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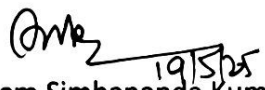
Date: 19.05.2025

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DRMs/CWM/CAO & CPM,
East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar.

**Sub: Introduction of Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) as on option under the
National Pension Scheme (NPS) w.e.f. 01.04.2025.**

A copy of this office Letter No. ECoR/Pers/R/4/2024/NPS to UPS, dated 19.05.2025 & 19.05.2025 on the above quoted subject is forwarded herewith for information, guidance and necessary action.

Encl: As above,


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Dated: 19.05.2025

To
 ALL PHODs/CHODs,
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 East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Introduction of Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) as an option under the National Pension System(NPS) w.e.f. 01.04.2025.

Ref: (i) Railway Board's letter No. F(E)III/2025/UPS/1, dated 18.03.2025(RBE No. 22/2025) circulated under this office Estt. Srl. No. 44/2025, dated 24.03.2025.

(ii) Railway Board's letter No. F(E)III/2025/UPS/1, dated 28.03.2025(RBE No. 25/2025) circulated under this office Estt. Srl. No. 52/2025, dated 01.04.2025.

(iii) Railway Board's letter No. 2025/AC-II/21/9-Part(2)/e-3493218, dated 30.03.2025 (RBA No. 10/2025) circulated under this office Estt. Srl. No. 62/2025, dated 17.04.2025.

In terms of RBE No. 22/2025 as quoted under reference (i), the existing Railway Employees under National Pension System (NPS) as on 01.04.2025 i.e. the effective date of operationalisation of the Unified Pension Scheme, as well as the future employees can choose to either take the Unified Pension Scheme option under the National Pension System or continue with the National Pension System without the Unified Pension Scheme option. In case an employee chooses the Unified Pension Scheme option, all its stipulations and conditions shall be deemed to have been opted for and such option once exercised, shall be final. This cannot be changed at any circumstances.

Accordingly, existing employees as on 01.04.2025, who are covered under the National Pension System, if they wish to be covered under and switch over to **Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)** may exercise their option in **the prescribed Form A-2 in 02 (Two) sets of hard copy** along with the supporting documents duly signed by him/her and countersigned by his/her controlling officer. The option forms of the eligible & willing staff received by the concerned Department in the prescribed format should be sent in a consolidated list to the respective Drawing & Disbursing Officer (DDO) of the concerned Unit/Division/HQs **on or before 30.06.2025**, where their regular salary are being prepared and service records are being maintained. Also, the railway NPS subscribers as mentioned in Para-1 can submit their option through **eNPS Portal** <http://www.npscra.nsdl.co.in/ups.php>.

Options received after 30.06.2025 will not be entertained for switching over to UPS. Also, the unsigned/unfilled/illegible etc. option forms received by Drawing & Disbursing Officer (DDO) of the concerned Unit/Division/HQs shall not be considered. This may be strictly adhered to. Further, the eligible staff who do not exercise their option within the stipulated date will continue to be covered under the National Pension System. The details of the forms are as under:

(A) In the case of existing Railway employees				
S.No.	Category of NPS Employee/Subscriber	Conditions to apply	Stipulated forms to submit	Timeline to exercise UPS option
1	An existing Railway Servant in service as on 1 st April-2025, who is covered under NPS and working at ECoR/HQ/BBS	Whose regular salary are being prepared and service records are being maintained under PCPO/ECoR/BBS only	A-2	Within 30.06.2025

2	An existing Railway Servant in service as on 1 st April-2025, who is covered under NPS and working at CRW/MCS, KUR, WAT & SBP Division	Whose regular salary are being prepared and service records are being maintained under APO/DPO/Sr DPO of the concerned Unit/Division	A-2	Within 30.06.2025
(B) In the case of New joining Railway employees				
1	New Employees joining in Railway services on or after 1st day of April'2025	Same as above	A-1	Within 30 days of joining

In the case of retirement/death of the NPS Subscriber: If willing to claim Payout for UPS benefits, the retired employee/the spouse of the deceased may submit the option in the prescribed form to the respective Drawing & Disbursing Officer (DDO) of the concerned Unit/Division/HQs on or before 30.06.2025 positively, failing which the options received after 30.06.2025 shall not be entertained. The descriptions of the forms are as under.

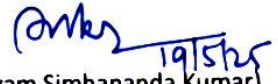
(C) For claiming UPS benefits in the case of Superannuated/Retired, Voluntary retired or has retired under Fundamental rules 56(j) on or before 31st March 2025 or the legal wedded spouse in case of subscriber who has superannuated or retired and has demised prior to exercising the option to UPS				
S.No.	Category of NPS Employee/Subsriber	Conditions to apply	Stipulated forms to submit	Timeline to exercise UPS option
1	Who superannuated or retired on or after 1st April 2025	Whose regular salary are being prepared and service records are being maintained under PCPO/ECOR/BBS or under Sr DPO/DPO/ KUR, SBP, WAT and under APO/CRW/MCS, as the case may be	B1	Within 30.06.2025
2	Who superannuated or retired on or before 1st April 2025	Same as above	B2	Within 30.06.2025
(D) Claim and Payout form for UPS benefits by Spouse in the case of Death of the NPS Railway Subscriber				
S.No.	Category of NPS Employee/Subsriber	Conditions to apply	Stipulated forms to submit	Timeline to exercise UPS option
1	Spouse of the deceased subscriber who superannuated or retired on or after 1st April 2025 and eligible for UPS benefits and subscriber had already availed benefits under UPS	Same as above	B3	Within 30.06.2025
2	Spouse of the deceased subscriber who superannuated or retired on or before 31st March 2025 and eligible for UPS benefits and subscriber had already availed benefits under UPS	Same as above	B4	Within 30.06.2025

