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

*S. No.PC-V/167
PC-V/98/1/7/1/1*

*RBE No.65/99
New Delhi, dated 21.4.99*

**The GM/OSDs/CAO(R),
All Indian Railways & PUs,
(As per standard mailing list)**

**Subject : Implementation of Government's decision on the recommendations of the
5th Central Pay Commission - grant of fixed medical allowance @ Rs.100
p.m. to the Railway pensioners/family pensioners.**

In reference to orders issued by the Department of Pensions and Pensioners' Welfare on the recommendations of the 5th Central Pay Commission regarding grant of Medical Allowance of Rs. 100/- per month to pensioners and family pensioners, the matter of granting similar benefit to Railway pensioners and family pensioners has been under consideration of the Ministry of Railways. Sanction of the President is hereby accorded to the grant of fixed medical allowance @ Rs.100/- p.m. to railway pensioners/family pensioners residing outside the City/town/municipality limits of places where a Railway hospital/health unit/Lock up dispensary is situated, subject to fulfilment of the conditions laid down in the following paragraphs.

2. A list of places where Railway hospitals/health units/Lock up Dispensaries exist, is enclosed as **Annexure III** for guidance. Pensioners / family pensioners residing anywhere within the jurisdiction of the city/town/municipality etc. where the medical facilities listed in Annexure III are located, **shall not be entitled** for grant of Medical Allowance.
3. The benefit of Medical Allowance shall be available only to Railway pensioners/family pensioners, and **shall not be admissible** to those who have retired under the Contributory Provident Fund scheme. Grant of the benefit will be further subject to the condition that the concerned pensioners/family pensioners are eligible for medical facilities after retirement under any of the existing Health care schemes in the Railways. Actual enrolment under such a scheme shall not, however, be a pre-requisite.
4. Existing pensioners as well as the future retirees shall have to exercise one time option in the prescribed form (**Annexure-I**) to avail of medical facilities at OPD of Railway Hospitals or to claim fixed medical allowance of Rs.100/- p.m. In the case of future retirees, the option in the prescribed form for availing the benefit of Medical Allowance shall be obtained by the concerned Head of Office along with other pension papers and necessary authorisation for payment of Medical Allowance included in both halves of the Pension Payment Order itself. In the case of existing pensioners, the pension disbursing authority shall obtain the option and the Undertaking in the form placed at **Annexure-I**. Based on these, the Pension Disbursing Authority shall authorise payment of Medical Allowance @ Rs. 100 per month. The fact whether the pensioner/family pensioner has opted for Medical Allowance or not shall be prominently endorsed by the Pension Disbursing Authority on both halves of the PPO. In other words, the Pension Disbursing Authority shall make an appropriate endorsement on the PPO irrespective of whether the pensioner/family pensioner opts for the benefit of Medical Allowance or not.
5. The payment of Medical Allowance shall be made to the pensioner by the pension disbursing authority along with pension/family pension on monthly basis.
6. Pensioner/family pensioners residing in areas lying within the jurisdiction of places listed in **Annexure-III** are not eligible for the benefit of Medical Allowance. Accordingly, when

a pensioner/family pensioner registered under one of the existing medical schemes for retired Railway employees and residing in areas lying outside the jurisdiction of places listed in Annexure-III, approaches a Railway Hospital/Health Unit for treatment as OPD patient, he/she shall produce the PPO, duly endorsed by the Pension Disbursing Authority for verification of the fact that he/she has not opted for the facility of Medical Allowance. Upon such verification, the concerned Medical Authority shall make an appropriate endorsement on the Medical Card, indicating the status in respect of option for Medical Allowance.

7. As and when grant of medical allowance to a pensioner/family pensioner is authorized by the pension disbursing authority, intimation to this effect shall be sent to the concerned FA&CAO/ Pay and Accounts Office in the prescribed proforma (Annexure-III).

8. The Railways may consider issuing distinctive colour medical identification cards to those amongst the future retirees who opt for the facility of Medical Allowance. Cards of such colour may also be issued to existing pensioners who choose to opt for the benefit of Medical Allowance.

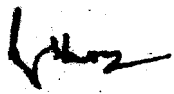
9. The grant of Medical Allowance is intended to meet expenditure on day to day medical expenses that do not require hospitalization. Those opting for the facility of Medical Allowance shall, therefore, not be entitled to receive treatment as Outdoor Patients. However, pensioners who are members of any of the existing Health Care schemes for retired Railway employees, will not be debarred from receiving treatment for chronic illnesses requiring specialised investigations or long term treatment for chronic diseases, even if such treatment is received on outpatient basis.

10. These orders will take effect from 1-12-1997. Grant of Medical Allowance for the period commencing from the actual date of retirement, but not before 1-12-1997, up to the date of issue of these orders can be authorised by the Pension Disbursing Authorities if the pensioner/family pensioner gives a declaration in proforma placed at Annexure-IV.

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

12. Hindi version is enclosed.

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(Keshy Thomas)
Deputy Director Pay Commission
Railway Board

UNDERTAKING & OPTION FORM

(to be submitted by pensioners to his/her Pension Disbursing Authority)

I _____, Son/Daughter of _____,
resident of _____

(existing address) hereby declare that :-

my place of residence lies within the City/town/municipality limits of the places where Railway Hospitals/Health Units/Lock-up dispensaries exist hence, I am not entitled for the grant of Medical Allowance and I will be availing the existing OPD Medical facilities, the necessary endorsement may please be made in my PPO in this regard.

OR

I am residing in a place which lies outside the jurisdiction of City/town/municipality limits of the places where Railway Hospitals/Health Units/Lock-up dispensaries are available as mentioned in Annexure III of Railway Board's letter No.PC-V/98/1/7/1/1 dated 21.4.99 (S.No.PC-V/167, RBE No.65/99). Accordingly, I hereby opt :-

- i) for the OPD medical facility from railway Hospitals/Health Units/Lock-up dispensaries.

OR

- ii) to claim fixed medical allowance of Rs.100/- per month.

Necessary endorsement may please be made in my PPO in this regard.

Signature :

Name :

PPO No. :

Place :

Date :

**COUNTERSIGNED
HEAD OF OFFICE/PDA**

ANNEXURE-II

Intimation to FA & CAO/Pay & Accounts Office _____ (Railway/Unit)
regarding payment of Medical Allowance to pensioner/Family pensioner

(To be prepared in duplicate)

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1. Name of pensioner/family pensioner :
 2. Designation of the pensioner/deceased :
 3. P.P.O. No. :
 4. Saving/Current Account No. :
 5. Whether opted for Medical Allowance : YES/NO
 6. Whether pensioner has submitted an undertaking : YES/NO
 7. Whether necessary entries regarding payment of medical allowance has been made in PPO and pension certificate of the pensioner : YES/NO

Signature of Pension Disbursing Authority

Bank Branch

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