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Chairman,  
Railway Board,  
Rail Bhawan,  
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Unreasonable restrictions on Air Travel of SAG & SG officers.

Ref: (i) ED(F)Budget's letter No.2015-B-235 dated 21.07.2017

(ii) MOF O.M. No.19030/1/2017-E.IV dated 13<sup>th</sup> July,2017

Your kind attention is invited to the letters as above, wherein air travel for SAG & above levels has been restricted to economy class by Railway Board suo-motto, despite them being entitled for business class as per Government of India's rules. Air travel of SG officers for official purposes has also been restricted to one-way. No such restrictions have been placed by the concerned Ministry of Finance in this regard.

2. Also, SAG & above officers of all other Ministries travel in business class, whereas senior Railway officers on the same trip are being forced to travel in economy class. This reflects poorly on the image of Ministry of Railways amongst other Ministries and causes unnecessary demoralization of senior officers.
3. Further many important issues are handled and monitored by Directors in Railway Board and as such the long absence from office due to longer time spent on train/road travel on account of restrictions on their Air Travel, hampers the important works in MOR.
4. It is also pointed out that the Railway Officers are also officers of Government of India who are governed by similar service conditions whose pay and allowances are determined by Central Pay Commission and are drawn from same budget. Government of India now has only one Budget and as such, it is desirable that MOR follows MOF's guidelines on restrictions.

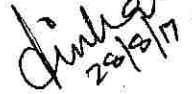
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5. FROA, therefore, requests you to kindly review and withdraw the current guidelines on the above subject in accordance with the currently applicable entitlements and rules of Government of India applicable to officers.

With kind regards,

DA: as above.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary General.