



दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे / South Central Railway

प्रधान कार्यालय/Headquarters Office,  
कार्मिक शाखा/Personnel Branch,  
सिकंदराबाद/Secunderabad.

सं.पी[आर]500/एनपीएस/II  
No.P[R]500/NPS/II

दिनांक/Date : 16.03.2023

सर्वसंबंधित/ALL CONCERNED

दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे स्थापना क्रमिक परिपत्र सं. 45/2023

S.C.RAILWAY ESTABLISHMENT SERIAL CIRCULAR No. 45 /2023

विषय : 22.12.2003 को या उससे पहले विज्ञापित/अधिसूचित पदों/रिक्तियों के अंतर्गत भर्ती की गई रेलवे कर्मचारियों को राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली के स्थान पर रेलवे सेवा (पेंशन) नियम, 1993 के तहत कवरेज

Sub : Coverage under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993, in place of National Pension System, of those Railway employees who were Recruited against the posts/vacancies advertised/notified for Recruitment on or before 22.12.2003.

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उपर्युक्त विषय पर रेलवे बोर्ड के दि.10.03.2023 के पत्र सं. डी-43/12/2018-एफ(ई)III [आरबीई सं.41/2023] की प्रतिलिपि संलग्नकों सहित सूचना, मार्गदर्शन तथा आवश्यक कार्रवाई के लिए भेजी जा रही है. उसमें उल्लिखित बोर्ड का दि. 31.12.2003 और 03.03.2020 के पत्र क्रमिक परिपत्र सं. 10/2004 और 37/2020 के रूप में परिपत्रित किये गये थे.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. D-43/12/2018-F(E) III dated 10.03.2023 [RBE No. 41/2023] together with its enclosure on the above subject is forwarded herewith for information, guidance and necessary action. Board's letters dated 31.12.2003 & 03.03.2020 quoted therein were circulated as this office Serial Circular Nos.10/2004 and 37/2020 respectively.

पात्र कर्मचारियों के बीच इन निदेशों का व्यापक प्रचार किया जाए ताकि यदि इच्छुक हों तो, निर्धारित समय के भीतर अपना विकल्प प्रस्तुत कर सकें. विकल्प प्रोफार्मा भी संलग्न है. पात्र रेल कर्मचारी अद्यतन 31.08.2023 तक अपना विकल्प दे सकते हैं.

Wide publicity may be given to these instructions among the eligible employees for exercising their option, if so desire, within the stipulated time. Proforma of Option form is also enclosed. This option may be exercised by the eligible Railway employee latest by 31.08.2023.

संलग्नक : यथोक्त

Encl : As above

(जी.श्रीनिवास नायक/G.Srinivasa Naik)

वकाधि/बिल्स / SPO/Bills

कृते प्रमुख मुख्य कार्मिक अधिकारी

For Principal Chief Personnel Officer

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

New Delhi, dated: 10.03.2023.

No. D-43/12/2018-F(E)III

The General Managers/Principal Financial Advisers,  
All Zonal Railways/Production Units etc.,  
DGs of RDSO and NAIR.

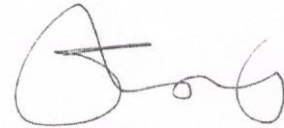
Subject: Coverage under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993, in place of National Pension System, of those Railway employees who were recruited against the posts/vacancies advertised/notified for recruitment, on or before 22.12.2003.

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A copy of Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoP&PW's) O.M. No. 57/05/2021-P&PW(B) dated 03<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023 is enclosed herewith for compliance and guidance. These instructions shall apply *mutatis mutandis* on the Railways also. Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 correspond to the Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993. The Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance Notification No. 5/7/2003-ECB & PR, dated 22.12.2003, mentioned in DoP&PW's O.M. dated 03.03.2023 has been circulated vide this office letter No. F(E)III/2003/PN1/24, dated 31.12.2003.

