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Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)
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The Chief Commercial Managers,

CENTRAL RAILWAY, MUMBAI
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NORTHERN RAILWAY, NEW DELHI.
N. C. RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD.
N. E. RAILWAY GORAKHPUR.
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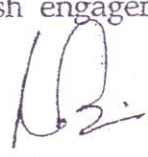
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S. C. RAILWAY, SECUNDERABAD.
S. E. RAILWAY, KOLKATA.
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY, HUBLI.
WESTERN RAILWAY, MUMBAI WEST
CENTRAL RAILWAY, JABALPUR.

Sub: Filling up of vacancies of licensed porters arising out of their proposed appointment as Gangmen.

Kindly refer to Board's letter no. E (NG) II/2008/RR-3/1 dt. 1.4.2008 wherein instructions were issued regarding appointment of licensed porters to the post of Gangmen. There is apprehension that the appointment of licensed porters as Gangmen may create shortage of licensed porters thereby causing difficulties to passengers. In order to mitigate this problem, Ministry of Railways have decided that following steps should be taken before the absorption of licensed porters:

- i) (Station wise train-to-train survey [to be] conducted for the actual requirement of the licensed porters at each station. With the wide use of trolley suitcases, the requirement of licensed porters have sharply come down.) In a survey conducted by DRM/HWH in the year 2000 at HWH station, the actual requirement of licensed porters noted was only 200 against the sanctioned strength of 1800. It may so happen that even after absorption of licensed porters, there may not be any need of fresh induction.
- ii) In case there is shortage of licensed porters at a station, the DRMs should explore all possibilities of transferring licensed porters to the station from a station where there are surplus porters.
- iii) In exceptional cases when there are no surplus licensed porters available in the division, process should be initiated for fresh engagement of licensed porters.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt.


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Railway Board.