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Secretary General

No. FNPO/Accountants line posts/Merger/2025

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To
The Secretary Posts,
Dak Bhawan
New Delhi - 110001

Respected Sir,

Subject: Restoration and continuation of Accounts Line as a separate line/cadre for PO & RMS Accountants – reg.

Ref: Directorate Memo No. X-8/4/2021-SPN-II-DOP dated 11.02.2025.

My Federation submit our strong objection to the decision/instructions which have the effect of treating the **Accounts Line and General Line as interchangeable** and reducing the specialised Accounts Line posts to ordinary tenure/posting arrangements.

The Accounts Line has a **distinct statutory and functional identity** in the Department of Posts. PO & RMS Accountants are required to qualify the prescribed **Departmental PO & RMS Accountant Examination** and discharge specialised financial, accounting, reconciliation, verification, audit and DDO-related responsibilities. The attached representation also highlights that these duties, qualifications and responsibilities are fundamentally different from those of Postal Assistants in the General Line.

The Accounts Line has also been governed by **separate Recruitment Rules and an established system of qualification and promotion**. Therefore, treating the two streams as interchangeable, without corresponding amendment of the statutory framework, creates serious anomalies and undermines the very purpose of the specialised Accountant Examination.

FNPO therefore requests that the **Accounts Line should continue as a separate and independent line/cadre**, with its specialised character fully protected.

In particular, the Federation requests that:

1. **The existing Accounts Line may be continued and retained as a separate line/cadre, distinct from the General Line.**
2. **Officials who have already qualified the PO & RMS Accountant Examination and are working in the Accounts Line may not be deprived of their existing promotional channel.**
3. **All officials already due for promotion to LSG/HSG in the Accounts Line may be permitted to receive their due promotions** under the existing applicable provisions.
4. **The issue of HSG-I promotion may be resolved separately by considering the qualifying service rendered in both General Line and Accounts Line HSG-II, wherever the existing HSG-I Recruitment Rules do not prescribe a separate distinction between the two streams.**

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5. A **comparative work study** of Accountants and Postal Assistants may be undertaken to objectively assess their duties, specialised qualifications, workload, financial responsibilities and accountability.
 6. A **High-Level Committee** may be constituted to examine the Accounts Line structure, Recruitment Rules, promotional avenues, specialised qualification and appropriate financial/career recognition of PO & RMS Accountants.
 7. The longstanding demand for appropriate **pay/financial recognition of PO & RMS Accountants** may also be examined, particularly in view of their specialised departmental qualification and responsibilities.

FNPO further submits that any dilution or merger of the Accounts Line without consultation with the recognised Staff Federations and without a comprehensive examination of the existing statutory framework, Recruitment Rules, qualification requirements and functional responsibilities would adversely affect the **specialised character and efficiency of Departmental Accounts administration**.

The attached representation itself emphasises that Accountants are not merely performing ordinary clerical duties and seeks creation of a separate and independent Accountant Cadre with appropriate career progression and recognition.

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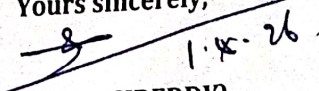
In view of the above, FNPO earnestly requests the kind intervention of the Secretary, Department of Posts, to **keep the effect of Directorate Memo dated 11.02.2025 in respect of merger/interchangeability of Accounts Line with General Line in abeyance and restore/continue the Accounts Line as a separate and distinct line/cadre**, pending a comprehensive review in consultation with the recognised Staff Federations.

It is further requested that **no existing promotional rights of qualified Accounts Line officials may be disturbed**, and all due promotions may be processed under the existing framework until a final decision is taken.

An early favourable decision will protect the specialised nature of Departmental Accounts work and ensure proper utilisation, recognition and career progression of qualified PO & RMS Accountants and to grant higher scales on par with accountants in PAOs and other Central Govt. establishments.

Thanking you Madam,

Yours sincerely,


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Secretary General

Copy to: The Member(Personal), Dak Bhawan, New Delhi for information and to take suitable immediate necessary action.