

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

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New Delhi, Date: 19.12.2023

The SDGMs/CVOs
All Zonal Railways/PUs

The CVOs
All PSUs

CORE/ALD,
Metro/Kolkata,
DG RDSO/LKO

Sub.: Amendment No. 10- Para 706 of IRVM regarding Criteria for Empanelment of Serving/Retired Railway Officers as Arbitrators.

It has been decided by the Competent Authority to amend Para 706 of Indian Railway Vigilance Manual (2018 edition) regarding Criteria for Empanelment of Serving/ Retired Railway Officers as Arbitrators as per the enclosed Amendment No. 10.

DA: As above



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Director Vigilance (Mech.)
Railway Board

Copy endorsed for information-

- (i) All Officers and Branches of Vigilance Dte
- (ii) AIRF, NFIR, IROF, FROA & AIRPFA
- (iii) PPS to Hon'ble MR, MoSR(J) & MoSR(D)
- (iv) DME(C&IS)/RB for uploading this letter on the website
(https://indianrailways.gov.in/railwayboard/view_section.jsp?lang=0&id=0,1,304,366,546,843)

Amendment No. 10 in Para 706 of Indian Railway Vigilance Manual-
(2018 Edition)


Existing Para 706 of Chapter VII of the Indian Railways Vigilance Manual (2018 Edition) shall be replaced as under:-

706. Empanelment of Serving/Retired Railway Officers as Arbitrators.

- I. Empanelment of serving/retired officers as Arbitrators cannot be done for: -
 - a. Persons born on current 'Agreed/Secret' list.
 - b. Persons involved in any current vigilance/CBI cases or against whom disciplinary or prosecution proceedings are in process.
 - c. Persons against whom Major penalty has been imposed during last 20 years of service as a result of vigilance/CBI action.
 - d. Persons against whom Minor penalty has been imposed during last 10 years of service as a result of vigilance/CBI action.

NOTE:

- i) If any officer appointed as Arbitrator is subsequently detected to be involved in a Vigilance/CBI case, action will be taken as per extant guidelines
 - ii) The officers working in the Vigilance Organisation should not be considered for appointment as Arbitrators, even if empanelled, as per extant guidelines.
- II. For considering empanelment, SDGM/CVO will prepare a list of officials who are willing to be empanelled as Arbitrators. Based on various parameters i.e., integrity, ethics, experience of dealing in contracts/tenders, temperament of taking fair decisions etc., short listing to be done by SDGM / CVO.
 - III. After due approval of General Manager, list of Shortlisted officials to be sent to PED/Vigilance/Railway Board for assessment and approval. Based on feedback, general image, career profile etc. PED/Vigilance will give approval to the proposal of zonal railways.
 - IV. Based on performance in the arbitration cases, the empanelment of arbitrator shall be reviewed every year for continuation or otherwise and shall be approved by the PED/Vigilance based on proposals of Zonal railway.
 - V. The empanelment of a retired officer as arbitrator will be limited to "Three zonal Railways/PUs" only and at any given time, maximum of two arbitration cases shall be assigned to any arbitrator in a Zone/PU.


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