

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No.E(D&A)2004 RG6-8

20.10.2006

The General Manager,
All Indian Railways/PUs etc.
(As per standard lists).

Sub: Review of suspension of Railway servants.

As the Railways are aware, Rule 5 of Railway Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1968 dealing with the subject of suspension has been amended vide notification of even number dated 18.7.2006 to provide that an **order of suspension** will be reviewed before expiry of 90 days from the date of order and **shall not be valid after 90 days unless extended after review** for a further period, **before expiry of 90 days**. The review of suspension is to be made by the competent authority on the recommendation of the review committee constituted for the purpose. The amended provisions have to come into force on the expiry of 90 days from the date of publication of the notification in the Gazette of India. The notification has been published in the Gazette of India on July 29, 2006. The amended provisions thus will come into force w.e.f. 27.10.2006.

2. It has been made very clear in para 4 of Board's letter of even number dated 19.7.2006 that lapsing of an order of suspension on account of failure to review the same will be viewed seriously. Railways etc. should therefore ensure that no order of suspension lapses merely because the competent authority failed to review it within the stipulated period. An appropriate and adequate machinery should be available on the Railways etc. to review the orders of suspension and decide about their extension, where necessary before the expiry of 90 days from the date of order of suspension. Railways may consider setting up Cells wherever felt necessary to closely monitor the suspension cases so that the amended provisions are enforced fully and completely.

3. Please acknowledge receipt.

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