The General Managers/OSDs,
All Indian Railways and
Production Units.
(others as per Standard List).

Sub: Retention of Railway accommodation at the
previous place of posting.

Under extant orders, Railway officers/staff on transfer from one place to
another involving change of residence are authorized to retain the accommodation at
the previous place of posting initially for a period of two months and further on
request on medical/educational grounds for another six months. A doubt has arisen as
to whether during the period of such authorized retention of Railway accommodation,
if an officer/staff is again transferred to Northeast Frontier Railway, will he be
entitled to retain the accommodation under the extant orders governing retention of
Railway accommodation on transfer/posting to Northeast Frontier Railway,
notwithstanding that the quarter held was not at the previous place of posting.

2. It is clarified that, in such a case, the place where the employee is in
authorised retention of Railway accommodation in terms of the permission granted in
his/her favour by the Competent Authority, may be taken as “the previous place of
posting” for the purpose of retention of Railway accommodation provided that the
concerned employee has not been allotted any regular accommodation at the new
place of posting.

3. These instructions shall also apply to cases where retention of quarter is/had
been permitted under any other general or specific order of the Ministry of Railways,
including eligible cases of retention of quarters on transfer to new zones.

4. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of the Ministry of
Railways.

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