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**The Chairman,
Ministry of Railways,
Railway Board.**

Sub:- Retention of Railway quarters by DRMs.

Respected Sir,

FROA wishes to draw your attention to the issue of retention of railway quarters, which has created a sense of insecurity and uneasiness amongst the DRMs.

It may be recalled that Railway Board issued instructions in 2010, allowing DRMs to retain quarters at their previous location while posted as DRM. However, Board vide its subsequent order of Feb, 2014 reversed its policy with retrospective effect causing serious heart burn amongst some of the DRMs. The issue of retention of quarter became such a sore issue that few of the DRMs were forced to take shelter under the court of law, to get a stay on this order.

FROA also wishes to point out that in contrast to DRMs, whose normal tenure is only for 2 years, Chairman of Railway Recruitment Boards whose tenure is for 3 to 5 years and also officers posted in Training Institutes, whose tenure is for 5 years have been allowed retention of quarters, at the previous location.

It may be relevant to point out that some of the Divisional headquarters are located in very small Districts, sub-Divisional headquarters. where basic facilities of higher education, proper medical facilities and other amenities are not available, which prompts DRMs, to leave behind their family including children at the previous place of posting.

FROA appeals to Chairman, Railway Board to repeal the policy of February, 2014 and to allow DRMs to work in peace without any tension so that they are able to discharge their functions with full sincerity and commitment. FROA urges Railway Board to allow the facility of retention of railway quarters to the DRMs as was provided vide instructions of 2010.

FROA hopes for a favourable solution in this regard at the earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


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