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The FA&CAOs,
All Indian Railways & PUs.

Sub: PRAN generated based on Zero Contribution File (minimum electronic data).

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NSDL (CRA for NPS) has brought to the notice of Railway Board that Railways are continuing to forward requests to register the NPS subscribers on the basis of minimum electronic data ('Zero Contribution File'). During calendar year 2010, 303 such requests from PAOs of 20 Railways were received and more than 10,100 PRANs have been generated through this process.

It may be noted that PRAN generation through zero contribution process is an aberration to the regular process of allotment of PRAN based on physical registration forms. This was meant for generation of PRAN for employees who joined service before 01.04.2009 i.e. during the legacy period and these subscribers were required to become IRA compliant by submitting the physical application forms at the earliest. However, subscribers joining service on or after 01.04.2009 are to be registered under NPS on basis of submission of physical application forms.

Further, generation of PRANs through the process of upload of Zero contribution file has given rise to the following irregularities:-

a) The PAO has submitted same PPAN with different names, thus two individuals have same PRAN
b) PAO allotted has two PPANs for same individual and hence two PRANs and
c) The PPAN provided in the S1 form subsequently submitted by the PAO is either incorrect or not provided resulting into one individual having two PRANs or data of one subscriber getting mapped to another subscriber.

As a result of the above, the following difficulties are being faced by the CRA: -

- Continuous co-ordination with nodal offices, and difficulty to resolve.
- The subscribers concerned are not able to view the online Transaction Statement as data in TS may not be correct.
- S1 forms are also not being submitted in time for such subscribers.
- Such PrAOs which have generated the maximum number of PRANs through this process are lagging in terms of IRA compliance.

In view of above, Railways are requested to refrain from forwarding any zero contribution requests to CRA-NSDL in future, without specific approval of Board's office. Further, the irregularities arisen due to generation of PRAN through Zero Contribution File, if any, (which have already been intimated to respective PAOs & FA&CAOs by NSDL) may be resolved forthwith.

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