2. Similar to the amendments made in the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, and other connected rules, as mentioned in para 1 of the DoP&PW's O.M. dated 03.03.2023, the Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 and other connected rules were also amended vide Notification No. F(E)III/2003/PN1/38 dated 30.12.2003. Further, DoP&PW's O.M. No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 17.02.2020 was circulated to all Zonal Railways/PUs vide letter of even number dated 03.03.2020.

3. The Railway servants who exercise option in terms of DoP&PW's O.M. dated 03.03.2023 to switch over to the pension scheme under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993, shall be required to subscribe to the State Railway Provident Fund (SRPF). As regards account of the corpus in the NPS account of the Railway servant, the instructions issued vide Board's letter No. 2020/AC-II/21/7, dated 18.09.2020, may be followed.



(Sanjay Prashar)  
Deputy Director, Finance(Estt.)-III  
Railway Board

D.A.: as above

No. 57/05/2021-P&PW(B)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  
Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market,  
New Delhi, the 03<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023

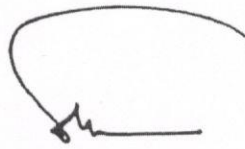
**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Coverage under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, in place of National Pension System, of those Central Government employees who were recruited against the posts/vacancies advertised /notified for recruitment, on or before 22.12.2003.**

The undersigned is directed to say that consequent on introduction of National Pension System (NPS) vide Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) Notification No. 5/7/2003-ECB & PR dated 22.12.2003, all Government servants appointed on or after 01.01.2004 to the posts in the Central Government service (except armed forces) are mandatorily covered under the said scheme. The Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 and other connected rules were also amended vide Notification dated 30.12.2003 and, after the said amendment, those rules are not applicable to the Government servants appointed to Government service after 31.12.2003.

2. Subsequently, Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare in consultation with the Department of Personnel & Training, Department of Expenditure and Department of Legal Affairs in the light of the various representations/references and decisions of Hon'ble Courts, issued instructions vide OM No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 17.02.2020 giving one time option to Central Government employees who were declared successful for recruitment in the results declared on or before 31.12.2003 against vacancies which occurred before 01.01.2004 and were covered under the National Pension System on joining service on or after 01.01.2004, to be covered under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 ( now 2021). There was fixed time schedule for different activities under the aforesaid OM dated 17.02.2020.

3. Representations have been received in this Department from the Government servants appointed on or after 01.01.2004 requesting for extending the benefit of the pension scheme under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021) on the ground that their appointment was made against the posts/vacancies advertised/notified for recruitment prior to notification for National Pension System, referring to court judgments of various Hon'ble High Courts and Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunals allowing such benefits to applicants.



4. The matter has been examined in consultation with the Department of Financial Services, Department of Personnel & Training, Department of Expenditure and Department of Legal Affairs in the light of the various representations/references and decisions of the Courts in this regard. It has now been decided that, in all cases where the Central Government civil employee has been appointed against a post or vacancy which was advertised/notified for recruitment/appointment, prior to the date of notification for National Pension System i.e. 22.12.2003 and is covered under the National Pension System on joining service on or after 01.01.2004, may be given a one-time option to be covered under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021). This option may be exercised by the concerned Government servants latest by 31.08.2023.

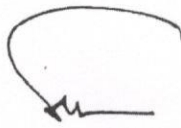
5. Those Government servants who are eligible to exercise option in accordance with para-4 above, but who do not exercise this option by the stipulated date, shall continue to be covered by the National Pension System.

6. The option once exercised shall be final.

7. The matter regarding coverage under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021), based on the option exercised by the Government servant, shall be placed before the Appointing Authority of the posts for which such option is being exercised for consideration, in accordance with these instructions. In case the Government servant fulfills the conditions for coverage under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021), in accordance with these instructions, necessary order in this regard shall be issued latest by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023. The NPS account of such Government servants shall, consequently, be closed w.e.f. 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023.

