

Government of India  
Ministry of Railways  
(Railway Board)

No:87/AC-II/21/33

New Delhi,

dated 5-3-95.

General Managers/FA&CAOs,  
All Zonal Railways/Units.

Sub:- Payment of pension to handicapped children-  
procedure for.

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Ministry of Railways have received representations from Pensioner Associations regarding inclusion of the names of the physically handicapped or mentally retarded children, in the PPO issued prior to 1989. The matter was referred to DOP&PW for their views in the matter. Now, the DOP&PW has advised that in order to expedite sanction of family pension in such cases, the following procedure may be adopted.

"Where the names of eligible children have not been mentioned in the PPO for various reasons like the pension was sanctioned prior to issue of revised PPO, the child is a post-retiral one or post-retiral manifestation of disability of the child, the pensioner, if he so desires can furnish a list of eligible children to the pension sanctioning authority inter-alia indicating whether any child is handicapped or not. The receipt of this list may be acknowledged by the pension sanctioning authority, mentioning the details of the eligible children taken on record. This acknowledgement may be preserved by the members of the family of the pensioner for production at the time of submission of claim for family pension in their own turn to the pension sanctioning authority. In case of mentally retarded children or minor, who would draw pension through a guardian, the responsibility of producing this acknowledgement will devolve on the guardian. The production of acknowledgement will however not be pre-condition to the processing of claims for family pension".

You are, therefore, requested that necessary action may be taken accordingly to redress the grievances of pensioners.

Receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.

  
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