

R.B.E. No. 152/2006

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

NEW DELHI

Dt. 13.10.2006

No. F(E)III/98/PN1/4.

The GMs/ FA&CAOs,
All Indian Railways/Production Units,
(As per Mailing List)

Sub: Eligibility of divorced/widowed daughter for grant of Family Pension.

Instructions were issued vide Board's letter of even number dated 16.3.2005, for grant of family pension to widowed/divorced daughters even after attaining the age of 25 years subject to fulfilment of all other conditions prescribed in the case of son/daughter. These instructions were based on the corresponding instructions issued by Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DOP&PW), nodal department of the Government on pensionary matters vide O.M. No. 1/19/03-P&PW (E) dated 25.8.2004. The said instructions dt. 25.8.2004 were not clarificatory enough as regards entitlement to family pension in cases where divorce/widowhood takes place after attaining the age of 25 years. Pending receipt of clarification from DOP&PW, it was decided by the Board to insert a stipulation vide para 3 (i) of Board's instructions dt. 16.3.2005 to the effect that a divorced/widowed daughter shall be eligible for sanction of family pension provided the divorce with or death of her husband takes place before her attaining 25 years of age.

2. The matter has since been under consideration in Board's office in consultation with the DOP&PW and it has now been clarified by the DOP&PW that family pension is admissible to widowed/divorced daughters irrespective of the fact that the divorce/widowhood takes place after attaining the age of 25 years or before attaining that age, subject to other conditions being satisfied.

3. In view of the above clarification, para 3 (i) of Board's letter of even no. dt. 16.3.2005 shall stand modified as under:-

"(i) family pension shall be admissible to divorced/widowed daughter from 25.8.2004 or from the date of divorce/widowhood or from the date on which her turn for family pension materialises, whichever is later".

4. Please acknowledge receipt.


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S. No. 146

No. 1/19/03-P&PW (E)
Government of India
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Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare

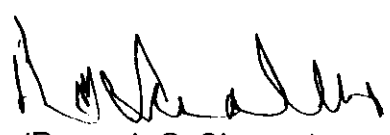
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11th October 2006

Office Memorandum

Subject: Eligibility of divorced / widowed daughter for grant of Family Pension.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) OM No. F(E)III/98/PN1/4 dated 11.10.2004 on the above mentioned subject and to clarify that the Family Pension to Widow/Divorced daughters, under this Ministry's OM of even Number dated 25/30th August, 2004, is admissible irrespective of the fact that the divorce/widowhood takes place after attaining the age of 25 years or before attaining that age. In other words the Family Pension will be admissible without age restriction subject to other conditions being satisfied.



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