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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

कार्यालय
महाप्रबंधक (का.)
हाजीपुर

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विषयः-Option for inclusion under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 in accordance with Board's instruction dated 10.03.2023 to those employees who have since been retired from service- reg.

संदर्भः-Railway Board's letter No.-D-43/12/2018-F(E)III, Dated-09.05.2024.

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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: 10-06-2024 14:56:10
Reason: Approved

(मनोज कुमार चौधरी)
सकाधि/इ.एस.एम.
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 कराने की व्यवस्था करें।
4. महासचिव/ओ.बी.सी.एशोसिएशन/पूमरे/हाजीपुर।

कृते महाप्रबंधक (का0)/हाजीपुर

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महाप्रबंधक (कार्मिक)
पूर्व-मध्य
10 MAY 2024

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

No.D-43/12/2018-F(E)III **New Delhi, dated: 03.05.2024.**

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

Sub: Options for inclusion under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 in accordance with Board's instruction dated 10.03.2023 to those employees who have since been retired from service-reg.

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A Copy of Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DOP&PW)'s O.M. No. 57/05/2021-P&PW(B)/8860 dated 09.04.2024 on the above subject is enclosed for information and guidance. These instructions shall apply *mutatis mutandis* on Railways also. The Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 corresponds to Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993.

DoP&PW's O.M. No. 57/05/2021-P&PW(B) dated 03.03.2023, O.M. No.57/03/2022-P&PW(B)/8361(1) dated 20.10.2023 and O.M. No. 38/34/2001-P&PW(F) dated 29.04.2002 mentioned in enclosed O.M. were adopted on Railways vide this office letters of even number dated 10.03.2023, 16.11.2023 and letter F(E)III/2002/PN1/17 dated 27.06.2002 respectively.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

G. Priya Sudarsani

(G. Priya Sudarsani),
Director, Finance (Estt.),
Railway Board.

D.A.: As above

No. D-43/12/2018-F(E)III **New Delhi, Dated: 03.05.2024.**

Copy to:

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

G. Priya Sudarsani

For Member Finance, Railway Board

No. D-43/12/2018-F(E)III **New Delhi, Dated: 03.05.2024.**

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, 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 Principal Executive Director(IR), Railway Board.

No D-43/12/2018-F(E)III **New Delhi, Dated: 03.05.2024.**

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: 03.05.2024.**

Copy 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

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(Copy to Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DOP&PW) w.r.t. their O.M.No.57/05/2021-P&PW(B)/8860 dated 09.04.2024.)

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No. – 57/05/2021-P&PW(B)/8860
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare
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3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market,
New Delhi, Dated the 09.04.2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Options for inclusion under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 in accordance with DoPPW OM dated 03.03.2023 to those employees who have since been retired- reg.

The undersigned is directed to say that the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare administers pension related policy matters in respect to Central Government civil employees. This Department has issued instructions vide OM No. 57/05/2021-P&PW(B) dated 03.03.2023 giving one time option to the Central Government civil employee for inclusion under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021) who has been appointed against a post or vacancy which was advertised/ notified for recruitment/ appointment prior to notification for National Pension System i.e. 22.12.2003. As per para 7 of this OM, it is for the appointing authority of the post against which such option has been exercised to examine and decide applicability of these instructions.

2. Further, instructions were issued vide OM No. 57/03/2022-P&PW(B)/8361(1) dated 20.10.2023 on the question of applicability of aforesaid instructions dated 03.03.2023 to the Central Government employees who have since retired from service before issue of these instructions.

3. Further, references were received seeking clarification with respect to applicability of aforesaid instructions dated 03.03.2023 to the Central Government employees who have since retired from service before issue of these instructions. Accordingly, following FAQs are being issued to deal with these matters :

S. No.	Points on which clarification sought	Comments of DoPPW
(i)	The OM dated 20.10.2023 requires refund of two elements viz. (a) Government contribution and return thereon under NPS and (ii) interest thereon. While the amount of Government contribution and the return thereon in the accumulated corpus of wealth under NPS account of the subscriber at the time of his exit on retirement would be ascertained from NSDL, the rate and manner of recovery of interest (simple or	In the DoPPW OM dated 20.10.2023, it was clarified that there is no restriction on applicability of aforesaid OM dated 03.03.2023 to Central Government employees who are otherwise eligible for the coverage under OPS and who already retired from service. Since, in this case, employee has already availed benefits under NPS, the Government contribution and return thereon under the NPS would require to be refunded along with interest

