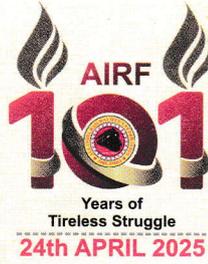


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The Chairman & CEO,
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Sub: Long pending demands of Track Maintainers of Engineering Department.

- Ref: 1. AIRF's PNM item no. PNM/26/2018, PNM item no. PNM/09/2021, PNM item no. PNM/16/2021, PNM item no. PNM/08/2022 PNM item no. PNM/11/2023 and PNM item no. PNM/ 27/2025.
2. AIRF's letter no. AIRF/Sub- Committee-294 (312)/(319) dated 17.09.2024.
3. AIRF's letter no. AIRF/78 dated 28.07.2024.
4. AIRF's letter no. AIRF/ PNM/16/2021, AIRF/ PNM/08/2022 dated 21.10.2024.
5. AIRF's letter no. AIRF/78(122) dated 30.12.2024, 24.02.2025 &28.07.2025
6. Railway Board's letter no. E(NG)/2025/PM5/3 (E-3516352) dated 12.03.2026

Dear Sir,

The All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF) once again draws your kind attention to the above-referred PNM items and our repeated correspondence regarding the long-pending demands of Track Maintainers of the Engineering Department.

Despite the lapse of considerable time and repeated representations from AIRF, it is regretted to note that the matter does not appear to have received the serious and expeditious consideration it deserves. Out of the ten issues raised by AIRF concerning the service conditions, career progression, and welfare of Track Maintainers, the Railway Board has so far furnished a reply only on Item No. 5, which too is negative, vide Board's letter dated 12.03.2026.

The following important issues raised by AIRF are still awaiting favourable consideration:

- 1. Enhancement of Lateral Induction Quota:** Increase the quota for lateral induction of Track Maintainers to other departments from 10% to at least 30%.
- 2. Opening of 10% LDCE:** The 10% LDCE quota should be opened for all eligible candidates without restrictive conditions.
- 3. Reduction of Beat Length:** Reduce the existing beat length for patrolling Track Maintainers from 16 km to 10 km, considering the arduous nature of duties and safety concerns.
- 4. Two Track Maintainers for Night Patrolling:** In the interest of safety, two Track Maintainers should be deployed for night patrolling instead of a single patrolman.

5. **Relaxation of Educational Qualification for JE:** The mandatory requirement of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry for promotion to Junior Engineer may be relaxed, with suitable in-service training provided to the selected employees.
6. **Opportunities for Women Track Maintainers:** Women Track Maintainers should be provided opportunities for side-channel promotions to posts such as TC, CC, Pointsman, ASM, etc.
7. **Extension of Career Opportunities:** The opportunities earlier available to the Safaiwala category in Commercial, Operating and Stores Departments may be extended to Track Maintainers through suitable amendments in the AVC.
8. **Provision of Shelters at Worksites:** Adequate shelters should be provided at workplaces for rest and meals, particularly in remote and exposed locations.
9. **Enhancement of Risk & Hardship Allowance:** The allowance should be substantially enhanced for Track Maintainers, TRD staff and other field staff working in hazardous conditions.
10. **Grant of Grade Pay ₹4200:** Considering their role as a frontline safety category, Track Maintainers deserve financial upgradation with Grade Pay ₹4200.

Track Maintainers constitute one of the most crucial safety categories of Indian Railways and play a pivotal role in ensuring the integrity of railway tracks and safe train operations. However, the continued delay in addressing their genuine demands has adversely affected their morale, career prospects and working conditions.

AIRF has been consistently pursuing these issues for several years through the PNM forum and separate representations, yet the matter unfortunately remains unresolved. Such prolonged delay in addressing these legitimate concerns is neither desirable nor conducive to maintaining the confidence and motivation of this vital workforce.

In view of the above, AIRF once again earnestly requests your personal intervention to ensure that these long-pending demands are examined sympathetically and resolved at the earliest in a just and time-bound manner. A favourable decision will not only address the legitimate grievances of thousands of Track Maintainers but will also significantly contribute to strengthening railway safety and operational efficiency.

An early and positive response from the Railway Board will be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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General Secretary

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