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स्थापना क्रमांक/Estt. Srl. No. 93/2022 **RBE No-69/2022**
पूतरे/कार्मिक/आर/ECoR/Pers/R/Pension **Date: 17.06.2022**

सेवा मे,
सभी प्रमुख विभागाध्यक्षों/समन्वयक विभागाध्यक्षों, पूतरे/भुवनेश्वर
मं.रे.प्र/ब.मं.का.अधिकरी/मं.का.अधिकारी-खोरधा रोड, बालतेरू, संबलपुर,
मु.कारखाना प्रबंधक/कारखाना कार्मिक अधिकारी- मंचेश्वर, अतिरिक्त रजिस्ट्रार/रेल दावा अधिकरण,
उ.मु.का अधिकारी(नि.)/भुवनेश्वर
महासचिव/इकोर श्र. कां., महासचिव/इकोर श्र. यू.,
महासचिव/एआईओबीसीआरईए, महासचिव/ एआईएससीएसटीआरईए

Sub: Clarification on Coverage under Old Pension Ssheme (OPS) in terms of Railway Board's letter dated-03.03.2020-regarding.

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उपर्युक्त विषय पर रेलवे बोर्ड पत्र सं. D-43/12/2018-F(E)III दिनांक 10.06.2022 की प्रतिलिपि सूचना, मार्गदर्शन एवं आवश्यक कार्रवाई हेतु अग्रेषित है।

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. D-43/12/2018-F(E)III dated 10.06.2022 on the above quoted subject is forwarded herewith for information, guidance and necessary action.

17.06.22

Encl: As above,

(Prakhar Gupta)
Dy. Chief Personnel Officer (HQ)
***For* Principal Chief Personnel Officer.**

प्रतिलिपिप्रेषित/Copy to :
1) महाप्रबंधक के सचिव/पूर्व तट रेलवे, भुवनेश्वर
2) उप म.प्र., प्र.मुकाधि/मुकाधि(प्रशा.),
3) अध्यक्ष(रेलवे भर्ती प्रकोष्ठ), उप मुख्य प्रबंधक(सू.प्रौ),
4) मुकाधि के निजी सचिव/सहा.कार्मिक अधि.(II/बिल),

R.B.E. No. 69/2022

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (भारत सरकार)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेल मंत्रालय)
RAILWAY BOARD (रेलवे बोर्ड)

No. D-43/12/2018-F(E)III **New Delhi, dated: 10 .06.2022.**

The General Managers/Principal Financial Advisors,
All Zonal Railways/Production Units etc.,
DGs of RDSO and NAIR.

Sub:- Clarification on coverage under Old Pension Scheme(OPS) in terms of Railway Board's letter dated 03.03.2020 - regarding.

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Please refer to Board's letter of even number dated 03.03.2020 circulating DOP&PW's O.M. No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 17.02.2020 vide which instructions have been issued for coverage of those railway servants under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 in whose case selection for appointment was finalized before 01.01.2004 against the vacancies occurring before 01.01.2004, but who joined railway service on or after 01.01.2004.

Attention is also invited towards Board's letter of even number dated 30.09.2020 wherein it has been clarified that if a railway servant, who was otherwise eligible to exercise option in terms of Board's instructions dated 03.03.2020, has already died, the option exercised by the member of the family, who is eligible to receive NPS benefits on death of the Railway servant in accordance with PFRDA (Exits and Withdrawal under NPS) Regulations, may be accepted and processed in accordance with the instructions contained in Board's letter of even number dated 03.03.2020.

2. Some of the Zonal Railways had sought clarification regarding the applicability of the Board's instructions dated 03.03.2020 in the following circumstances:-

(a) Employees who have given option for coverage under Old Pension Scheme (OPS) in place of National Pension System (NPS); however, they retired before the approval of the competent authority.

(b) Employees, who after retirement, have given option for coverage under OPS to NPS and they are found to be eligible for coverage under OPS.

3. The issue has been examined in consultation with Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DOP&PW) and it is clarified that there is no restriction on applicability of Board's letter of even number dated 03.03.2020 to the employees who are otherwise eligible for the coverage under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 in terms of these instructions and who retired from service before the issue of this letter. In case, an employee has already availed benefits under National Pension System (NPS) on his retirement from service, the Government contribution and returns thereon under the NPS would require to be refunded along with applicable interest by the Railway servant in order to avail the benefit of Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993, in case he is found eligible for coverage under these Rules in terms of Board's letter dated 03.03.2020.

4. This disposes of the issues raised by WCR and NCR vide their letters no:. WCR/HQ/A/Cs/Pension Settlement/Misc. dated 18.01.2022 and 797-E/Estt./NG/Cadre/Misc/18-20 dated, 22.12.2021, respectively.

(Sanjay Prashar)
Deputy Director, Finance (Estt.)III,
Railway Board.

D.A.: As above

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No. D-43/12/2018-F(E)III **New Delhi, dated: 10 .06.2022**

Copy to Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Railways), Room No.222, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.

For Member Finance, Railway Board

No. D-43/12/2018-F(E)III **New Delhi, dated: 10.06.2022**

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1. The General Secretary, NFIR, Room No. 256-E, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The General Secretary, AIRF, Room No. 253, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Members of the National Council, Departmental Council and Secretary Staff Side, National Council, 13-C, Feroz Shah Road, New Delhi.
4. The Secretary General, FROA, Room No. 256-A, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. The Secretary General, IRPOF, Room No. 268, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. The Secretary, RBSS, Group 'A' Officers Association, Rail Bhawan.
7. The Secretary, RBSS, Group 'B' Officers Association.
8. The General Secretary, RBSSSA, Room No. 372, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. The Secretary, Railway Board Ministerial Staff Association.
10. The Secretary, Railway Board Class IV staff Association.
11. The General Secretary, All India SC/ST Railway Employees Association, Room No. 7, Ground Floor, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi
12. The General Secretary, All India O.B.C. Railway Employees Federation (AIOBCREF), Room No.48, Rail Bhawan.

For Secretary, Railway Board.

No. D-43/12/2018-F(E)III **New Delhi, dated: 10.06.2022**

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PSOs/Sr.PPSs/PPSs to CRB, MF, M/O&BD, M/Infra, M/TRS.

DG(RHS), DG/Safety, DG(RPF), DG/HR.

All Addl. Members, PEDs, EDs, JSs, Dir.(Dep.)

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