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	compound and the rates at which compounding is to be done) from the date of exit to the date of refund by the employee is not clear.	thereon by the Government servant in order to avail the benefit under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972, in case, he is found eligible for coverage under old pension scheme in terms of DoPPW OM dated 03.03.2023. The rate and manner of calculation of interest on the amount to be refunded would be in accordance with the instructions issued by this Department vide O.M. No. 38/34/2001-P&PW(F) dated 29.04.2002 i.e. the interest would be calculated at the same rate and in the same manner as in the case of GPF deposits, applicable from time to time for the period from the date of receipt of pensionary benefits to date of refund to the Government.
(ii)	The OM is silent on the date upto which the return on the Government contribution is to be recovered. Whether it is upto the date of superannuation/ retirement or date of conversion from NPS to pension under CCS (Pension) rules. If the date of recovery of return is upto the date of superannuation/ retirement of the employee, then whether any adjustment or recovery from the annuity availed by the employee after the date of retirement is required to be made or not and if so, the manner of recovery/ adjustment.	
(iii)	The order does not indicate the date from which the pension is to be given to the retired employee. As the retire Government contribution along with interest is to be recovered from the retired employees, apparently the pension may become payable from the date of their retirement on superannuation. This may be got clarified.	The pension is to be granted from the next date of superannuation/retirement of the Government employees i.e. if the employees had superannuated or retired w.e.f. 31.01.2023, the pension would start from next date i.e. 01.02.2023.
(iv)	In case of serving employees, GPF account is opened on their migration from NPS to old pension scheme under CCS (Pension) Rules. The OM is silent on opening of GPF account in this case. As the employee's contribution and return thereon is not being recovered, there is nothing to credit to their GPF account. So GPF account of the employee may not be opened. This may be got clarified.	There is no question of opening of any GPF account in respect to retired officers for their inclusion under OPS.
(v)	Those retired Government employees who have not yet withdrawn the benefit under NPS, the OM is not clear on whether (a) their entire corpus is to be withdrawn from NSDL and their share along with return thereon in the accumulated corpus on the date of exit from NPS is to be returned to them directly or his contribution is to be deposited in the GPF account to be opened and then closed with interest.	In case, the accumulated corpus has not been withdrawn by Government servant on his retirement, then the NPS account would be closed and the Government contribution along with return thereon in the corpus at the time of exit would be transferred into the Government account and there is no question of any interest on such amount.

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(vi)	In respect of cases mentioned in (v) above, as far as the government contribution and return thereon is concerned, the same may be credited in the Government account. No interest is involved in this case. This may be got clarified.	

(S. Chakrabarti)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To

All Ministries/Departments/Organizations,
(As per standard list)

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Pension

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
RAILWAY BOARD.
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RBE No. 90/2002

No. F(E)III/2002/PN1/17. **NEW DELHI** **Dt.27.06.2002.**

1. **All G.Ms. OSDs & FA&CAOs etc. (As per Standard List 'I')**
2. **All attached offices- Subordinate offices, RRBs,Trg. Instts., RRT & Others (As per Standard List 'II')**
3. **All Railway PSUs/Corporation (As per Standard List 'VI')**

Sub: Rate of interest payable on delayed payment of DCRG and rate of interest chargeable on refund of pensionary benefits already drawn, in connection with counting of past service under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 and Board's letter No. F(E)III/84/PN1/4 dt. 8.4.85 as amended from time to time.

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In supersession of Board's letters No. F(E)III/94/PN1/28 dt. 1.11.94 and F(E)III/94/PN1/28 dt. 8.1.96, it has now been decided by the President that where the payment of DCRG has been delayed beyond three months from the date of retirement, an interest at the rate applicable to SRPF deposits determined from time to time by the Government of India will be paid to retired/dependants of deceased Railway servants.

2. The instructions contained in para 2 (d) and (e) of DOP&PW's O.M. dt. 5.10.99 circulated vide Board's letter No. F(E)III/99/PN1/35 dt. 21.1.2000 shall continue to be followed in the matter of payment of interest on delayed payment of DCRG, fixing of responsibility and recovery of the amount from the concerned Dealing Official, Supervisor and Head of Office in proportion of their salary.

3. The President is also pleased to decide that whenever the employees are required to refund the pensionary benefits received by them for the service already rendered by them under the Central or State Government or Autonomous Bodies or in Armed Forces (Military Service), in order to avail of the benefit of counting of past services for pension purposes in terms of provisions of Rules 24 to 28, 30, 33 and 34 of Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 and Board's letter No. F(E)III/84/PN1/4 dt. 8.4.85 as amended from time to time, the rate of interest will be the rate applicable to SRPF deposits determined from time to time by the Government of India, for the period from the date of receipt of pensionary benefits to date of their refund to the Railways/Autonomous Body.

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4. In the case of Military pensioners re-employed in Railway Service, the interest will be recovered for the period from the date of joining Railway service till the date of refund of pensionary benefits to Railway/Autonomous Body.

