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[Attention: Sr.DPOs/DyCPO/WPOs]


Sub: Admissibility for extending medical facilities to a unmarried dependent sister of the ex-Railway employees under RELHS-97 whose father is not alive - reg.

The issue of whether or not the unmarried dependent sister of an ex-Railway employee whose father is not alive would be entitled to medical facility under the RELHS-97 as 'dependent' has been under consideration of this office for sometime past.

The matter has been examined carefully. As per the provision of sub-para (3) of Para 612 A of IRMM, Vol.I (2000 edition), both family member and dependent are covered under RELHS-97 and the definition of "dependent" will be the same as in the Pass Rules. Further, Rule 2(c) of RS (Pass) Rules, 1986, as amended from time to time provides that unmarried or widowed sister is a 'dependent relative' in relation to a railway servant whose father is not alive. This is subject to the income ceiling laid down in Board's letter dated 21/04/2017 circulated under this office serial no. 47/2017. The said provisions do not provide that the 'dependent relative' has to be dependent on the Railway employee at the time of retirement or before retirement. Moreover, there is no condition mentioned in any rules that just because dependents are not eligible for post retirement complimentary pass, they would not be eligible to be included in RELHS-97.

In view of the above, it is clarified that the unmarried dependent sister of an ex-Railway employee whose father is not alive will be entitled to medical facility under the RELHS-97 as 'dependent', subject to income ceiling laid down in this office serial no. 47/2017 ibid.

This issues with the approval of competent authority (PCPO).


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