East Central Railway
(Construction Organisation)

Office of the
Chief Administrative Officer
ECR/Con/MHX, Patna

No. E/NPS/Option to switch over to OPS/2023 Dated- 21.03.2023

To
All the Concerned,
East Central Railway
Construction Organisation
Mahendrughat, Patna

Sub:- Coverage under Railways Service (Pension) Rules-1993, in place of national Pension System of those Railway Employee who were recruited against the post/vacancies advertised /notified for recruitment, on or 22.12.2003.

Ref:-(1) महाप्रबंधक(कार्मिक)/पूमरे/हाजीपुर का पत्र सं. ECR-HQ0PERS(RULE)/9/2023 Com. No. 207408 dt. 16.03.2023 (PCPO's Sl. No. 39/2023)

(2) Railway Board L. No. – D-43/12/2018-F(E)III Dated – 10.03.2023(RBE No.- 41/2023)

महाप्रबंधक(कार्मिक)/पूमरे/हाजीपुर का पत्र सं. ECR-HQ0PERS(RULE)/9/2023 Com. No. 207408 dt. 16.03.2023 (PCPO's Sl. No. 39/2023) और रेलवे बोर्ड के पत्र संख्या RBE No. 41/2023 दिनांक–10.03.2023 के अनुपालन और मार्गदर्शन के लिये परिचालित की गयी है।

रेलवे बोर्ड ने उन सभी एन. पी. एस. कर्मचारियों को एक बार विकल्प दिया है जिनकी नियुक्ति के लिये अधिसूचना 22.12.2003 के पहले जारी की गई थी, परंतु नियुक्ति/नियुक्ति संबंधित प्रकिया के तहत उन्हें सेवा में 01.01.2004 के बाद शामिल किया गया है, उन्हें अब राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली से रेलवे सेवा (पेंशन) नियम 1993(Old Pension System) में शामिल किया गया है।

सीसीएस (पेंशन) नियम 1972 (अब 2021) के तहत कवर होने के लिए एक बार विकल्प दिया जा सकता है। रेलवे बोर्ड के संदर्भित पत्र के अनुसार विकल्प आवेदन जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 31.08.2023 निर्धारित की गई है, परंतु कर्मचारियों से अनुरोध है कि इस विकल्प का प्रयोग पत्र जारी होने की तिथि से एक माह के भीतर निर्माण संगठन महन्दूघाट के कार्मिक विभाग में किया जाना चाहिये, ताकि इस सुविधा का लाभ यथाशिघ्र पात्र कर्मचारियों को प्रदान किया जा सके।

जो सरकारी कर्मचारी विकल्प का प्रयोग करने के पात्र हैं, लेकिन निर्धारित तिथि तक इस विकल्प का प्रयोग नहीं करते हैं, वे राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली (NPS) द्वारा कवर किये जाते रहेंगें। बाद में उनके आवेदन पर कोई विचार नहीं किया जायेगा।

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इसलिए, सभी शाखा अधिकारियों से अनुरोध है कि वे इन निर्देशों का व्यापक प्रचार – प्रसार पत्र, एस.एम.एस. और संचार के अन्य साधनों के माध्यम से निर्माण संगठन महेन्द्रूघाट के अधीनस्थ कार्यालयों में किया जाय, ताकि सभी पात्र रेल सेवकों को उपरोक्त निर्देशों के अनुसार रेलवे सेवा (पेंशन) नियम 1993 के तहत पुरानी पेंशन योजना में स्विच ओवर करने के लिये विकल्प दिया जा सके।

किसी भी स्थिति में एक बार दिया गया विकल्प अंतिम माना जायेगा।

संलग्न :– महाप्रबंधक(कार्मिक)/पूमरे/हाजीपुर का पत्र सं. ECR-HQ0PERS(RULE)/9/2023 Com. No. 207408 dt. 16.03.2023 (PCPO's Sl. No. 39/2023)दिनांक– 16.03.2023 एवं रेलवे बोर्ड के पत्र सं. – D- 43/12/2018-F(E)III Dated :- 10.03.2023.

