

To
Shri. B.B. Verma
Adviser Accounts
Railway Board
New Delhi

Date : 13.07.2016

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The above points , I am sure , would convince that SAS qualified staff of C&AG and Appendix III – IREM passed staff of Indian Railways are on equal footing and deserve identical treatment in matters of Pay and allowances.

C&AG in his orders commit that the decision to treat the appointment of the SAS qualified staff to the allotted designation as a direct recruitment is based on the clarifications issued by DoPT on matters of relating to MACP.

Also kindly refer to Railway Board letter No. E(NG) 1/2004/PM9/6 dt 16.8.05, PC-V/98/11/23 (PT) dt. 14.7.2011.

In the event of non availability of App. III A Qualified staff for promotion as Sr. section officers (A/c), the post may be filled by transfer on deputation of staff holding analogous posts under the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Central/State Governments on terms and conditions contained in Rule 2023 of Indian Railway Establishment Code. Vol II (First reprint) 1990 with further conditions that such deputationists may repatriated prematurely to their parent cadre as when and to the extent qualified Departmental App - III A Accounts Staff become available and eligible for promotion. From this it is clear that SAS exam and App. III A Exam are both Identical.

Therefore, it will be in fairness to extend similar treatment for the Appendix IIIA passed staff on appointment to the posts of Sr.Section Officer/ Sr.TIAs /Sr.ISAs ie the regular service for the purpose of grant of benefits under ACP/MACP Scheme shall be counted from the date of appointment to the posts of Sr.Section Officers / Sr.TIAs/Sr.ISAs duly ignoring the services rendered in the lower grades.

The Accounts fraternity of Indian Railways will ever be grateful to you if You emulate the C&AG.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

REJI GEORGE
General secretary