3	Spouse of the deceased subscriber who superannuated or retired on or after 1st April 2025 and eligible for UPS benefits and subscriber had not availed benefits under UPS	Same as above	B5	Within 30.06.2025
4	Spouse of the deceased subscriber who superannuated or retired on or before 31st March 2025 and eligible for UPS benefits and subscriber had not availed benefits under UPS	Same as above	B6	Within 30.06.2025

The above **ONE TIME OPTION** invited from eligible and willing employees under the National Pension System (NPS) for their switch over to Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) should be given wide publicity among the NPS employees working in all units/sub-ordinate offices under your control and it may be ensured that no eligible staff are left uninformed to avail this opportunity.

The above option forms can be downloaded from the website of the Protean CRA at, www.npscra.nsdl.co.in/ups.php to apply.

Encl: The option form in A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5 & B-62 are enclosed.


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Ref: This office letter No. ECoR/Pers/R/4/2024/NPS to UPS/I dated 19.05.2025.

In continuation to this office letter under reference, it has been decided by the competent authority that for effective operationalisation of the Unified Pension Scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2025 in ECoR, the following course of action shall be strictly adhered to :

1. As per Railway Board's guidelines in RBE No. 22/2025 and RBE No. 25/2025, Awareness Campaign on Unified Pension Scheme should be organized at ECoR/HQs/BBS as well as in Divisions - KUR, SBP & WAT and at CRW/MCS by the Welfare Section of the concerned Unit/Division/HQ.
2. All the existing Railway employees as on 01.04.2025 working in all Unit/Division/HQs, should be informed about the opportunity given to them to exercise their **ONE TIME OPTION** in the prescribed Form A-2, provided in RBE No. 25/2025 to avail the benefit of **Assured Payout** on superannuation after qualifying service period of 10 years, retired under the provision of FR -56(J) which is not a penalty under D&AR and on Voluntary Retirement after a minimum qualifying service period of 25 years, if they opted for switching over from National Pension System (NPS) to Unified Pension Scheme.
3. For effective operationalisation of the Unified Pension Scheme in ECoR, it has been decided that the Sectional Ch.S&WI/S&WI has to collect options from all the existing employees working in the Unit/Division/HQs in the prescribed A-2 Form **on or before 30.06.2025**, so as to ensure the number of eligible and willing staff opted for UPS from the present NPS and number of staff not opted for UPS.
4. All the eligible & willing employees, who are presently covered under National Pension System and have opted to avail the benefits under Unified Pension Scheme **should be registered with a unique number for identification by the concerned Welfare Section of the Unit/Division/HQ for the purpose of UPS.**
5. Eligible & willing employees, may exercise their option/willingness for the UPS in the prescribed Form A-2 in 02 sets of hard copy along with the supporting documents duly signed by him/her and countersigned by his/her Controlling Officer of the Unit/Division/HQ. The options so received by the concerned Department in the prescribed format should be sent in a consolidated list **on or before 30.06.2025** for **REGISTRATION** to the respective Drawing & Disbursing Officer of the Unit/Division/HQ, where their regular salary is prepared and SRs are maintained. Also, the existing NPS subscribers may submit their option through eNPS Portal <http://www.npscra.nsdl.co.in/ups.php>.

6. The existing NPS employees who do not exercise option within the target date i.e. on or before 30.06.2025 for switching over to UPS w.e.f. 01.04.2025, it shall be assumed that they are willing to continue with the National Pension System without the Unified Pension Scheme option.
7. Option for Unified Pension Scheme is not applicable in case of employees who shall be terminated from service on removal, dismissal under disciplinary action as a measure of penalty or on resignation of the employees. Therefore, no option should be collected from them.
8. However, during the Awareness Campaign, it should be made clear to them, once option is exercised to switch over from the existing NPS to UPS, it shall be final and it cannot be changed under any circumstances.
9. The date of effect of operationalisation of the Unified Pension Scheme is 01.04.2025. Last date for submission of Option to HOD/Drawing & Disbursing Officer is 30.06.2025. Option/willingness received beyond 30.06.2025 by the HOD/DDO will not be entertained. Besides, if it is felt necessary, a Special Cell may be formed at the respective Unit/Division/HQ for effective operationalisation of the UPS in ECoR.
10. About the ONE TIME OPTION, steps should also be taken by Railway Administration to publish the same in prominent local Daily News Papers in the prevalent vernacular languages.

The above **ONE TIME OPTION** invited from eligible and willing employees under the National Pension System (NPS) for their switch over to Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) should be given wide publicity among the NPS employees working in all Units/Divisions/HQs and it should be ensured that no eligible staff are left uninformed to avail this opportunity.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Encl: The option form in A-2 is enclosed.


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