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Office of the Principal Chief Personnel Officer
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विषय/Sub:Retention of railway accommodation – on Deputation.

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A copy of the Railway Board's letter No. E(G) 2026/Awas Niti/QR/4 dated 23.03.2026 on the above subject is enclosed for information, guidance and necessary action.

Railway Board's letters referred therein have been circulated as given below,

Sl. No.	Railway Board letter No. & Date	RBE No.	PBC No./ Copy enclosed
1.	E (G) 2024 RN 2-12 dt.23.09.2025	100 / 2025	199 / 2025
2.	E (G) 2008 QR 1-6 dt.12.07.2018	----	154 / 2018
3.	E (G) 2003 QR 1-19 dt. 02.09.2005	145 / 2005	Copy enclosed
4.	E (G) 2019 RN 2 – 7 dt. 06.01.2026	02 / 2026	02 / 2026
5.	E (G) 2008 QR 1 – 15 (PSUs) dt. 23.10.2025	110 / 2025	216 / 2025
6.	E (G) 2008 QR 1 – 15 (PSUs) dt. 10.05.2024	44 / 2024	86 / 2024
7.	E (G) 2023 QR 1 – 4 (PSUs) Pt. dt.23.10.2025	111 / 2025	215 / 2025
8.	E (G) 2023 QR 1-4 (PSUs) dt.10.04.2024	33 / 2024	63 / 2024
9.	E (G) 2016 RN 2 – 1 dt. 03.04.2025	27 / 2025	80 / 2025
10.	E (G) 2001 QR 1-14 dt.l 12.05.2023	70 / 2023	112 / 2023
11.	E (G) 2015 QR 1-3 dt. 10.12.2015	155 / 2015	215 / 2015
12.	E (G) 2021 RN 2-2 dt. 01.07.2022	75 / 2022	121 / 2022
13.	E (G) 2006 QR 1 – 4(A) dt. 20.11.2006	176 / 2006	224 / 2006
14.	E (G) 2001 RN4 – 10 dt. 17.09.2002.	164 / 2002	220 / 2002

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भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
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RBE No. 027 /2026

No. E (G) 2026 / Awas Niti / QR / 4 **New Delhi, Date: 23 / 03/ 2026**

The General Manager
PHODs, CAO/C
All Indian Railways

DG, CTIs
DG, RDSO

Subject: Retention of railway accommodation - on Deputation

Instructions on retention of quarters on deputations have been issued from time to time in piecemeals or as case specific instruction/s. In order to bring policy consistency in similar deputations, the full Board in the exercise of the powers vested in it to make reasonable relaxations in public interest for a class / group of employees in all or any of the provisions regarding house allotment / retention have decided as under:

1. Deputation / Posting under Central Staffing Scheme (CSS)

i. Instructions on retention of quarter on deputation /posting under CSS have been issued vide Railway Board RBE 100/2025 letter no. E (G) 2024 RN 2-12 dated 23.09.2025 wherein retention of railway accommodation @ normal license fee for the duration of deputation in the same city was permitted.

ii. In continuation and partial modification thereof, to bring uniformity across this category of deputation: Quarter may be retained @ normal license at previous place of posting on deputation under CSS for the duration of deputation. [*note: This supersedes Railway Board letter no. E (G) 2008 QR 1-16 dt. 12.07.2018 on deputation to Central Ministries / Departments / CSS etc.*]

2. Non-CSS Deputation / Posting in the Government:

i. In order to bring uniformity across this category of deputation on the line of CSS deputation, and supersession of any previous instructions: Quarter may be retained @ normal license fee on deputation to Central Government Ministries / Departments; Government or Inter-Governmental Authority; NITI Aayog / UPSC/ CVC /Pay Commission; transfer /posting abroad by the Railway Board or MEA or GoI; etc. for the duration of deputation.

ii. Extant instructions vide RB letter no. E (G) 2003 QR 1-19 dt 02.09.2005 shall continue for retention of railway accommodation by Group A & B officers appointed as the personal staff of the President, the Prime Minister and Ministers in the Central Government.

3. Other non-CSS Deputations:

I. Extant instructions on retention of railway quarters during deputation to various organisations are listed below:

a. NCRTC vide RB letter no. E(G) 2019 RN 2-7 dated 06.01.2026.
b. DFCCIL RB letter no. E (G) 2008 QR 1-15 (PSUs) dated 23.10.2025 read with RB letter no. E (G) 2008 QR 1-15 (PSUs) dated 10.05.2024.
c. IRCON & RVNL vide RB letter no. E (G) 2023 QR 1-4 (PSUs) Pt dated 23.10.2025 and Railway PSUs vide RB letter no. E (G) 2023 QR 1-4 (PSUs) dated 10.04.2024 .
d. NHSRCL vide RB letter no. E (G) 2016 RN 2-1 dated 03.04.2025.
e. JVs in partnership with M/o Railways vide RB letter no. E(G) 2017 RN 2-5 dt 06.01.2023.
f. HRIDC for HORC (Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor) Project vide RB letter no. E (G) 2001 QR 1-14 Pt dated 12.05.2023.
g. non-Railway PSUs /Statutory /Autonomous Bodies /Societies vide RB letter no. E(G) 2015 QR 1-3 dated 10.12.2015

