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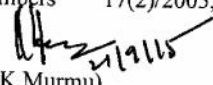
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All Concerned

Sub: Retired Employees Liberalized Health Scheme (RELHS – 97).

The following copy of Railway Board's letter no. 2013/H/PNM/NFIR dated 08/09/2015 is forwarded for information, guidance and necessary action. Board's earlier letters under references were circulated under this office serial circular numbers 17(2)/2005, 139(10)/2005, 74(07)/2006, 17/2007, 46/2009 & 78/2012 respectively.


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Copy of Board's letter no.2013/H/PNM/NFIR dated 08/09/2015 is addressed to GMs' All Indian Railways and others.

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Ref: (i) Board's letters no.2003/H/28/1/RELHS dated 28/01/2005, 21/10/2005,
30/12/2005, 10/05/2006, 10/01/2007 & 16/03/2009.

(ii) Board's letters no.2011/H/28/1/RELHS/Court case dated 31/05/2012.

The question of extending RELHS - 97 facility to those retired employees also who joined Railways late but retired at the normal age of superannuation before completing 20 years of service i.e. the minimum qualifying service required for joining RELHS, has been engaging attention of Ministry of Railways for some time. The issue was also been raised by both the recognized employee Federations (AIRF & NFIR).

After careful consideration in the matter, the Competent Authority in the Ministry of Railways has decided to extend facility of joining RELHS - 97 to all those railway employees who retired at the normal age of superannuation irrespective of number of years of their service before superannuation. If such employees have any previous service from any other Government Department which makes them eligible for medical facility of that Department also, they should opt for one of the two facilities viz. medical facility of the Department previous service or RELHS – 97.

Other terms and condition of joining RELHS – 97, mentioned in Board's letters under reference, will remain unaltered.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

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Index No.1049: It has been decided that medical facilities under RELHS – 97 may be extended to those retired employees also who joined Railways late but retired at the normal age of superannuation before completing 20 years of service and such employees having previous service in any other Government Department, if any, may opt for one of the two facilities either/or.