8. The Government servants who exercise option to switch over to the pension scheme under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021), shall be required to subscribe to the General Provident Fund (GPF). Regarding account of the corpus in the NPS account of the Government servant, Controller General of Accounts (CGA) has furnished the following clarification vide letter No. 1(7)(2)/2010/cla./TA III/390 dated 14.11.2019 & I.D. Note No. TA-3-6/3/2020-TA-III/cs-4308/450 dated 23.12.2022:

- i. **Adjustment of Employees' contribution in Accounts:** Amount may be credited to individual's GPF account and the account may be recasted permitting up-to-date interest (Authority-FR-16 & Rule 11 of GPF Rules).
- ii. **Adjustment of Government contribution under NPS in Accounts:** To be accounted for as (-) Dr. to object head 70 - Deduct Recoveries under Major Head 2071 - Pension and other Retirement benefit - Minor Head 911- Deduct Recoveries of over payment (GAR 35 and para 3.10 of List of Major and Minor Heads of Accounts).



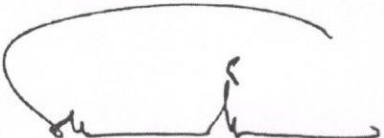
- iii. **Adjustment of increased value of subscription on account of appreciation of investments** – May be accounted for by crediting the amount to Govt. account under M.H. 0071- Contribution towards Pension and Other Retirements Benefits 800- Other Receipts (Note under the above Head in LMMHA).

9. All Ministries/Departments are requested to give wide publicity to these orders without fail. The cases of those Government servants who fulfill the conditions mentioned in this O.M. and who exercise option to switch over to the pension scheme under CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021) may be settled by the administrative Ministries/Departments in accordance with these orders.

10. This issues in consultation with Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide ID Note No. 1(7)/EV/2019 dated 05.12.2022 & 07.02.2023 and in consultation with Controller General of Accounts vide their I.D. Note No. TA-3-6/3/2020-TA-III/cs-4308/450 dated 23.12.2022.

11. In so far as the persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders are issued in consultation with Comptroller and Auditor General of India, as mandated under Article 148(5) of the Constitution of India.

12. Hindi version will follow.

  
03.03.2023

(Sanjiv Narain Mathur)

Additional Secretary to Government of India

To,

1. All Central Government Ministries / Departments.
2. Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi.
3. C&AG, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi.
4. Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, for information, New Delhi.
5. Department of Personnel and Training, North Block, New Delhi.
6. Department of Financial Services, Jeevan Deep Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi.
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APPLICATION FOR COVERAGE UNDER RAILWAY SERVICES (PENSION) RULES, 1993  
IN PLACE OF NATIONAL PENSION SYSTEM

Sub: Application for coverage under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 in place of National Pension System, of those Railway employees who were recruited against the posts/vacancies advertised/notified for recruitment, on or before 22-12-2003.

Ref: (i) Railway Board Letter No.D-43/12/2018-F(E)III dt.10.03.2023.

(ii) DOP& PW's OM No. 57/05/2021-P&PW(B) dt.03.03.2023.

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Sir,

In response to the letter referred above, I the undersigned would like to opt for coverage under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 in place of National Pension System. The details of the posts/vacancies against which undersigned was recruited/appointed is as follows:-

Name	
Designation	
PRAN No.	
Employee No. (as per IPAS)	
Date of Appointment	
Unit in which appointed	
Post in which appointed	
Notification No. against which appointed	
Date of Notification	
Copy of Notification attached	YES/NO

UNDERTAKING

That I have understood the terms and condition specified in Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension vide O.M.No.57/05/2021-P&PW(B) dt.03.03.2023.

That the information furnished by the undersigned is correct and in case any of the information furnished above are found to be false/incorrect, my option may be treated as cancelled and I shall be liable for administrative action as deemed appropriate for furnishing incorrect/false information/documents.

I also understand that the option exercised by me is final and cannot be withdrawn/changed under any circumstances.

Date:

Signature of the Employee