Six Secretaries, out of which two will be from outstations
- e) One Treasurer, and
- f) Five Joint Secretaries

In addition, the following shall also be members of the Governing Council, but shall have no voting rights:-

- g) Past President and Past Secretary-General
- h) Two representatives from each of the affiliated Associations
- (iii) Term of office: The term of the General Body and its Governing Council shall be two years.
- (iv) Mode of election: The office bearers of the Governing Council shall be elected in a General Body meeting called for this purpose. The electoral college for the election shall be the entire General Body consisting of 89 members as detailed in sub-clause(i) of clause 5.
- (v) Vacancy: In case of resignations, retirements etc, the Governing Council will have powers to co-opt office bearers from amongst the General Body representatives.
- (vi) Eligibility for re-election: A retiring members of the Council will be eligible for re-election.
- (vii) Quorum: Six members of the Governing Council shall form the quorum
- (viii) Casting Vote: The presiding member shall have a casting vote.
- (ix) Meetings: The Governing Council shall meet at least once in six months.

## **6.Accounts**

- a. The treasurer shall prepare Annual Accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Federation as on 31<sup>st</sup> March of every year.
- b. The accounts will be audited by an Auditor nominated by the Governing Council
- c. The accounts for each financial year shall be submitted to the General Body meeting of the Federation.

## **7.Meetings:**

- a. The Annual General Body Meeting of the Federation shall be held soon after the close of the financial year.
- b. At least 30 days notice shall be given for the Annual General Body Meeting.
- c. The quorum for the General Body meetings shall be sixteen members.
- d. The Secretary General shall present the Annual Report of the activities of the Federation at the Annual General Body Meeting.
- e. An extraordinary General Body meeting can be convened as and when the Governing Council consider it necessary to call one. It shall also be convened at the written request of not less than 5 members of the General Body. At least 14 days' notice shall be given to all members for an Extraordinary General Body Meeting.
- f. Decisions shall be by majority vote which shall ordinarily be taken by a show of hands.

8. **Powers to amend Constitution:** The General Body will have powers to mend the constitution by  $2/3^{\text{rd}}$  majority from amongst those present subject to the attendance of not less than 24 members.
9. **General:** The decisions of the Federation shall be binding on all affiliated Associations.

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