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The Secretary(E),
Railway Board,
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Sub: Replacement of AIRF's PNM Agenda item

Ref: This office letter of even number dated 9.2.2010

Kindly replace AIRF's PNM Agenda Item – “**Incorrect implementation of Railway Board's clarification issued vide Board's letter No.PC-IV/95/NFIR/1 dated 26.9.1995 in regard to upgradation of ALF Rs.1600-2660 to Rs.2000-3200 on Western Railway**” with the following item:-

Sub: Implementation of New Pension Scheme and establishment of NPS Cells over the Indian Railways

It is a matter of great concern that in spite of Chairman, Railway Board's D.O. letter No.2008/AC-II/21/8 dated 01.07.2008, written to the General Managers etc. of the Indian Railways, none of the Zonal Railways have taken any cognizance, resulting in lots of confusion prevailing in the minds of newly recruited staff covered under the New Pension Scheme.

Employees under the New Pension Scheme appear much worried and agitating for the reason that even after getting Permanent Retirement Account Number(PRAN) and following directions, quoting their IPN/TPIN, they are not getting details, except basic bio-data, i.e. their personal details, address, bank address, nomination, etc., and names of Fund Managers - SBI,

LIC and UTI with percentage share, but not at all, about their total subscription till date and total money with so-called different Pension Fund Managers. No details of their monthly and annual contribution and contribution of the employer are not reflected on the website - www.npscra.nsdl since screen shows not available. Employees are aware that the contribution to NPS and equal amount of the employer, both are taxable, are being charged by the employer for Income Tax Head but they are not aware with what amount(total amount) Income Tax is being deducted and most of the employees under the NPS are not much aware about Information Technology (Internet) and they are approaching the Federation to get details, which is an added burden by the administration, for which no infrastructure has been provided to the Federation/Unions to deal with. Employees are much agitated that they should get NPS Pass Books like old SRPF staff, reflecting complete details of per month/annual deduction as well as employer's contribution and also amount being utilized by the respective Pension Fund Managers.

There were instructions that the NPS Cells for the execution and monitoring of the New Pension Scheme would be opened at all levels, i.e. right from the Workshop, Division, Headquarters and also in the Extra Divisional Offices but unfortunately nothing has been done. In most of the places, there are complaints that the staff covered under the NPS have not received 60% arrears of the VI CPC and that is also causing frustration amongst these employees.

AIRF therefore, demands that the NPS Cells should be established immediately and the scheme be made clear to the beneficiaries to avoid any confusion prevailing amongst these staff. Also 60% arrears of the VI CPC should be paid to them without further delay.

AIRF would also like, if the Railway Board could pursue the issue with the Zonal Railways and Production Units and the position at a glance should be supplied to us for further appreciation.

Yours faithfully,


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General Secretary

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