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COPY OF RAILWAY BOARD'S LETTER NO.E(NG)I-75-PMI-204 DATED  
28-1-1976 ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL MANAGERS, ALL INDIAN RAILWAYS.

Sub:- Filling up of posts of Laboratory Staff  
on Railways.

Ref:- Board's letter No.E(NG)I-70-PMI-229 dated  
8-9-1971.

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In Board's letter quoted above it was indicated that direct recruitment to the posts of Laboratory Assts/X-Ray Technicians in scale Rs.150-300(AS) should be made only to the extent suitable staff are not available for promotion from amongst the serving staff who possess the requisite qualifications and experience for direct recruitment to these posts. In Board's letter No.E(NG)I-73PMI/213 dated 10-7-1974 it was clarified that in the case of serving employees who are Matriculates and who have put in at least 10 years service the qualifications prescribed for direct recruitment need not be insisted upon. A doubt is perhaps existing on certain Railways that even in respect of staff with requisite qualifications a service limit of 10 years is applicable; this issue was raised in the PNM meeting held with the AIRF on 11-11-1975 and the following minutes were recorded:-

"After discussion it was agreed that Laboratory Assistants in the scale Rs.150-200 who fulfilled the qualifications prescribed for recruitment to the higher grade of Rs.150-300, will not have to wait for 10 years but would be considered for promotion without any service limit. This would be clarified to the Railways."

The Ministry of Railways wish to clarify that in respect of Laboratory Assistants in scale Rs.150-200(AS) with the requisite qualifications prescribed for direct recruitment to the higher grade of Rs.150-300(AS), they can be straight away considered for promotion without any service limit.