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(रुपेश चन्द्र)
वरिष्ठ कार्मिक अधिकारी/निर्माण
कृते मुख्य प्रशासनिक अधिकारी/निर्माण
पूर्व मध्य रेल/महेन्द्रूघाट, पटना।

प्रतिलिपि : निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित –

- सचिव, CAO/Con/North को CAO/Con/North महोदय के सादर सूचनार्थ।
- सचिव, CAO/Con/South को CAO/Con/South महोदय के सादर सूचनार्थ।
- विसमुलेधि/निर्माण/महेन्द्रूघाट, पटना।
- मुविई/निर्माण/महेन्द्रूघाट, पटना।
- मुसिदूई/निर्माण/द0 एवं उ0/महेन्द्रूघाट, पटना।
- सभी मुई/निर्माण/महेन्द्रूघाट, पटना।
- सभी उप मुसिदूई, उप मुविई एवं उप मुई/निर्माण।
- All CSWI :- It is requested to contact the employee in their jurisdiction and get their option wherever required.
- Branch Secy. ECRKU/Con/MHX, Patna.

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कृते मुख्य प्रशासनिक अधिकारी/निर्माण
पूर्व मध्य रेल/महेन्द्रूघाट, पटना।

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East Central Railway

(Construction Organisation)

Application For Coverage Under Railway Services (Pension) Rules-1993, in Place of National Pension System

Sub : Application for coverage under Railway services (pension) rules-1993, in place of National Pension system of those Railway employees who were recruited against the posts/ vacancies advertised/notified for recruitment, on or before 22.12.2003.

Ref : (I) GM(P)/ECR/HJP Letter No. ECR-HQ0PERS(RULE)/9/2023 Com. No. 207408 dt. 16.03.2023 (PCPO's Sl. No. 39/2023)

(II) Railway board's letter no :- D-43/12/2018-F(E)III dated 10.03.2023 (RBE No. 41/2023) Dated :- 10.03.2023

Sir,

In response to the circular referred above, I the undersigned would like to opt to switch over to the pension scheme under Railway services (pension) rules-1993 in place of national pension system. The details of the posts/vacancies against which undersigned was recruited/appointed is as follows :-

Name:-.....

Designation:-.....

PRAN No. :-.....

Date of Appoitment :-.....

Unit in which Appointment :-.....

Post in which Appointment :-.....

Notification / Advertisement No. and Date :-.....

(Against which Appointed)

Note :- Copy of Notification / Advertisement must be enclosed

UNDERTAKING

That I have understood the terms and condition specified in Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension vide O.M. No. 57/05/2021 – P&PW(B) dt. 03.03.2023.

That the information furnished by the undersigned is correct and in case any of the information furnished above are found to be false/incorrect, my option may be treated as cancelled and I shall be liable for administrative action as deemed appropriate for furnishing incorrect/false information/documents. I also understand that the option exercised by me is final and cannot be withdrawn/changed under any circumstances.

Signature :-.....

Name :-.....

Date :-.....

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पूर्व मध्य रेल

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

कार्यालय
महाप्रबंधक(का)
हाजीपुर

RBE No. 41/2023

PCPO's SI No.39/2023

No.ECR-HQ0PERS (RULE)/9/2023 Com.No.207408)

1. CAO (Con.)/उत्तर एवं दक्षिण/पटना।
2. सभी PHOD/CHOD/पूमरे/हाजीपुर।
3. DRM/पूमरे/दानापुर, डीडीयू, धनबाद, सोनपुर एवं समस्तीपुर।
4. मुख्य कार्मिक अधिकारी/प्रशासन/पूमरे/हाजीपुर।
5. मुख्यालय के सभी कार्मिक अधिकारी।
6. CWM/पीडी/डीडीयू, यांत्रिक कारखाना/समस्तीपुर एवं हरनौत।
7. Sr.DPO/पूमरे/दानापुर, डीडीयू, धनबाद, सोनपुर एवं समस्तीपुर।
8. उप महाप्रबंधक/विधि/पटना।
9. प्राचार्य/क्षेत्रीय रेल प्रशिक्षण संस्थान/मुजफ्फपुर एवं भूली।
10. सभी मुकार्याधी/कार्याधी/पूमरे/हाजीपुर।

विषयः-Coverage under Railway Service(Pension) Rules 1993, in place of National Pension System, of those Railway employees who were recruited against the posts/vacancies advertise/notified for recruitment, on or before 22-12-2003.

संदर्भः-Railway Board's letter No.-D-43/12/2018-F(E)III Dated-10.03.2023.

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विषयांकित से संबंधित संदर्भित पत्र की छायाप्रति सूचना, मार्गदर्शन एवं अग्रेत्तर आवश्यक कार्रवाई हेतु प्रेषित की जा रही है।

A copy of above referred letter on the subject matter is being forwarded herewith for information, guidance and needful onward action please.

DA: As above.

