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**PAKISTAN RAILWAYS  
HEADQUARTERS OFFICE  
LAHORE**

Dated: - 14.03.2019

**NOTIFICATION**

No. OS/Misc/Coord/Notification/2019. A copy of Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) Islamabad's Notification No. 13(2)PL-2019 dated 11.03.2019 is reproduced below for information and necessary action please:-

**DA/As below**

  
**(Sarfraz Qamar Daha)**  
Dy: CPO/Coord  
for Chief Personnel Officer

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(RAILWAY BOARD)

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No. 13(2)PL-2019

Islamabad, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, 2017

The CEO/Sr. General Manager,  
Pakistan Railways,  
Headquarters Office,  
Lahore.

Sub:- **ESTABLISHMENT OF RAILWAY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AT PAKISTAN RAILWAYS HEADQUARTERS OFFICE, LAHORE.**

In pursuance the Minutes of the meeting chaired by the Federal Minister for Railways dated 02.02.2019, the competent authority (Secretary/Chairman Railways) has been pleased to constitute a Research and Development Cell at PR Headquarters Office Lahore, headed by Mr. Iftikhar Hussain (BS-19), Locomotive & Rolling Stock Specialist/PIU/CPEC with the mandate of carry out research on day to day needs and future planning of Pakistan Railways with a team of following officers.

- (i) Mr. Tariq Anwar Sipra (BS-19), Deputy Chief Marketing Manager.
- (ii) Fiaz Ahmad Khan (BS-19), Joint Director/Traffic, Walton.
- (iii) Mr. Usman Abdullah (BS-18), TSO/LHR.
- (iv) Mr. Fateh Muhammad Janwary (BS-18), Sr. Marketing Manager.
- (v) Mr. Muhammad Ismail (BS-18), Works Manager/Carriage.
- (vi) Mr. Ahsan Zameer (BS-18), SME/DS, HQ.
- (vii) Mr. Javed Aslam (BS-17), Assistant Telecom Engineer/Faisalabad.
- (viii) Mr. Taimoor Asghar (BS-17), Assistant Works Manager/Carriage Shop MGPR.

2. The Railway Research & Development Cell will work under direct supervision of the Chief Executive Officer/Sr. General Manager and officers will carry out the research work while holding their existing positions/postings or postings or portfolios. The R&D Cell shall preferably hold a meeting at least once a week, to hold brain storming sessions, and share their focused research, inputs on different topics/issues assigned to them by the CEO/Sr. General Manager and the Ministry of Railways from time to time. Research work and input by various team members should bear the name of the researcher/officer to assess his valuable input. Final report on a specific subject/issue along with recommendations will be examined by the CEO/Sr. G.M and will be forwarded with practical & workable solutions/recommendations to Ministry of Railways for consideration and taking appropriate decision for improvement in the Railway organization. Objectives of creating R&D Cell in PR Headquarters Office are enclosed as Annex-A.

**DA/Annex-A**

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**Objectives & Mandate of Pakistan Railways' R&D Cell.**

Research and Development (R&D) Cell of Pakistan Railways is supposed to functions as the technical advisory body to the CEO/Sr. General Manager and the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board), Divisional Superintendents, and head of Railway Companies. The aims and objectives for setting up the R&D Cell are to help the Railways administration to providing new and efficient ideas and innovative and workable solutions to the challenges faced by the organization in various fields. Pakistan Railways' R&D Cell will provide help in following field by applying its collective knowledge, experience, research and creativity based on world's best practices in developed railways, for the benefit of this organization in areas, not limited to following;

1. Development of new and improved designs of systems and equipment.
2. Development, adoption and absorption of new technology for use on PR.
3. Development of overall system standards.
4. Development of specifications for equipment, components, materials and machinery.
5. Upgrading the capacity of PR's repair/maintenance, overhauling and production units with respect to men, material, machinery/equipment and testing etc.
6. Recommending improvement of specifications of material, equipment, machinery, rolling stock, track structures, Signaling & Communication systems, etc. in order to meet future requirements suited to out conditions and future needs.
7. Assistance in technical investigations where required.
8. To identify potential projects for future to strengthen and uplift Railway transport system and net-work in the country and through regional connectivity.
9. Undertake research in the enhancing passenger and freight business for Railways.
10. Enhancing capacity of Officers, supervisors and technicians in the field of Infrastructure, Mechanical engineering, Transportation, Commercial, freight terminal handling fields/departments, and enhancing inter departmental coordination.
11. Explore possibilities and avenues to establishing meaningful and successful business partnerships with the private industry with Railway organizations/components in the field of business, repair/maintenance and production units for improved efficiency, better facilitation, improved quality of service, enhancing revenues and cutting costs.
12. Human resource development, and Quality Assurance.