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To,

All Heads of Circles,

Subject: Cadre Restructuring of Group 'C' employees in Department of Posts.

Sir/Madam,

The Cadre Restructuring Order of Group 'C' employees was issued vide this office letter of even number dated 27.05.2016. Later on, some Circles requested for further clarification, which were issued vide this office letter of even number dated 11.11.2016. However, Circles still faced with problems while implementing the orders.

2. Issues like norms for allotment of number of LSG posts, instructions for identification of surplus LSG posts other than C and B class POs, identification of HSG-I (NFG) posts, divisionalisation of LSG Cadre, relaxation of minimum qualifying service for promotion to HSG-II and HSG-I and date of effect of the orders etc. needed further clarification.

3. Therefore, on representation of various Staff Unions to the Secretary (Posts) regarding the issues arising out of implementation of Cadre Restructuring, a Committee was constituted vide Office Order of even number dated 09.06.2017, under the Chairmanship of Sh. Charles Lobo, CPMG Karnataka Circle and DDG (Estt.), PMG (M&BD), Chennai and PMG, Pune Region as its members to examine all such issues. The Committee after thorough consultation, including one with the staff representatives, submitted its report on 22.09.2017.

4. The recommendations of the Committee, as accepted by the Competent Authority, are as under:-

4.1 Uniform Guidelines for identifying the surplus LSG posts other than Single Handed and Double Handed (C and B Class) Post Offices:

- (i) Treasurer posts should not be identified for upgradation as Treasurer posts are PA posts with special cash handling allowance.
- (ii) The posts of System Administrator, Marketing Executive, DO (PLI) etc. are not cadre specific posts. Therefore, any suitable official can be deployed against these posts.
- (iii) As per the Recruitment Rules, the PAs of Foreign Posts are recruited separately and trained for Foreign Post. But on promotion to LSG they are transferable to other LSG posts on postal side and vice versa. Hence extending the benefit of cadre restructuring to officials of Foreign Post in LSG and above cadres is in

order as far as foreign post is concerned. Only Mumbai Foreign Post is treated as separate Foreign Post unit.

- (iv) The present cadre restructuring order is not applicable to RLO. Hence RLO staff should not be included in cadre restructuring.
- (v) After upgrading C and B class SPM posts to LSG remaining LSG posts allotted to the Circle can be utilized as per functional requirement. The officials occupying these restructured LSG posts will have either or both supervisory and operative responsibilities as per allocation of work by competent authority.
- (vi) The SPMs posts of C and B class post offices are upgraded to LSG without following the LSG norm of 5:1. Therefore, it is not practicable to prescribe the norm for other restructured LSG posts. Number of posts to be created in each office will be as per functional requirement.
- (vii) Accountants are Postal Assistants only who have passed the PO & RMS Accountants examination. They are eligible for promotion as per Recruitment Rules. Norm based LSG accountants posts can be upgraded to HSG II within the number of posts allotted to the circle.
- (viii) The post of Accountant in Divisional Office can be upgraded to LSG. If there is more than one post of Accountant in HPOs, some may be upgraded to LSG while leaving some others for time scale Accountants.
- (ix) More Posts may be identified in bigger offices like HPOs and MDGs. It is not possible to specify the number of posts as the staff strength and functional requirements vary from office to office. Thereafter PM Grade-III/HSG I pre restructured HPOs may be given preference for creation of posts. PM Grade II/HSG II HPOs, PM Grade III/HSG I MDG, PM Grade II/ HSG II SO/MDG, (all pre restructured) may be preferred for creation of posts in that order based on functional requirement. Circles should ensure that the posts are not disproportionately concentrated in a few offices/cities.
- (x) In charge CPC, Foreign post (except Mumbai Foreign Post), PSD and CSD or other offices can be considered for upgradation of posts to LSG.
- (xi) If Circles are left with surplus LSG posts, then limited number of posts in Divisional Office and important delivery offices may be identified for upgradation.
- (xii) All the posts of SPMs in B and C class offices should be upgraded to LSG and all LSG norm based and A class offices should be upgraded to HSG II as a result of the implementation of the orders.

4.2 Identification of NFG posts in HSG I: Only 10 percent of HSG I posts i.e. 235 posts have been approved for NFG scale. Therefore it is not possible to promote all HSG I officials who are completing 2 years of service in HSG I. Although there is need to identify these posts for promotion from HSG I, in order to avoid inconvenience to staff in the initial stage and purely as a temporary measure, the officials can be given NFG on the basis of seniority wherever they are posted in HSG I by upgrading the HSG I post to NFG and simultaneously downgrading the NFG position to HSG-I elsewhere. In due course of time the posts need to be identified.