Digitally Signed by Manoj Ku Choudhary
Date: 16-03-2023 18:32:41
Reason: Approved

(मनोज कुमार चौधरी)
सकाधि/एचसम्म
कृते महाप्रबंधक (का0)/हाजीपुर

प्रतिलिपि/– निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ, मार्गदर्शन एवं आवश्यक कार्रवाई हेतु प्रेषितः–

1. महासचिव/ईसीआरकेयू/पूमरे/हाजीपुर।
2. महासचिव/एस.सी.एवं एस.टी.एशोसिएशन/पूमरे/हाजीपुर।
3. सकाधि(एम.पी.पी.)/पूमरे/हाजीपुर–कृपया इसे वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करें।
4. महासचिव/ओ.बी.सी.एशोसिएशन/पूमरे/हाजीपुर।

RBE No.41/2023

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAY)
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. D-43/12/2018-F(E)III **New Delhi, dated: 10.03.2023.**

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

Subject: Coverage under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993, in place of National Pension System, of those Railway employees who were recruited against the posts/vacancies advertised/notified for recruitment, on or before 22.12.2003.

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A copy of Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoP&PW's) O.M. No. 57/05/2021-P&PW(B) dated 03rd March, 2023 is enclosed herewith for compliance and guidance. These instructions shall apply *mutatis mutandis* on the Railways also. Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 correspond to the Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993. The Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance Notification No. 5/7/2003-ECB & PR, dated 22.12.2003, mentioned in DoP&PW's O.M. dated 03.03.2023 has been circulated vide this office letter No. F(E)III/2003/PN1/24, dated 31.12.2003.

2. Similar to the amendments made in the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, and other connected rules, as mentioned in para 1 of the DoP&PW's O.M. dated 03.03.2023, the Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 and other connected rules were also amended vide Notification No. F(E)III/2003/PN1/38 dated 30.12.2003. Further, DoP&PW's O.M. No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 17.02.2020 was circulated to all Zonal Railways/PUs vide letter of even number dated 03.03.2020.

3. The Railway servants who exercise option in terms of DoP&PW's O.M. dated 03.03.2023 to switch over to the pension scheme under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993, shall be required to subscribe to the State Railway Provident Fund (SRPF). As regards accountal of the corpus in the NPS account of the Railway servant, the instructions issued vide Board's letter No. 2020/AC-II/21/7, dated 18.09.2020, may be followed.

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

D.A.: as above

No. D-43/12/2018-F(E)III **New Delhi, dated: 10.03.2023.**

Copy to:-

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

For Member Finance, Railway Board

No. D-43/12/2018-F(E)III **New Delhi, dated: 10.03.2023.**

Copy to:-

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. 451-A, 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, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi
12. The General Secretary, All India O.B.C. Railway Employees Federation (AIOBCREF), Room No.48, Rail Bhawan.

For Principal Executive Director (IR), Railway Board.

No. D-43/12/2018-F(E)III **New Delhi, dated: 10.03.2023.**

Copy to:-

Adv. to MR, EDPG to MR, OSD to MR, OSD (Co-ord) to MR, PS to MoSR(D), EDPG to MoSR(D), PS to MoSR(J), EDPG to MoSR(J), DPG to MoSR(J).

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

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

All Addl. Members, PEDs, All EDs, JSs.

Pay & Accounts Officer, M/o Railways (Railway Board)

No. D-43/12/2018-F(E)III **New Delhi, dated: 10.03.2023.**

Copy also to:-

1. The DGs, IRICEN/Pune, IRIEEN/Nasik Road. IRIMEE/Jamalpur, IRISET/Secunderabad
2. Principal CAO, PLW, Patiala.
3. The CMDs, IRCON, IRFC, MRVC, IRC&TC, CONCOR, RITES, KRCL, RVNL, Railtel and MDs, CRIS, IRWO.
4. The Vice Chairman, Rail Land Development Authority, New Delhi.
5. The Registrar, RCT/Delhi.
6. Chairmen of all RRBs
7. The Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety/ Lucknow

(Copy to Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare(DoP&PW) with respect to their O.M. No. 57/05/2021-P&PW(B) dated 03.03.2023).

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No. 57/05/2021-P&PW(B)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market,
New Delhi, the 03rd March , 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Coverage under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, in place of National Pension System, of those Central Government employees who were recruited against the posts/vacancies advertised /notified for recruitment, on or before 22.12.2003.

The undersigned is directed to say that consequent on introduction of National Pension System (NPS) vide Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) Notification No. 5/7/2003-ECB & PR dated 22.12.2003, all Government servants appointed on or after 01.01.2004 to the posts in the Central Government service (except armed forces) are mandatorily covered under the said scheme. The Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 and other connected rules were also amended vide Notification dated 30.12.2003 and, after the said amendment, those rules are not applicable to the Government servants appointed to Government service after 31.12.2003.

