FASTERN RAILWAY Sealdah

No.E-22/325/NPS/Pl.1

Date:03/03/2025

ALL Concerned

Sub: Effect of compulsory retirement or dismissal or removal from railway service on the accumulated pension corpus under NPS in respect of railway servant covered under the National Pension System

Ref: PCPO/E. Rly's letter No-E.787/0/PEN/Pt. XXX dated:18.02.2025

The PCPO/E. Rly's letter No E.787/0/PEN/Pt. XXX dated:18.02.20245 (PCPO's Sl. No. 16/2025) along with Railway Board's letter no -2025/F(E)III/NPS1/1 dated:13/02/2025,(RBE No-15/2025) is forwarded for information ,guidance and necessary action please.

DA:-As above.

ZHT 03/03/25

Assistant Personnel Officer For Sr. Divisional personnel Officer. Eastern Railway , Sealdah

<u>Eastern Railway</u> [Personnel Department] 17 N.S. Road, Kolkata-700001

No. E.787/0/PEN/Pt.XXX

Kolkata, dated 18.02.2025

ALL CONCERNED

As per Standard list

Sub: Effect of compulsory retirement or dismissal or removal from railway service on the accumulated pension corpus under NPS in respect of railway servant covered under the National Pension System – reg.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. 2025/F(E)III/NPS1/1 dated 13.02.2025 (RBE No. 15/2025) on the above subject matter is sent herewith for information, guidance and necessary compliance.

Railway Board's earlier letter No. F(E)III/2003/PN1/24 dated 31.12.2003 (RBE No. 225/2003) as mentioned therein was circulated under this office Sl. No. 9(1)/2004.

DA: As above

Dy. Chief Personnel Officer (NG) fr. Pr. Chief Personnel Officer

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Index No. 1058: A Railway servant covered under NPS is compulsorily retired as a penalty or dismissed or removed from railway service, the lump sum and the annuity out of accumulated pension corpus shall be paid to the railway employee in accordance with the regulations notified by the PFRDA as admissible in case of exit of a subscriber from NPS before superannuation. However, such railway servant may opt to continue to subscribe to the NPS with the same PRAN as a non-government subscriber, in accordance with the regulations notified by the PFRDA.

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

सं. 2025/एफ(ई)।।।/एनपीएस-1/1

नई दिल्ली, दिनांक: 13.02.2025

महाप्रबंधक/प्रधान वित्त सलाहकार, सभी क्षेत्रीय रेलें/ उत्पादन इकाइयां आदि, महानिदेशक, अ.अ.मा.सं. एवं भारतीय रेल राष्ट्रीय अकादमी।

विषय: राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली के अंतर्गत कवर किए गए रेल कर्मचारी के संबंध में, राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली के अंतर्गत संचित पेंशन कार्पस पर, अनिवार्य सेवानिवृत्ति या पदच्युति या रेल सेवा से हटाए जाने का प्रभाव-संबंधी।

नई पेंशन योजना (जिसे अब राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली (एनपीएस) कहा जाता है) को वित्त मंत्रालय, आर्थिक कार्य विभाग की दिनांक 22.12.2003 की अधिसूचना सं. 5/7/2003-ईसीबी और पीआर के तहत आरंभ किया गया था। इसमें यह उल्लेख किया गया था कि राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली 1 जनवरी, 2004 से केंद्रीय सरकार की सेवा में सभी नए प्रवेशकों, जिनमें सशस्त्र बल शामिल नहीं है, के लिए अनिवार्य होगी। इसे बोर्ड के दिनांक 31.12.2003 के पत्र सं.एफ(ई)॥/2003/पीएन1/24 के तहत सभी रेलों द्वारा अपनाया गया था।

- 2. उन मामलों में जिनमें राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली के अंतर्गत कवर किये गए रेल कर्मचारी को, रेल सेवा से शास्ति स्वरूप अनिवार्य सेवानिवृत किया जाता है या पदच्युत या हटा दिया जाता है, तो पेंशन निधि विनियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण (पीएफआरडीए) द्वारा अधिसूचित विनियमों के अनुसरण में, राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली से अभिदाता की अधिवर्षिता पूर्व निकासी के मामले में यथास्वीकार्य अभिदाता की संचित पेंशन कार्पस से एकमुश्त और वार्षिकी राशि संदेय होगी।
- 3. तथापि, पेंशन निधि विनियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा अधिसूचित विनियमों के अनुसरण में रेल कर्मचारी, अपने विकल्प पर, एक गैर-सरकारी अभिदाता के रूप में उसी स्थायी सेवानिवृत्ति खाता संख्या के साथ राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली में अभिदाय करना जारी रख सकेगा।
- 4. बहरहाल, उपरोक्त प्रावधान, ऐसे रेल कर्मचारियों को अनुमेय उपदान और अन्य सेवानिवृति परिलाभों के सम्बन्ध में की गई किसी भी कार्यवाही को प्रभावित नहीं करेंगे, और ये लाभ, ऐसे लाभों पर लागू नियमों के अनुसार विनियमित होंगे।

(रमेश चन्द्र पाण्डेय) उप निदेशक वित्त (स्था.).-।।।

रेलवे बोर्ड

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

No. 2025/F(E)III/NPS1/1

New Delhi, dated: 13.02.2025.

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

Subject: Effect of compulsory retirement or dismissal or removal from railway service on the accumulated pension corpus under NPS in respect of railway servant covered under the National Pension System -reg.

The New Pension Scheme (now called as National Pension System(NPS)) was introduced vide Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs' notification No. 5/7/2003-ECB & PR dated 22.12.2003. It was provided that the NPS would be mandatory for all new recruits to the Central Government service from 1st of January, 2004 except Armed Forces. The same was adopted on Railways vide Board's letter No. F(E)III/2003/PN1/24 dated 31.12.2003.

- 2. In cases where a railway servant covered under NPS is compulsorily retired from service as a penalty or is dismissed or removed from railway service, the lump sum and the annuity out of his accumulated pension corpus shall be paid to him in accordance with the regulations notified by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) payable to the Subscriber as admissible in the case of exit of a Subscriber from National Pension System before superannuation.
- 3. However, the railway servant, at his option, may continue to subscribe to the NPS with the same Permanent Retirement Account Number as a non-Government subscriber, in accordance with the regulations notified by the PFRDA.
- 4. The above provisions shall, however, be without prejudice to any action being taken in respect of gratuity and other retirement benefits admissible to such railway servants and those benefits shall be regulated in accordance with the rules as applicable to such benefits.

(Ramesh Chandra Pandey) Dy. Director Finance (Estt.)-Ill Railway Board

No. 2025/F(E)III/NPS1/1

New Delhi, dated: 13.02.2025.

Copy to:-

Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Railways), Room No. 224, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi

For Member Finance, Railway Board

No. 2025/F(E)III/NPS1/1

New Delhi, dated: 13.02.2025.

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- 1. The General Secretary, NFIR, Room No. 256-E, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
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- 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. 2025/F(E)III/NPS1/1

New Delhi, dated: /3.02.2025.

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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.

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

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

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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.

(Reference: Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare(DoP&PW)'s O.M. No. 57/03/2022-P&PW(B)/8361(6) dated 11.10.2024).