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Private Staff

Passes for Wives of Non European Officials

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Makes petition that some treatment
be made as to passes for wives of
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The grant of War Bonus is under par... to alleviate the
 cost of living, and the increase in house-rent to meet
 the conditions prevalent in this country
 not be hired for less than Rs. 25 p.m. The
 increase in rents of houses has not specially affected the
 European Staff as it has the Asiatic Staff who, for miserable
 accommodations have been charged exorbitant rents.

It is therefore unfair to argue because the War Bonus
 has been granted to meet the local
 increase in passengers, which is a
 fact to be considered. As it
 is because a person is fed and
 his existence, so it is
 of the argument regarding
 differential of passengers
 of houses
 actually no person
 Asiatic Staff of the
 Railway a policy of
 having deprived the
 for a number of years, it
 with any other light but fair pier the

estimate grant of house allowance to them. Moreover the
 increase in house allowance now granted does not
 employees who have been housed by the Govern

6. Another point which we would like to
 Your Excellency is that while the European
 salary on leave, the Asiatic Staff of the
 Service is up to the present grant of hal
 we submit that there is more rea
 to the Asiatic Staff to
 measures.

of the War Bonus drawn by the Europeans

in the Asiatic Staff the following schedule is appended:-

Salaries per annum	European		Asiatic	
	Annual Rate of War Bonus	Annual Rate of War Bonus	Annual Rate of War Bonus	Annual Rate of War Bonus
Up to £199	£70	£30 to £18	1	to 0.25 to 0.28
from £200 to £249	£65	£17 to £16	1	to 0.25 to 0.31
Salaries above				
£199	£120	£40 to £29	1	to 0.33 to 0.38
£250 to £299	£115	£37 to £26	1	to 0.32 to 0.38

Note. The house allowance in case of Europeans and Non-Europeans has not been shown as this is towards an specific item.

Anyone who studies the above table with unprejudiced mind will realize the vast disparity which exists between the War Bonus granted to the Europeans and the Asiatics, and yet to deny any assistance towards the latter's wives and children's passages, is not at all warranted by facts and therefore totally unjustifiable.

6. Due to the high cost of living and the great difficulty experienced in obtaining passages from the shipping company, the majority of the Asiatic Staff had to leave their families in India. The difference in passages between the pre-war rate at the present rate between Bombay and Hongkong is from Rs.120 to Rs.90 on a second class single ticket and that of back from Rs.50 to Rs.40. The concession in question would therefore be a heavy item of expenditure to the Government while its withholding has caused considerable dissatisfaction both amongst the Protectorate and the Ganga Railway Asiatic Staff.