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II. The extant instructions, ref. Railway PSUs vide RB letter no. E (G) 2023 QR 1-4 (PSUs) dated 10.04.2024, para 2.(i), stipulate that *"Railway PSUs would provide leased accommodation to the officers of concerned Railways, for all houses retained by PSUs, as per officer's choice according to Railway priority list, at the rate of lease entitlement for corresponding grade of officers of PSUs. However, if leased accommodation is not being utilised by the Railways, an amount equivalent to leased accommodation or HRA of the officer retaining accommodation, whichever is higher may be deposited with concerned Zoanl Railway by PSUs."* In partial modification and extension thereof to consolidate instructions uniformly across this category of deputation and as an institutional pool balancing arrangement, quarter may be retained in accordance with instructions below:

A. On depuation to Railway PSUs / RLDA / DMRC / MCD / NDMC / DDA, that have their own housing facility /quarters pool:

Quarter may be retained @ normal licence fee subject to the condition (in line with extant provision under ref.) that the borrowing organsiation provides similar type in-lieu quarter or leased accommodation according to Railway priority list. However, if in-lieu quarter / leased accommodation is not being utilised / not required by the Railways, an amount equivalent to leased entitlement of corresponding grade in the borrowing organisation or HRA of the officer retaining accommodation, whichever is higher, may be deposited with concerned Zonal Railway.

B. Deputation to non-Railway PSUs; Statutory /Autonomous Bodies / Societies; CRIS; SPVs; JVs set up in partnership with M/o Railways; DFCCIL; MRVC; NHSRCL; NCRTC; Metro; deputation where posting orders are issued by DOPT but are not a part of deputation under para-1 or para-2 and deputation not covered under para-3-II-A above, etc:

Quarter may be retained @ normal license fee subject to the condition that the borrowing organisation:

i. provides similar type in-lieu quarter /leased accommodation as per 2 or 3 location choices indicated by the railway administration. *[Note: for the purposes of in-lieu quarters, the railway administration may take location preferences from waitlisted officers/ staff.]*

or

ii. pays an amount equivalent to leased entitlement of corresponding grade officer in the borrowing organisation or @ HRA of the deputationist officer retaining the accommodation, whichever is higher.

C. Extant instructions on deputation to CRIS would continue to apply, save as partly modified herein at para-II-B above.

D. Extant instructions on deputation to RLDA (ref. Railway Board RBE 75 / 2022 letter no. E (G) 2021 RN 2-2 dated 01.07.2022, para-1-viii read with para-2 therein) would continue to apply, save as partly modified at para-II-A above.

4. Retention of quarters in cases not covered under para 1 to 3 above may be regulated as per terms & conditions for retention of railway quarters if mentioned in the deputation / deputation vacancy notice circulated by the Railway Board.

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5. Retention in all deputation cases would be subject to the provision that the employee is not in occupation of any other accommodation provided by the borrowing organization or GPRA at same station where quarter has been retained and that the employee /dependent family are staying in the retained railway quarter.

6. Cases already settled/ closed cannot be re-opened and all cases, pending / past / subsequent, shall be dealt with in the light of instant policy instructions.

7. The instant policy instructions exclude earmarked accommodation, retention of which would continue to be governed in terms of extant instructions vide Railway Board's letter nos. E(G) 2001 RN4-10 dated 17.09.2002, para 7 of letter no. E (G) 2006 QR 1-14 (A) dated 20.11.2006, letter no. 2001/G(acc.)/5/17-Part IV dated 13.07.2001 & letter no. E(G)2022RN2-1 dated 05.04.2022 or as revised from time to time by the Board.

Please acknowledge receipt and ensure compliance.

Neelam Yadav 23/03/2026

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No. E (G) 2026 / Awas Niti / QR / 4 **New Delhi, Date: 23 / 03/ 2026**

1. PFAs, All Indian Railways & Production Units ; PED (Finance), RDSO-Lucknow.
2. The ADAI (Railways), New Delhi.
3. The Director of Audit, All Indian Railways.

for **Member Finance**
Railway Board

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रेल भवन, नई दिल्ली-110001, दिनांक 2-9-05
Rail Bhavan, New Delhi-110 001, dated

No. E(G)2003 QR1-19.

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways &
Production Units.

Sub: Retention of Railway accommodation by Group 'A' & 'B' officers appointed as the personal staff of President, Prime Minister and Ministers in Central Govt.

Attention is invited to the instructions contained in Railway Board's letters No. E(G)2000 QR1-23 dated 1/6/2001 and 14/2/2002 and No. E(G)2003 QR1-19 dated 19/4/2004 providing for retention of Railway accommodation in the event of deputation of Railway officers under Central Staffing Scheme to Central Ministries, Govt. Bodies like UPSC, CVC, etc., Central Govt. Statutory/Autonomous/other bodies not covered under Central Staffing Scheme but are eligible offices for allotment of accommodation from General Pool and Group 'A' & 'B' officers on deputation with Ministers/VVIPs in Central Govt. on co-terminus basis. These instructions have been reviewed by Board in its Meeting held on 29/7/2005 and it has been decided that "Group 'A' and 'B' Railway officers appointed in the personal staff of President, Prime Minister and Ministers in Central Govt. may be separated from the above group of officers on deputation to Central Govt. Ministries/Department and be permitted to retain Railway quarter for the entire tenure of the posting with President, Prime Minister and Ministers in Central Govt. without the requirement of registering for allotment of General Pool accommodation for which they are otherwise eligible."

This has the approval of President and issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

Please acknowledge receipt.

(M.D. PILLAI)
JT. DIRECTOR ESTT. (G)