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**The Principal Chief Security Commissioner/RPF,
All Zonal Railways, Kolkata Metro, PUs & CORE**

**The Principal Chief Security Commissioner/RPSF,
Force Headquarter, Dayabasti, Delhi.**

Director JR RPF Academy/LKO, ZTI- KGP.

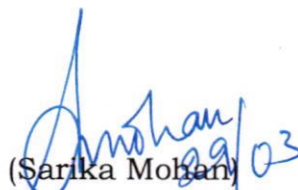
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**Sub:- Directive 60 on the subject of Transfer of the members of force
from RPSF to RPF and Vice -Versa**

Enclosed please find herewith a copy of Directive 60 regarding Transfer of the members of force from RPSF to RPF and Vice -Versa.

Necessary action may be taken accordingly.


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Directive No 60

TRANSFER OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FORCE FROM RPSF TO RPF AND VICE VERSA

As per Rule 7.5 of RPF rules 1987 (as amended from time to time), enrolled members of the Force who constitute the Railway Protection Special Force shall form a separate cadre for the purposes of fixation of seniority. Further, as per Rule 16 of the RPF rules, there shall be an executive branch in every Zonal Railway under PCSC. Rule 87 of the same rules mentions that the enrolled members of the Force shall ordinarily be employed throughout service on the zonal railway or the Railway Protection Special Force to which they are distributed on first appointment under these rules and shall have no claim as of right for transfer to another zonal railway or to the Railway Protection Special Force formations and vice versa.

1. However, there are provisions in RPF rules that guide the inter-zonal transfers in certain circumstances. Rule 91.2 mentions inter-zonal transfers of enrolled members of the force. Rule 99.1 and 99.2 provides guidelines for determination of seniority on inter-zonal transfer. Schedule II of the said rules defines the power of administrative officers wherein row 5.1 of the said schedule mentions transfer from one cadre to the other in the Rly. Protection Force.

2. RPSF is a specially trained unit within RPF to be raised as a reserve Force on the battalion pattern. The Force is mobile and is called upon to assist RPF and other railway security agencies in case of deteriorating security scenario like large scale civil strife, extensive damage and destruction of railway property, prolonged obstruction of trains due to law and order disturbances among others.

3. Life in Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF) is difficult for several reasons. Firstly, RPSF is a striking force that requires frequent movements and as per its nature of duties, RPSF Coys move from one place to another within six months. Within the period of six months they may have other movements for special duties such as Election duties, Mela Bandobast and other emergency duties etc. Hence the movement is very frequent and in many cases unpredictable. The living and working conditions in places of deployments are mostly basic and not to the desired level. They are deployed most of the time in LWE affected areas, Kashmir and North-East where they need to remain always vigilant. The deployment involves lot of risk and other hazards. They are also not allowed to keep their families with them during their company deployment. Therefore, they live away from their families for a long time which takes a toll on their physical and mental well being.

