

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)
No.2013/H/PNM/NFIR.**

New Delhi, dated 08.09.2015.

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways,
(Including Production Units & RDSO).

Sub:- Retired Employees Liberalized Health Scheme (RELHS-97).

Ref :- (i) Board's letters No.2003/H/28//RELHS dated 28.01.2005, 21.10.2005, 30.12.2005, 10.05.2006, 10.01.2007 & 16.03.2009.

(ii) Board's letter No. 2011/H/28/1/RELHS/Court case dated 31.05.2012.

The question of extending RELHS 97 facility to those retired railway employees also who joined Railways late but retired at the normal age of superannuation before completing 20 years of service i.e. the minimum qualifying service required for joining RELHS, has been engaging attention of Ministry of Railways for some time. The issue was also been raised by both the recognized employee Federations (AIRF & NFIR).

After careful consideration in the matter, the Competent Authority in the Ministry of Railways has decided to extend facility of joining RELHS 97 to all those railway employees who retired at the normal age of superannuation irrespective of number of number of years of their service before superannuation. If such employees have any previous service from an other Government Department which makes them eligible for medical facility of that Department also, they should opt for one of the two facilities viz. medical facility of the Department of previous service or RELHS-97.

Other terms and condition of joining RELHS-97, mentioned in Board's letters cited under reference, will remain unaltered.

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

Wide publicity should be given to the above position.

Sd/-
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