



**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

**No. E (D&A) 2017 RG6-24**

**dated: 16.03.2020**

**The General Manager  
All Indian Railways & Production Units.**

**Sub: Referring the cases to RRT for advice under Rule  
24(2) of Railway Services (Discipline & Appeal)  
Rules, 1968- Clarification.**

References have been received from various Zonal Railways seeking clarification on the subject matter.

2. As the Railways are aware, promulgation of the Finance Act, 2017 and publication of Extra-Ordinary Gazette Notification No. S.O. 1696 (E) dated 26.05.2017, has led to transfer of the jurisdiction, powers and authority conferred on the RRT under Chapter VII of the Railways Act, 1989 to RCT; and RRT has since ceased to exist. Railways are also aware that the jurisdiction, powers and authority now transferred to RCT does not include any provisions related to disciplinary matters of non-gazetted employees. Also, Finance Act, 2017 neither makes any mention nor takes any cognizance of Rule 24(2) of RS (D&A) Rules, 1968. As a result of this, the provisions of Rule 24(2) of RS (D&A) Rules, 1968 to the extent

*"..... he may, if he chooses, request the General Manager to refer the case to the Railway Rates Tribunal for advice before he disposes of the revision petition. On receipt of such a request, the General Manager shall refer the case to the Chairman, Railway Rates Tribunal for advice sending all the relevant papers.*

*On receipt of the revision application by the General Manager, or on receipt of advice from the Railway Rates Tribunal, as the case may be, the General Manager shall dispose of the application in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 25 and pass such orders as he may think fit."*

have become defunct and redundant.

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3. Accordingly, Railways may dispose off all the pending cases at the level of General Manager, as provided for in Rule 24(2) of Railway Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1968, without any reference to RRT, which has since ceased to exist.

4. This also disposes off all references made to this office on the subject matter.

5. Necessary changes/amendments to Rule 24(2) of Railway Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1968 shall follow.

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**Railway Board**