

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

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

New Delhi, dated: 16.11.2023.

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

**Sub:** Options for inclusion under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 in accordance with Board's instructions dated 10.03.2023 to those employees who have since been retired from service-reg.

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A copy of Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DOP&PW)'s O.M. No. 57/03/2022-P&PW(B)/8361(1) dated 20.10.2023 is enclosed for information and guidance. These instructions shall apply *mutatis mutandis* on the Railways also. The Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 corresponds to Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993. DoP&PW's O.M. No. 57/05/2021-P&PW(B) dated 03.03.2023 has been adopted on Railways vide this office letter of even number dated 10.03.2023.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.



(Sanjay Prashar)  
Jt Director, Finance (Estt.)-II  
Railway Board

D.A.: As above

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New Delhi, Dated: 16.11.2023.

Copy to:

Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Railways), Room No. 222, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.



For Member Finance, Railway Board

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New Delhi, Dated: 16.11.2023.

Copy to:-

1. The General Secretary, NFIR, Room No. 256-E, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The General Secretary, AIRF, Room No. 253, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Members of the National Council, Departmental Council and Secretary Staff Side, National Council, 13-C, Feroz Shah Road, New Delhi.
4. The Secretary General, FROA, Room No. 256-A, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. The Secretary General, IRPOF, Room No. 268, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. The Secretary, RBSS, Group 'A' Officers Association, Rail Bhawan.
7. The Secretary, RBSS, Group 'B' Officers Association.
8. The General Secretary, RBSSSA, Room No. 451-A, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. The Secretary, Railway Board Ministerial Staff Association.
10. The Secretary, Railway Board Class IV staff Association.
11. The General Secretary, All India SC/ST Railway Employees Association, Room No. 7, Ground Floor, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi
12. The General Secretary, All India O.B.C. Railway Employees Federation (AIOBCREF), Room No.48, Rail Bhawan.

 16.11.23

For Principal Executive Director(IR), Railway Board.

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Copy to:-

Adv. to MR, EDPG to MR, OSD to MR, OSD (Co-ord) to MR, , PS to MoSR(D), EDPG to MoSR(D), PS to MoSR(J), EDPG to MoSR(J), DPG to MoSR(J).

PSOs/Sr.PPSs/PPSs to CRB, MF, M/O&BD, M/Infra, M/TRS, Secretary/RB.

DG/HR, DG/Safety, DG(RHS), DG(RPF).

All Addl. Members, PEDs, All EDs, JSs.

Pay & Accounts Officer, M/o Railways (Railway Board)

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**Copy to:-**

1. The DGs, IRICEN/Pune, IRIEEN/Nasik Road. IRIMEE/Jamalpur, IRISSET/Secunderabad
2. Principal CAO, PLW, Patiala.
3. The CMDs, IRCON, IRFC, MRVC, IRC&TC, CONCOR, RITES, KRCL, RVNL, Railtel and MDs, CRIS, IRWO.
4. The Vice Chairman, Rail Land Development Authority, New Delhi.
5. The Registrar, RCT/Delhi.
6. Chairmen of all RRBs
7. The Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety/ Lucknow

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(Copy to Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DOP&PW) w.r.t. their O.M. 57/03/2022-P&PW(B)/8361(1) dated 20.10.2023)

No. -- 57/03/2022-P&PW(B)/8361 (1)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  
Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare

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3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Lok Nayak Bhavan, Khan Market,  
New Delhi, Dated the 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Options for inclusion under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 ( now 2021) in accordance with DoPPW OM dated 03.03.2023 to those employees who have since been retired from service- reg.**

The undersigned is directed to say that the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare administers pension related policy matters in respect to Central Government civil employees. This Department has issued instruction vide OM No. 57/05/2021-P&PW(B) dated 03.03.2023 giving one time option to the Central Government civil employee for inclusion under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 ( now 2021) who has been appointed against a post or vacancy which was advertised/ notified for recruitment/ appointment prior to notification for National Pension System i.e. 22.12.2003. As per para 7 of this OM, it is for the appointing authority of the post against which such option has been exercised to examine and decide applicability of these instructions.

2. References have been received seeking clarification on applicability of aforesaid instructions dated 03.03.2023 to the Central Government employees who have since retired from service before issue of these instructions.

3. It is, therefore, clarified that there is no restriction on applicability of aforesaid OM dated 03.03.2023 to Central Government employees who are otherwise eligible for coverage under OPS and who has already retired from service. Since, in this case, employee has already availed benefits under NPS, the Government contribution and return thereon under the NPS would require to be refunded along with interest thereon by the Government servant in order to avail the benefit under CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972, in case, he is found eligible for coverage under old pension scheme in terms of DoPPW OM dated 03.03.2023.

  
(S. Chakrabarti)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To  
All Ministries/Departments/Organisations,  
(As per standard list)