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Sub: Joining RELHS-97 for the retiring employee where both
the spouses are Railway employees – Clarification reg.

In terms of instructions contained in Para (b) of Board's letter No. 2011/H/28/1/RELHS/Court Case dated 31/05/2012, read with Para 612 of IRMM, Vol.I (3rd edition 2000), it is amply clear that joining RELHS-97 on contributory basis, (hitherto optional), will be mandatory for all retiring Railway employees without any exit clause whatsoever.

In context of the aforesaid instructions, a doubt has been raised as to whether non-exit clause would also be applicable to both husband and wife, who come under the purview of 'Family' in terms of ACS to Para 601 (5) read with Note, vide Board's letter number 2000/H/PNM/AIRF (S.No.8 of Health 2000) – this office serial no. 133/2000 - in cases where both the spouses are railway employees.

However, the matter has been referred to Joint Director/Health, Railway Board. Board wish to clarify the matter as under:

"It is informed that the matter of exclusion of railway employees from joining RELHS was examined in consultation with Finance Directorate of Railway Board and the same has not been agreed to."


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[Authority: Railway Board's letter no.2011/H/28/1/RELHS/Court Case dated 24/07/2015]