GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( RAILWAY BOARD )

NO. E(NG)I-81-PMI-91(PNM)

New Delhi, dated 25-9-1981.

The General Secretary, National Federation of Indian Railwaymen, 3, Chelmsford Road, NEW DELHI.

Dear Sir,

Subject: Item 19 of the PNM/NFIR Meeting held in July, 1981 - Change in selection procedure - Štaff over 48 years of age.

The matter pertaining to exemption of the staff over 48 years of age from written examination has been considered by the Ministry of Railways but it is not found possible to agree to the proposal in view of the fact that the written tests are conducted only against selection posts and waival of examination in respect of persons of above 48 years of age will involve discrimination against others who also appear in the same test. Also 39 written test cannot be done away with for all as it is the only test which has stood the **test** of time to weed out the inefficient from promotion to selection posts.

Yours faithfully

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