

PNM Items sent by AIRF to Railway Board

Reg: RELHS - 97

Sub: Extension/re-opening of Retired Employees Liberalized Health Scheme (RELHS-97)

Ref: AIRF's letter No.AIRF/101(600) dated 4.10.2010

Railway Board are aware that the Retired Employees Liberalized Health Scheme(RELHS-97) has now become mandatory for the Railway employees, retiring from Railway service, vide Board's letter No.2003/H/28/1/RELHS dated 16.3.2010. This scheme was kept opened up to 31st March, 2010 on the <http://www.airfindia.com>

persistent demands from different individuals and associations of the pensioners and regular persuasions of AIRF for the Railway pensioners/retired Railway employees. Whereas most of the pensioners/retired employees have already joined this scheme as per their convenience. However, there may be only some handful cases who might not have availed this opportunity because of being settled in remote areas of the country and would not have been able to know about this scheme in detail. A number of representations are, therefore, pouring in the office of AIRF and its affiliates demanding extension of date of RELHS-97 being kept opened so that they are also able to join this scheme. Since the senior citizens who have served Railways with their utmost sincerity and devotion are now in urgent need of medical assistance due to their old age and ailments., it would be highly appreciated if RELHS-97 is kept opened up to **31.12.2011** or a later date to facilitate left over retired Railway employees to join the scheme.

Sub: Retired Employees Liberalized Health Scheme RELHS

**Ref: (i) Railway Board's letter No.86/H/6-2/21 dated 18.10.1994
(ii) AIRF's letter No.AIRF/101(563) dated 31.8.2010**

Railway Board vide above cited circular have clarified that **“for joining RELHS, minimum of 20 years qualifying service is mandatory. The Railway employees who retire on attaining the age of superannuation without completing 20 years qualifying service are not eligible to join this scheme.”** These orders were apparently, applicable for the employees governed by the V CPC provision. In the VI CPC, minimum qualifying service for full pension is 10 years, whereas instructions for joining RELHS after 10 years of service are still awaited. The Board are requested to review RELHS Scheme and adopt natural rational limit of 10 years for the retirees of VI CPC.

Reg: FMA

Sub: Issue of PPOs and making entry of payment of Medical Allowance to Pensioners/ Family Pensioners

Ref: AIRF's letter No.AIRF/44(97) dated 19.4.2011

Complaints have been pouring in our office from the pensioners regarding non-payment of Medical Allowance along with Monthly Pension by the disbursing banks due to non-availability of entry for making payment of Medical Allowance in the PPOs. Banks are asking concerned pensioners to bring letters from their departments for making payment of Medical Allowance along with Monthly Pension. Retiring employees had given options for joining RELHS before retirement. One month's contribution for becoming member of RELHS has been recovered by the administration from payment of settlement dues.

They have been issued RELHS Card by the administration, but in the absence of any entry regarding payment of Medical Allowance in the PPOs, banks are refusing to make payment of Medical Allowance to a person who has recently retired on 30.11.2010. Individual employee has to go pillar to post for advising banks for making payment of Medical Allowance but this is not being done easily and takes lot of time in contacting persons from table to table and getting the work done. In view of the above, it is felt necessary that the Headquarters office should issue necessary instructions to the DRMs/Sr. DFMs and CWMs of all the Zonal Railways and Production Units for getting entry of Medical Allowance payable to retiring employees after obtaining certificates of not availing Outdoor treatment from Railway Hospitals/Health Units. This will mitigate hardships of Pensioners/Family Pensioners.