

No.2020/CE-I/CT/ARB/2E

New Delhi, dated 22.08.2023

**General Manager,**  
South Eastern Railway.


**Sub: Fees of Retired Railway Officers working as Arbitrator(s)-reg. clarification**

Ref: South Eastern Railway's letter No. RS/ARB/Policy dated 16.08.2022

South Eastern Railway, vide their letter under reference, has sought exclusion of period from 15.03.2020 to 28.02.2022 for working out time limit prescribed for different actions during arbitration proceedings, including working out time taken for publishing of award and corresponding payment of 50% additional fee to Arbitrators.

2. South Eastern Railway's proposal has been examined and it is advised that vide letter No. 2009/CE-I/CT/14/Main dated 09.04.2021, Board's decision to exclude the period from 25.03.2020 to 31.05.2020 (i.e. period of first lock down), while working out time limit prescribed for different actions during arbitration proceedings including working out time taken for publishing of award and corresponding payment of 50% additional fee to Arbitrators, was conveyed to Zonal Railways. Further, in order to deal with the situation of lockdown, Board vide letter No. 2020/CE-I/CT/ARB/2E dated 08.12.2020 had also allowed the Arbitration hearing through Video Conferencing. As such, further necessary action on the matter may be taken by South Eastern Railway in terms of these instructions only.

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

  
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