

**Eastern Railway**

**CPO's Serial No. 44 /2011.**

No. E.787/0/Pen/Pt-XXV.

Kolkata, dated 20.04.2011.

**ALL CONCERNED**

**Sub: - Additional Relief on death / disability of Government servants covered by the Defined Contributions Pension System (NPS).**

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Copy of Railway Board's letter No. 2008/AC-II/21/19 dated 05.04.2011 (RBA. No.16/2011) on the above subject is sent herewith for information, guidance and necessary action. Railway Board's earlier letters as referred to therein were circulated vide CPO's serial circular Nos. 89/2010 and 92/2010 respectively.  
DA As above.

20.04.2011  
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**INDEX No.1058:- Clarification regarding additional Relief on death / disability of Government servants covered by the Defined Contributions Pension System (NPS).**

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Copy of Board's letter No. 2008/AC-II/21/19 dated 05.04.2011 (RBA. No.16/2011) addressed to FA&CAOs, All Indian Railways /PUs is circulated herewith.

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Please refer to Board's letter of even number dated 13.07.2010 under which the procedure adopted by the office of CPAO for payment of provisional pension to NPS beneficiary allowed vide letter dated 29.05.2009, was circulated for adoption.

Some of the Railways have raised certain doubts in this regard. The issues raised and clarifications thereto are given as under:-

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S. No.	Issues	Clarification
1.	Who would function as CPAO on Zonal Railway?	The FA&CAO of Railway in which the subscriber last worked will be the Pension disbursing and Accounting Office.
2.	When monthly pension payment/ pension Arrears / DA arrears are to be arranged by Railways by NEFT mode, the banks role is limited to regular banking transactions only. Whether the requirement for issue of PPO to Paying branch be dispensed with.	PPO is to be issued in triplicate – FA&CAO's copy, Pensioner's copy and Pension Account Holding Branch's portion. The Pension Account Holding Bank Branch's copy will be used only for identification purpose and not for payment.
3.	Whether the payment of pension can be arranged at source and payment can be made directly to pension paying bank through NEFT?	Yes. This will ensure that the provisional pension in such cases is booked to the appropriate accounting heads.
4.	If FA&CAO is the CPAO, the necessary infrastructure for electronic transfer, development of CPAO website, digitization of PPO needs to be looked into and approval for provision of necessary infrastructure is sought.	The PPO may be issued manually and pension payment arranged by NEFT / RTGS through Railway's accredited bank.
5.	Whether the allocation heads already communicated vide Railway Board's letter no.29.05.2009 needs further amendment. If so revised allocation may be kindly communicated.	The existing heads of account were introduced to facilitate booking of expenditure temporarily CGA has been requested to introduce new account heads to book the expenditure on account of Additional Relief on death / disability of Government servants covered by NPS, but a reply thereto is still awaited. The instructions received therefrom will be circulated to the Railways in due course.
6.	Whether Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme (DLIS) is applicable to the employees under NPS. If applicable the criteria under which the amount is payable and the amount payable.	There are no instructions for applicability of DLIS to NPS subscribers. The matter has been referred to Ministry of Finance for clarification.
7.	Whether gratuity is payable to the NPS subscribers who have resigned / taken technical resignation from Railways.	Instructions in this regard are already available in Board's letter of even no dated 29.01.2009.
8.	What will be the pattern of issue of PPO number?	A unique PPO Number is to be allotted to each pensioner so that NPS pensioners can be distinguished from the regular pensioners.
9.	What undertaking is to be taken from the pensioner?	Alongwith the pension papers, an undertaking from the pensioner/family pensioner will be obtained that any payment found to be in excess of his/her entitlement will be refunded to the Government /adjusted out of his/her final entitlements.

Kindly take necessary action accordingly and ensure disposal of pending settlement cases, immediately.

Sd/-  
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