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Dated: September 29, 2014

The Secretary,  
Railway Board,  
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Swachh Bharat Mission- Taking of "Swachhata Shapath"**  
**Ref.: Board's letter No.2014/G/SBM dated 29.09.2014**

We are surprised with the circular issued from your office, wherein you have mentioned that all the administrative offices will be remained open on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014, for taking "Swachhata Shapath".

Though we fully support Swachh Bharat Mission, but we disagree with this circular because 2<sup>nd</sup> October is a National Holiday and many of the staff have already planned along with their children for outing. Moreover, Ashtami and Navmi are on 2<sup>nd</sup> October when many people go to perform "Pooja" and forcing the staff to attend the Shapath on 2<sup>nd</sup> October will be against the religious sentiments.

It is pertinent to mention here that, in Bengal everybody knows that nowadays it is festive season and lots of people are against these orders of the Ministry of Railways and Government of India.

I do hope, you will issue an amendment to this letter, making it the said Shapath Voluntary, so that the employees who are not in a position to attend the same are not forced to do so, otherwise it will be detrimental to noble cause, for which Hon'ble Prime Minister has sponsored this mission.

Yours faithfully,

(Shiva Gopal Mishra)  
General Secretary