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17 N. S. Road, Kolkata – 700 001**

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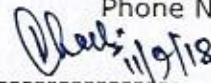
Kolkata, Dated: 11/09/2018

**All Concerned
(as per standard list)**

Sub: AIRF PNM Item No. 19/2016 – Provision for exclusion of retiring railway employees from mandatory joining RELHS-97.

Following instructions of Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) on the above subject issued vide their letter No. 2011/H/28/1/RELHS/Court Case dated 31/07/2018 are communicated herewith for information and necessary action. Board's earlier letter dated 31/05/2012, as referred, was circulated under this office serial No. 78/2012, followed by corrigendum under serial no. 93/2012.


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Copy of Railway Board's letter No. 2011/H/28/1/RELHS/Court Case dated 31/07/2018 addressed to the GMs/All Indian Railways & others.

Sub: AIRF PNM Item No. 19/2016 – Provision for exclusion of retiring railway employees from mandatory joining RELHS-97.

Ref: Railway Board's letter of even number dated 31/05/2012.

Vide Board's letter cited under reference joining Retired Employees Liberalized Health Scheme (RELHS) – 97 had been made mandatory for all retiring railway employees without any exit clause whatsoever. However, repeated requests are being received from retiring railway employees to provide an exit clause from joining RELHS-97. In some cases Hon'ble Courts have also ordered for exclusion of certain retiring railway employees from mandatory joining of RELHS-97.

The matter has been examined in consultation with Finance Directorate and it has been decided with the approval of the Competent Authority that exclusion from mandatory joining of RELHS-97 may be given in cases of those retiring railway employees who are covered for life-long comprehensive medical treatment facility for self and dependent(s), if any, on the RELHS or any other Central/State Government medical facility on the strength of the medical card of their spouse. However, such retiring railway employees will be required to submit a copy of medical card of their spouse in which they have been included as a beneficiary for self and dependent(s), if any for life-long comprehensive medical treatment facility on the RELHS or any other Central/State Government medical facility on the strength of the medical card of their spouse along-with an undertaking that the retiring employee will never request for inclusion of RELHS card in future.

This will take effect from the date of issue of these instructions.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate.

**Sd/-(R. S. Shukla)
Joint Director, Health**

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No.2011/H/28/I/RELHS/Court Case

New Delhi, Dated-31.07.2018

General Managers,
All Indian Railways
Including PUs, RDSO & NAIR.

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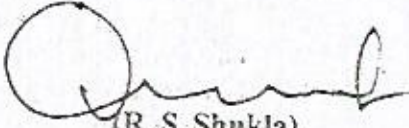
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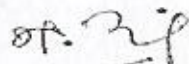
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No. II/134/Part II

Dated 17/08/2018

Copy to the General Secretaries of affiliated Unions of NFIR for information.

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