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NEW Delhi,  
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**Shri B.B. Varma**  
Adviser Accounts  
Railway Board,  
New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

Sub : Request for necessary action to grant of Group B gazetted status Sr. to Section Officer (Accounts), Sr TIA & Sr. ISA on par with the Section Officers of organized Accounts Cadre, audit & CSS who are equally placed and enjoying the status.

Ref : Our earlier representations to FC ( Railways) and ED/PC-1,Railway Board and Presentations to former MR 's.

Among all the section Officers of organized Accounts Cadre, Audit, State and Central Secretariat, only Railway Section Officers TIA's & ISA's have been denied Group. B gazetted Status.

Railway Section Officers, TIA's & ISA's are more qualified, their job content is more responsible, more skilled and more heavy and their training and qualifying criteria is of higher standard than their gazetted peers

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Railway Section Officers TIA's & ISA's are Selected through an all India examination in two parts with preliminary and final having eight papers conducted by Ministry of Railways. Lesser qualified ones in CSS are designated as Gazetted and enjoy the status. Despite all the talk about the Railway Section Officers being "Pillars of Railway Finance Organization", they are denied their rightful 'status' and made to demoralize and feel shy in public and among the equals and lesser officials due to their deprivation of 'Rank' which has no financial implication and has not got even a single rupee, additional expenditure or set up.

Still they are denied 'Group B' rank citing the reason that they failed in a court case fought for 'status' twenty years ago which is very unfortunate.

The Petitions Committee of Parliament headed by the MP (Lok Sabha) Shri. Anand Gethe had taken up the matter and sought clarifications from Railway Board.

On 4th Sept 2015 we have won a court case in the CAT Patna Bench vide OA No.233 of 2011 where in the Hon'ble Court has directed the railways to extend the benefit of gazetted group B status to the applicant with effect from 1.1.2006. Thereby we request your good self to implement Group B Status to all So's / TIA's / ISA's. (Copy enclosed)

Hence we appeal with enormous hope that justice at last would be done and Railway Section Officers (Accounts) TIA's & ISA's would get their rightful status of Group .B gazetted which more than satisfies every qualifying criteria.

Looking forward to your favourable decision and instructions in anticipation.

Thanking you,I remain

Yours Sincerely

**REJI GEORGE**  
General secretary