

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

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The GMs/FA&CAOs,
 All Indian Railways/Production Units.
 (As per mailing list)

Sub: Payment of Family Pension at enhanced rates to the widowed/divorced/unmarried daughters beyond 25 years of age – Clarification regarding.

In terms of sub-rule (4) of Rule 75 of the Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993, enhanced family pension is payable to the eligible member of the family as indicated in sub-rule (6) of Rule 75 of Rules ibid. Instructions were issued vide Board's letter No. F(E)III/98/PN1/4 (RBE No.44/2005) dated 16.03.2005 and letter No. F(E)III/2007/PN1/5 dated 18.9.2007 extending the scope of family pension to divorced/widowed daughters and unmarried daughters respectively beyond 25 years of age. Para 8.2 of Board's letter No. F(E)III/2008/PN1/13 dated 15.9.2008 provides for payment of enhanced family pension under Rule 75(4)(i)(a) to the family of a Railway servant, who dies in service, from the date following the date of death of the Railway servant for a period of ten years, without any upper age limit. There will be no change in the period for payment of enhanced family pension in case of death of a pensioner.

2. The matter regarding admissibility of enhanced family pension to the eligible widowed/divorced/unmarried daughters of deceased Railway servants and pensioners beyond 25 years of age has been under consideration in this Ministry in consultation with the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DOP&PW) and it is clarified that such daughters beyond 25 years of age will continue to be eligible for family pension at enhanced rates as per the Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993. In other words, the enhanced family pension payable will be for ten years in case of death of a railway servant while in service and in case of death of a railway servant after retirement, family pension at enhanced rate will be payable for a period of seven years, or for a period upto the date on which the retired deceased railway servant would have attained the age of sixty seven years had he/she survived, whichever is less.

3. Please acknowledge receipt.


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