2. Subsequently, Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare in consultation with the Department of Personnel & Training, Department of Expenditure and Department of Legal Affairs in the light of the various representations/references and decisions of Hon'ble Courts, issued instructions vide OM No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 17.02.2020 giving one time option to Central Government employees who were declared successful for recruitment in the results declared on or before 31.12.2003 against vacancies which occurred before 01.01.2004 and were covered under the National Pension System on joining service on or after 01.01.2004, to be covered under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021). There was fixed time schedule for different activities under the aforesaid OM dated 17.02.2020.

3. Representations have been received in this Department from the Government servants appointed on or after 01.01.2004 requesting for extending the benefit of the pension scheme under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021) on the ground that their appointment was made against the posts/vacancies advertised/notified for recruitment prior to notification for National Pension System, referring to court judgments of various Hon'ble High Courts and Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunals allowing such benefits to applicants.

4. The matter has been examined in consultation with the Department of Financial Services, Department of Personnel & Training, Department of Expenditure and Department of Legal Affairs in the light of the various representations/references and decisions of the Courts in this regard. It has now been decided that, in all cases where the Central Government civil employee has been appointed against a post or vacancy which was advertised/notified for recruitment/appointment, **prior to the date of notification for National Pension System i.e. 22.12.2003** and is covered under the National Pension System on joining service on or after 01.01.2004, may be given a **one-time option** to be covered under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021). This option may be exercised by the concerned Government servants **latest by 31.08.2023**.

5. Those Government servants who are eligible to exercise option in accordance with para-4 above, but who do not exercise this option by the stipulated date, shall continue to be covered by the National Pension System.

6. The option once exercised shall be final.

7. The matter regarding coverage under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021), based on the option exercised by the Government servant, shall be placed before the Appointing Authority of the posts for which such option is being exercised for consideration, in accordance with these instructions. In case the Government servant fulfills the conditions for coverage under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021), in accordance with these instructions, **necessary order in this regard shall be issued latest by 31st October, 2023**. The NPS account of such Government servants shall, consequently, be closed w.e.f. **31st December, 2023.**

8. The Government servants who exercise option to switch over to the pension scheme under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021), shall be required to subscribe to the General Provident Fund (GPF). Regarding accountal of the corpus in the NPS account of the Government servant, Controller General of Accounts (CGA) has furnished the following clarification vide letter No. 1(7)(2)/2010/cla./TA III/390 dated 14.11.2019 & I.D. Note No. TA-3-6/3/2020-TA-III/cs-4308/450 dated 23.12.2022:

i. **Adjustment of Employees' contribution in Accounts**: Amount may be credited to individual's GPF account and the account may be recasted permitting up-to-date interest (Authority-FR-16 &Rule 11 of GPF Rules).

ii. **Adjustment of Government contribution under NPS in Accounts**: To be accounted for as (-) Dr. to object head 70 - Deduct Recoveries under Major Head 2071 - Pension and other Retirement benefit - Minor Head 911- Deduct Recoveries of over payment (GAR 35 and para 3.10 of List of Major and Minor Heads of Accounts).

iii. **Adjustment of increased value of subscription on account of appreciation of investments** – May be accounted for by crediting the amount to Govt. account under M.H. 0071- Contribution towards Pension and Other Retirements Benefits 800- Other Receipts (Note under the above Head in LMMHA).

9. ***All Ministries/Departments are requested to give wide publicity to these orders without fail.*** The cases of those Government servants who fulfill the conditions mentioned in this O.M. and who exercise option to switch over to the pension scheme under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021) may be settled by the administrative Ministries/Departments in accordance with these orders.

10. This issues in consultation with Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide ID Note No. 1(7)/EV/2019 dated 05.12.2022 & 07.02.2023 and in consultation with Controller General of Accounts vide their I.D. Note No. TA-3-6/3/2020-TA-III/cs-4308/450 dated 23.12.2022.

11. In so far as the persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders are issued in consultation with Comptroller and Auditor General of India, as mandated under Article 148(5) of the Constitution of India.

12. Hindi version will follow.

03.03.2023

(Sanjiv Narain Mathur)
Additional Secretary to Government of India

To,

1. All Central Government Ministries / Departments.
2. Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi.
3. C&AG, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.
4. Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, for information, New Delhi.
5. Department of Personnel and Training, North Block, New Delhi.
6. Department of Financial Services, Jeevan Deep Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi.
7. AD (OL) for Hindi version.
8. NIC for uploading on Department's website.