5. Interest calculation in case of refund of pensionary benefits would be as per the method indicated in Annexure-A.

6. In cases where after the issue of the orders by the competent authority on the basis of option exercised by an employee for counting of past service for pensionary purposes, if an individual does not deposit the pensionary benefits already received by him within one month of the receipt of communication from the Railway/Autonomous Body, a penal interest @ 2 per cent per annum will be charged in addition to normal rate of interest mentioned above.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Hindi version is enclosed.

(S. SREERAM)
Dy. Director Finance (Estt.)III,
Railway Board.

DA: One.

Dt.27. 06.2002.

NEW DELHI

No. F(E)III/2002/PN1/17.

Copy to DAI (Rlys), New Delhi (40 spares).

(S.SREERAM)
for Financial Commissioner/Railways.

Dt.27. 06.2002.

NEW DELHI

No. F(E)III/2002/PN1/17.

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5. The Secretary, RBSS, Group"A" Association (with 5 spares)

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6. The President, Railway Board Class II Officers' Association(with 5 spares)
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9. The Secretary, Railway Board Class IV Staff Association(with 5 spares)
10. The President, Indian Railway Class II officers' Association (with 5 spares)

for Secretary/Railway Board

Copy to:-

1. Shri V.K. Sthanunathan, National President, National Federation of Railway Pensioners,36, Venkatanarayana Road, T. Nagar, Chennai-600 017.
2. Shri K. Gopinath Menon, The Secretary General, National Federation of Railway Pensioners, Kunnathurmedu, Palghat- 678 013.
3. Shri R.B. Kulkarni, President, AIRRF, 13/9, Vivekanand Housing Society, Gurumandir Road, Dombivli (East), Maharashtra-421 201.
4. B. Jayajaya Rao, President, All India Railway Officer's Association, 12-13-268 (505)New, Street-2, Lane 9, Tarnaka, Secunderabad-500 017.
5. The General Secretary, Railway Pensioners' Council Kiran Kutir, Larkania Tola, Katihar.
6. The General Secretary, All India Federation of Pensioners Association, T.P.M Hall,22, Kavirai Street, Saidapet West, Chennai-600 015.
7. Shri S.S.Ramachandra, Secretary General, All India Central Committee of Pensioners Association. Flat No.144, New Suryakiran Apartments, Plot No. 65,Patparganj, New Delhi.
8. Shri M.S.Solanki, General Secretary, Central and AIS Pensioners Association, E-i/164, Arena Colony, Bhopal(M.P) 462 016
9. Shri Nirmal Dass Gupta, Vice President, Federation of Central Government Pensioners' Organisation, P-24C, Sagar Manna Road, Kolkata. 700 060
10. Shri B.S Dard, Secretary General, Central Government Pensioners' Association, 1874/2, Sector-64, S.A.S Nagar, Chandigarh 160 061.
11. Shri C.R. Chatwani, Central Government Pensioners' Association, "SHIVANAND", 11/13, Krishna Kunj Society, Chhotanagar-7, Raiya Road, Rajkot 360 001.

Copy to:-

PPSs/PSs/PAs to: CRB,FC,MT,ME,MS,MM,DG(RHS),DG(RPF),All Additional Members, Secretary, All Executive Directors, JS, JS(G), DS(D), JS(E), DS(G),DEN, Dir(MPP), DE(G), DPC,JDE(N), JDE(P&A), JDEGC), JDE(Rep),JDE (Rep)III, JDE(G),JDE(D&A),JDPC, JDE(Gaz),JDE(W), JDE(GP), JDE(Res), DDPC-III,IV, V, DDV(A&P), DDF(E)-I,II, III,JDE(L), DDE(LR)I,II,III, DDE(R)II,US(A), US(D),US(E),PAO, W.O./Railway Board.
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ANNEXURE 'A'

INTEREST CALCULATION IN THE CASE OF REFUND OF PENSIONARY BENEFITS (ILLUSTRATIVE)

A - For a full year

Balance on 31st March, 1999 - Rs. 38,600. * Interest @ 12% p.a.**

Month	Subscription	Refund	Advance/ Withdrawal	Balance at the end of the month
				39,600
Apr-99	1,000	-	-	40,600
May-99	1,000	-	-	41,600
Jun-99	1,000	-	-	42,600
Jul-99	1,000	-	-	43,600
Aug-99	1,000	-	-	44,600
Sep-99	1,000	-	-	45,600
Oct-99	1,000	-	-	46,600
Nov-99	1,000	-	6000	41,600
Dec-99	1,000	-	-	43,100
Jan-00	1,000	500	-	44,600
Feb-00	1,000	500	-	46,100
Mar-00	1,000	500	-	
			TOTAL Rs.	520,200

Interest = 5,20,200 x 1/12 x 12/100 = 5,202.

**SRPF interest has been revised as under:

Financial Year	Rate
2000-2001	11.0%
2001-2002	9.5%
2002-2003	9.0%