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Dear Sir,

**Sub: Recognition of Diploma Certificate offered by the IGNOU for the purpose of employment in the Railways**

**Ref: Railway Board's letter No.RBE 230/1990**

It has been brought to the notice of AIRF by one of our affiliates in CLW that the Diploma Certificate offered by the Indira Gandhi National Open University and Distance Education Course through Distance Education Mode in Mechanical Engineering and other Engineering Courses are not been recognized for the purpose of recruitments etc. in the Railways.

In this connection, Railway Board's letter under reference may please be referred to, vide which instructions have been issued on the above subject, clarifying that the Diploma/Degree in Engineering obtained through Distance Education Mode except AMIETE, New Delhi is not to be accepted for the purpose of employment in the Railways.

It is pertinent to point out here that the IGNOU also offers Diploma Courses through Distance Education Mode on the same pattern as is done by AMIETE, New Delhi and further IGNOU is a Central University established by the Government of India by enactment of Act No.50 of 1985 in the Parliament in the year 1985, as such not recognizing the Diploma offered by the IGNOU is discriminatory and unjustified too.

The Board are, therefore, requested to issue necessary clarification regarding recognition of Diploma/Degree Courses offered by the IGNOU though Distance Education Mode, so that the candidates in possession of the said Diploma/Degree are also permitted to apply for employment in Railways or for the purpose of promotion etc.

An early action in the matter is solicited.

Yours faithfully,

**(Shiva Gopal Mishra)**  
**General Secretary**

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