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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (भारत सरकार)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेलवे मंत्रालय)
RAILWAY BOARD (रेलवे बोर्ड)

No.2011/H/28/1/RELHS/Court Case

New Delhi, dated 24.11.2021

General Managers,
All Indian Railways,
Including Production Units, RDSO & NAIR.

Sub:- Retired Employees Liberalized Health Scheme (RELHS- 97) – Regarding.
Ref:- Railway Board's letter of even number dated 31.05.2012 and 31.07.2018.


Kind attention is invited to Board's letter cited under where-in joining of RELHS -97 Scheme was made open-ended for Pre-March 2009 retirees. For March 2009 and onward upto 31.05.2012 retirees joining RELHS was made available for one year i.e upto 31.05.2013. However, the matter of opening of joining of RELHS-97 Scheme has been engaging attention of Ministry of Railways for some time. Demands in this regard were also received from various employee Associations/NFIR/AIRF.

After careful and detailed examination of the matter, it has been decided with the approval of the Competent Authority to modify the joining RELHS' 97 provision contained in Board's letter dated 31.05.2012, cited under reference, as under:-

"The RELHS-97 Scheme will remain open ended for all retired employees/ their spouses, in the cases where the employee retired/ died in harness upto 31.05.2012, with a lock-in-period of six months for referral outside the Railway Hospital with the rider that this lock-in-period can be relaxed only in an emergency provided the patient is either admitted or visits the Railway Hospital and the facilities for the treatment are not available in Railway Hospital. Such referrals are to be processed only on recommendation of a specially constituted Medical Board. Further, for employees/ their spouse and eligible dependents in the cases where the employee retired/ died in harness, from 01.06.2012 onwards, joining RELHS Scheme shall remain mandatory.

Other terms and conditions of joining of RELHS & exemptions already available will remain unchanged. The rate of subscription for Joining RELHS-97 will also remain unchanged i.e double of "Updated Monthly Basic pension" as on date of giving application for joining RELHS. For spouse of railway employees who died in harness up to 31.05.2012, joining of RELHS will also remain open-ended with existing terms and condition by depositing an amount double the "Updated Monthly Basic Family Pension" as on date of giving application for joining RELHS.

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


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