

Government of India  
Ministry of Railways  
(Railway Board)

No.2003/Telecom/CP/16(A)

New Delhi, Dated:

.6.2003.

General Managers,  
All Indian Railways.

**Sub: Operation/Formation of Cipher Cells in New Zones.**

**Ref: Board's letter E(G) 84 POL-11 dated 10.9.85 (copy enclosed).**

Ministry of Railways have decided that, till further orders, the cipher work on the new Zonal Railway headquarters would be looked after by the existing cipher set up available in the co-located Divisions. The cipher work for East Coast and East Central Railway Headquarters at Bhubneshwar and Hajipur would be looked after by the cipher set up of Khurda Road & Danapur Divisions respectively. Details are enclosed as annexure.

2. Further, necessary action for setting up of cipher offices in the six (6) new Divisional Railway headquarters viz; Pune, Agra, Rangia, Guntur, Nanded & Ranchi, on All Indian Railways, and manning them by nucleus Cipher Operators in terms of Board's letter No E(G)/84/HO1-11 dated 10.9.85 may also be initiated. It should be ensured that the Cipher offices on the six (6) new Divisional Headquarters are set up and made operational within a period of 3 months from of issue of this letter.

3. Necessary action may please be taken accordingly under advice to this office.

4. This issues with concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

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DA/- As above

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**Annexure**

**List of New Zonal Headquarters co-located with existing  
Divisional Headquarters**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>New Zones</b>	<b>New Zonal Head Quarters.</b>	<b>Existing co-located Divisional Hqrs. provided with Cipher Offices</b>
1.	WCR	Jabalpur	Jabalpur
2.	ECR	Hajipur	Danapur (nearest)
3.	NCR	Allahabad	Allahabad
4.	SWR	Hubli	Hubli
5.	SECR	Bilaspur	Bilaspur
6.	ECoR	Bhubaneswar	Khurda Road (nearest)
7.	NWR	Jaipur	Jaipur

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)  
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. E(G) 84 H01-11 New Delhi, Dt. 10.9.85

The General Managers,  
All Indian Railways.

Sub: - Honorarium to Nucleus cipher operators.

Ref: - Letter No. E(G) 79 H01-14 of 29/31.8.81

For manning the Cipher offices on the Zonal Railways, regular Cipher Operators and Cipher Inspectors in respective time scales of pay are posted. But on some of the Railways, Nucleus Cipher Operators drawn from different categories e.g. Clerks, Typists, Telephone Operators, Signallers, Wireless Operators etc. are entrusted with manning the cipher offices on Divisions/stations, after necessary training, and they are paid honorarium for attending to the cipher activities. These Nucleus Operators are divided in two categories:

- a) Category 'A': such staff as are employed regularly on crypto work in Nucleus cipher offices located in the Divisional offices at other stations; and
- b) Category 'B': Such staff drafted from different categories of employees mentioned above and kept in reserve, after necessary training, to be employed only in an emergency or in any other contingency such as non-availability of a regular Cipher Operator or a Nucleus Cipher Operator of Category 'A' due to leave or sickness etc. and have to put in atleast 24 hours of practice in a month so as to keep them in close touch with crypto work.

Note: - The crypto work will, besides encryption, decryption of cipher messages, include maintenance of ledgers, destruction of obsolete documents, preparation of traffic-returns, periodical safe custody returns, rigid adherence of physical and technical security regulations, maintenance of registers and records separately for incoming and outgoing classified traffic and carry out regular drills as called for in the cryptographic regulations.

2. Instructions were issued in the past by the Ministry of Railways vide their letter No. E(G) 79 H01-14 dated 29/31.8.81 and rates of honoraria/remuneration payable to the Cipher Operators and Nucleus Cipher Operators for attending to the cipher activities were laid down. Since the rates were not uniform and caused disparity amongst the Nucleus Operators, the Ministry of Railways have, in supersession of the previous instructions, decided that:

- (1) Category 'A' Nucleus Operators may be paid

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pro-rata honorarium @Rs. 8/- per day instead of Rs. 4/- per day with a minimum of Rs. 500/- per annum; and

(11) Category 'B' Nucleus Operators may be paid an honorarium @ Rs. 500/- instead of Rs. 300/- per annum. When these Operators are utilised as Category 'A' they will be entitled to honorarium as at (i) above.

3. Nucleus Cipher Operators Category 'A' and 'B' will no longer be eligible for overtime under HOER for Cipher work irrespective of whether they belong to Ministerial or other than Ministerial cadres.

4. To the extent these reserve nucleus operators of category 'B' are required to perform crypto work, the period of regular monthly practice of 24 hours every month as laid down in this Ministry's letter No. P(W) 46 CP/1 dt. 21.5.46 will be reduced.

5. These orders will take effect from the date of issue.

6. The above has the approval of the Finance Directorate and issues of the Ministry of Railways with the concurrence of the

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