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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. D-43/4/2018-F(E)III

New Delhi, dated: 26.02.2019.

The General Managers/Principal Financial Advisors,
All Zonal Railways/Production Units.

Sub: Additional benefit on death/disability of Government servant
covered by NPS - reg.

Attention is invited to Board's letter No. 2008/AC-II/21/19 dated 29.05.2009 on the above subject vide which instructions were issued providing for additional relief on death/disability of Government servants covered by New Defined Contribution Pension System (NPS).

2. In the wake of the above instructions, some of the Zonal Railways have raised the issue of admissibility of provisional family pension to the family members of the deceased railway servant who were governed by National Pension System (NPS) but died prior to allotment of PRAN Card and starting of the deductions towards NPS.
3. The above issue has been examined in consultation with Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) and the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DOP&PW). It is clarified that all the railway servants appointed on or after 01.01.2004 are to be covered by the National Pension System (NPS). Therefore, the provisional benefits granted vide Board's letter dated 29.05.2009 to all NPS employees in case of death in service/disability, will be admissible to the family of the deceased subscribers/subscribers on fulfillment of the conditions specified therein irrespective of the fact that PRAN Card was not allotted at the time of death/disability or the deductions towards NPS had not started. However, while giving the provisional benefits, instructions issued vide Board's letter No. 2012/F(E)III/1(1)/4 dated 08.09.2014 may also be kept in view.

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