## Railways Senior Citizens Welfare Society



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1. Member Staff, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

2. Financial Commissioner, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

**Subject: Revision of pension of pre-2006 pensioners** 

- Appeal for ensuring early Payment of Arrears to affected Pensioners

Ref.: 1. DOP&PW OM No.38/37/08-P&PW(A) Dated 30.7.2015 and dated 28.1.2013

- 2. Railway Board's OM No. F(E)III/2008/PN1/12 Dated: 31 .07.2015
- 3. MOF CPAO OM No. CPAO/Tech/Revision(Pre-2006)/2015-16/941-1011 Dtd: 4-9-2015
- 4. MOD PCDA (Pension) Circular No. 548 Dated 11-9-2015 (Copy attached)
- i) We deeply regret to bring to your notice that above cited orders of the DOP&PW and that of the Railway Board have not been implemented so far even after 4 months of the issue thereof; and the affected Pensioners are running from pillar to post to get their arrears from 1-1-2006 to 23-9-2012 as provided for in the said orders.
- ii) Pension Disbursing Authorities (PDA) Banks are refusing to pay the arrears to the affected Pre-2006 Pensioners as the PDA Banks have not received any orders to pay the said arrears.
- iii) Apparently Railway Board's letter of 31-7-2015 (cited above) had not authorized the Pension Disbursing Authorities (PDA) Banks to pay the arrears and the copy thereof was also not endorsed to RBI as was done by Ministry of Defence vide their orders dated 11-9-2015 (cited above).
  - iv) DOP&PW vide Para 4 of OM dated 30-7-2015 cited above, provided as under:
    - "---- it has been decided that the pension/family pension of all pre-2006 pensioners/family pensioners may be revised in accordance with this Department's OM No.38/37/08-P&PW(A) dated 28.1.2013 with effect from 1.1.2006 instead of 24.9.2012."
- v) Railway Board, vide its OM dated 31-7-2015 (cited above), had sent copies of the said OM of DOP&PW to all GMs & others concerned for "information and compliance." And advised that "These instructions shall apply mutatis mutandis on the Railways also".
- vi) MOD PCDA (Pension) issued very detailed instructions vide Para 7 of Circular No. 548 Dated 11-9-2015 (Copy attached) providing clearly as under:
  - "7. Pension Disbursing Authorities are hereby authorized to step up the pension/family pension of the affected Pre-2006 pensioners with effect from 01.01.2006 instead of 24.09.2012, and arrear of pension/ family pension shall be paid, if any.
  - 8. All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

- 9. The provisions of this letter shall take effect from 01.01.2006 and arrears, if any, shall be allowed from 01.01.2006 to 23.09.2012 and thereafter as per this office circular 500 dated 17.01.2013.
- 10.This circular has been uploaded on this office website www.pcdapension.nic.in for dissemination across the Defence Pensioners and PDAs."
- vii) Regrettably, Railway Board's letter did not provide for similar instructions to the PDA Banks, thus depriving the affected Pensioners from getting the arrears so far.
- viii) Most affected pensioners are very old and have been waiting for these arrears for the last over seven years since the implementation of the Sixth Pay Commission Report and for over four years since the judgment of CAT New Delhi in OA 655/2010 which has been repeatedly upheld by the various High Courts and by the Supreme Court rejecting numerous SLPs etc.
- ix) Any further delay in payment of arrears to these affected Pensioners tantamount to accentuation of extreme hardship and is causing further financial loss to them; besides violating Orders of the Supreme Court dated 17-3-2015 vide which the said orders were required to be implemented in 4 months thereof.
- x) It is therefore, requested that the RBI & all Pension Disbursing Authorities (PDA) Banks be asked to pay at the earliest the Arrears of Revised Pension/ Family Pension from 1-1-2006 to 23-9-2015 and thereafter, where ever due in terms of Railway Board's OM dated 31-7-2015 & 11-2-2013 (read with DOP&PW OM dated 28-1-2013, 30-7-2015).

Yours faithfully,

(Harchandan Singh) Secretary General, RSCWS

Copy for information & early favorable action to:

- i) Secretary Establishment, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
- ii) General Secretary, AIRF
- iii) Secretary General BPS