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1. Chairman, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. Member Staff, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Subject: Non issue of Revised PPOs to Pre-2006 Pensioners & Family Pensioners by Zonal Railways & Production Units.

Reference: Railway Board's Letter No. 2008/AC.II/21/20 dated 19-8-2009

1. a) We extremely regret to bring to your kind notice that Revised PPOs have not so far been issued to a very large majority of Pre-2006 Pensioners & Family Pensioners by the Zonal Railways & Production Units – in spite of numerous orders issued by the Railway Board.
b) We are given to understand that in many cases even where the Revised PPOs have been prepared & sent long back by the Personnel Branch to the Accounts Department, the same have not been vetted & issued by the concerned Accounts Departments – apparently due to non-sanction of Honorarium for the Revised PPOs.
2. All this is leading to serious hardship to Pensioners / Family Pensioners due to major changes brought in the Pension Rules after the Sixth Central Pay Commission.
3. a) Ironically, some of the Divisions have informed us in response to the queries in this regard that the Revised PPOs shall only be issued to those Pensioners / Family Pensioners who had applied for the same, even though many of the Pensioners / Family Pensioners were illiterate and living in remote areas and are not aware about the same.
b) Incidentally, PPOs have not been issued even to those Pensioners / Family Pensioners who had applied for the same more than one & a half years back.
4. All this is against the Railway Board's orders issued vide Letters No. F(E)III/2008/PNI/12 dated 8-9-2008 & 18-11-2008; and 2008/ACII/21/20 dated 19-8-2009 & 29-10-2009 (*referred to by Railway Board in Letter No. RTI Cell/ 2010/01008328/CPIO-I dated 1-7-2010*).
5. Kind attention is invited towards DOP&T (P&PPW) OM No. F.No. 38/37/08-P&PPW(A) dated 01-09-2008 (*circulated vide RBE 105-2008*) vide Para 11 of which Revised PPOs were to be issued to all Pensioners / Family Pensioners and action in this regard was to be initiated suo-moto by the concerned Heads of the Departments.
6. Kind attention is also invited to the Railway Board's letter dated 19-8-2009 cited above vide which a target date of 30-9-2009 was fixed by the Railway Board for issue of Revised PPOs to all Pensioners & Family Pensioners.
7. Kind attention is also invited to the following reply given by the Railway Board - (*Vide letter No. RTI Cell/2010/01008328/CPIO-I dated 1-7-2010*):
 - i) Pensioners/family pensioners are not (necessarily) required to apply for revised PPOs, which are to be issued to all Pensioners / Family Pensioners.
 - ii) Target date of 30-9-2009 was stipulated by the Ministry of Railways for issue of revised PPOs to all Pensioners / Family Pensioners (vide letter No. 2008/AC.II/21/20 dated 19-8-2009).

iii) Zonal Railways/PUs have been asked to give periodic feedback about the progress of issue of Revised PPOs to Pensioners.

iv) Information is not available reg. no. of pre & post-2006 pensioners on various Railways /PUs)

v) As per position advised by Railways, 57600 pre-2006 and 77136 post-2006 revised PPOs have been issued till 30-4-2010.

8. It is regretted that over 2 years have passed since the issue of Railway Board's letters cited above and one year had passed since the expiry of the targeted date (of 30-9-2009) fixed by the Railway Board for issue of PPOs to Pensioners & Family Pensioners, the action had yet to be taken by most concerned Authorities in this regard – causing needless hardship to the Pensioners & Family Pensioners as well as anxiety and uncertainty especially about the Additional Pension after 80 years of age particularly in case of widows – as their age is not recorded in the old PPOs and it is very difficult to get the same admitted by the Banks – especially in this old age with frail health.
9. It is, therefore, requested that - in order to mitigate the present and future hardship of the Pensioners / Family Pensioners - all Zonal Railways and Production Units may please be advised to issue Revised PPOs to Pre-2006 Pensioners & Family Pensioners suo-moto, at the earliest – irrespective of the fact whether the Pensioners & Family Pensioners had applied for the same or not.

Yours faithfully,



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