भारत सरकार **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
रेल मंत्रालय **MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**
रेलवे बोर्ड **(RAILWAY BOARD)**

RBA No. 1 /2014

No. 2010/AC-II/21/18 **New Delhi,** dated: 6 .01.2014

FA&CAOs,
All Indian Railways & PUs.

Sub: Timely remittance of NPS contribution.
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The importance of timely remittance of NPS contribution to the Trustee Bank has time and again been reiterated by Railway Board. It may kindly be appreciated that NPS is a defined contribution pension scheme, where investments can only be made once the money is received with the system. Non-adherence of stipulated timeline in uploading NPS contribution creates sub-optimal returns for the employee, which consequently impacts the corpus accumulated and the pension available to them upon superannuation. This office is receiving several grievances about delayed remittances and non-remittance of due amount (viz arrears payment etc.) of NPS contribution by Railways. Recently, PFRDA has also expressed their concern over such instances (copy enclosed).

Kindly ensure strict compliance of Board's instructions issued in this regard as the same has far reaching implications.

DA: As above.

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To,

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Financial Commissioner
Ministry of Railways,
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File No. -PFRDA/19/1/16
Date: 27th November, 2013

Subject: Timely remittance of NPS contribution

Dear Sir,

PFRDA monitors the performance of NPS implementation across all Central Government Ministries/Departments and their Autonomous Bodies.

While monitoring the performance, we observe that the grievances raised by NPS subscribers of Central Government are mostly due to delayed remittance of their NPS contributions for further investments under NPS.

Railway Board vide its Circular No. RBA 18/2012 No. 2011/AC-11/21/11 dated 12-06-2012(available at the URL: *http://www.indianrailways.gov.in /railwayboard/ uploads/ directorate/accounts/downloads/compandium_2012/RBA-18.pdf*) issued guidelines/ timelines to be adopted by nodal offices for remittance of NPS contributions. According to this NPS contributions should commensurate with the payment of salary but nodal offices are yet to comply with the same. A study on the fund remittance made by various nodal offices under civil accounting formation between July - September 2013 confirms that such remittances are being made throughout the month and are not linked to the date of salary payment.

You will appreciate that, NPS is a Defined Contribution Pension Scheme, where investments can only be made once the money is received into the system. Non adherence of stipulated timelines in uploading NPS contributions creates sub optimal returns for the employees. This, consequently, impacts the corpus accumulation and the pension available to them upon superannuation.

You are requested to issue necessary instructions to the offices under your administrative control for strict adherence to the timelines prescribed vide aforementioned OM of Railway Board. Action as deemed fit may be initiated against such erring nodal offices for non-compliance of the timelines. This is essential to protect subscriber interest by bringing discipline in the system.

With Regards,

Yours Sincerely

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