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No.2011/H/28/1/RELHS/Court Case

New Delhi, Dated 31.05.12

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

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

Ref.: Board's letters No. 2003/H/28/1/RELHS dated 28.01.05, 21.10.05, 30.12.05, 10.05.06, 10.01.07 & 16.03.09.

Arising out of demands raised by Federations & various Pensioner Associations, the subject matter of facilitating Railway Medical Services to all Retired Railway personnel through RELHS-97, had been under consideration of Board for some time. After careful & detailed examination of the matter the following has been decided by Ministry of Railways –

- (a) *For Pre-March 2009 retirees – The RELHS-97 will remain open-ended with a lock-in-period of six months for referral outside the Railway Hospital with the rider that this lock-in-period can be relaxed only in an emergency provided the patient is either admitted or visits the Railway Hospital and the facilities for the treatment are not available in Railway Hospital. Such referrals are to be processed only on recommendation of a specially constituted Medical Board.*
- (b) *For March 2009 and onwards retirees – The RELHS-97 will remain open for a period of another one year from the date of issue of the letter for all those retired railway personnel who have not joined the scheme for one reason or the other. The lock-in-period of six months as applicable for pre-March, 2009 retirees shall be applicable for these retirees also. Henceforth joining RELHS-97 has been made mandatory for all retiring Railway personnel without any exit clause whatsoever.*

All other terms and conditions of RELHS-97 mentioned in Board's letter dated 16.03.2009 under reference will remain unaltered.

This has the approval of the President and issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways. Wide publicity should be given to the above provisions.


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