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D.O. No. 2004/ACII/21/1/Pt.II

Dated: 24.12.04

Dear Sh. (All GMs/CAOs/ DGs)

Sub: Implementation of New Pension System.

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As you are aware, the New Pension System has been in place for new recruits to Central Government service from January 1, 2004. Till the modalities of the system are fully in place, the Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO) is acting as the interim Central Record Keeping Agency (CRA). Detailed guidelines were issued to Railways for implementation of New Pension System on Railways vide Board's letter of even no. dated 19.2.04. These instructions inter-alia envisage contribution to New Pension Fund from employees as well as Government at prescribed rates and information flow thereof to CPAO every month. However, the feedback received from Railways has revealed that contribution due, both from employee and Government is in arrears and the information flow to CPAO in prescribed format is yet to stabilise on most of the Railways despite protracted correspondence and lapse of nearly 10 months.

The status ibid is cause of concern for Board as it is attracting adverse comments from Ministry of Finance, the nodal Ministry for the new system, who is reviewing the progress of interim arrangements periodically. It may be appreciated that information gap between the Railways and CPAO and short/non-recoveries of contribution may lead to serious consequences, as these would directly affect the benefits that accrue to the beneficiaries. Accurate information flow is also critical for a smooth transition to the fully operational NPS when a full-fledged CRA would take over from CPAO. It is, therefore, imperative that the system is streamlined to ensure that contributions wherever pending/in arrears are pulled up immediately and timely/complete recoveries are made in future under advice to CPAO in desired format. In this regard Railways have already been directed to make necessary arrangements in consultation with Sr.EDPMs for capturing the data in stipulated format and send the same to CPAO in hard and soft copies under intimation to Board.

Kindly direct your FA&CAO and CPO to ensure compliance and also confirm the appropriate action being taken.

Yours sincerely,

(S.C. Gupta)

Sh.(GMs/CAOs/DGs)
All Zonal Railways/PUs.

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No. 2002/AC-II(CC)/37/6(Phase II) New Delhi, Dated 28/12/04.

General Managers,
All Zonal Railways.

Sub: " Extension of RDBMS applications on Zonal railways –Phase II " appearing in in Works Programme 2004-05 - Distribution of Budget Allotment for the work.

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Attention is invited to Board's letter of even no. dated 06.12.04 vide which sanction for implementation of RDBMS based applications AFRES and PRIME – Phase II was communicated to Railways . As mentioned therein, the above work is included as a consolidated work, namely " Extension of RDBMS applications on Zonal Railways –Phase II " in the Works Programme 2004-05 at a sanctioned cost of Rs 4224.92 lakhs under Plan head 'Computerization' against Northern Railway. A budget provision of Rs 1000 lakhs exists for the above work at BE stage (2004-05). In this regard, Railways have been seeking clarifications on outlay available to them for the work ibid. The matter has been considered and the distribution of the outlay of Rs 1000 lakhs amongst the Railways is advised as under:

(Rs in lakhs)

S.No.	Railway	Sanctioned Cost	Outlay for 2004-05
1	Central Railway	191.16	45
2	Eastern Railway	128.44	30
3	Northern Railway	191.16	45
4	NE Railway	295.38	70
5	NF Railway	255.88	61
6	Southern Railway	255.88	61
7	S C Railway	255.88	61
8	S E Railway	128.44	30
9	Western Railway	255.88	61
10	NW Railway	363.1	86
11	E C Railway	426.82	100
12	W C Railway	295.38	70
13	ECO Railway	295.38	70
14	N C Railway	295.38	70
15	SW Railway	295.38	70
16	S E C Railway	295.38	70
	Total	4224.92	1000

Railways other than Northern Railway may incur expenditure on the work operating 'Transfer Railway' giving complete details in the TC to enable Northern Railway to account for the same against sanctioned work during the current year.

Further fund requirements, during the year may also be advised immediately on Fax no. 23387726 for provision at RE stage. The work ibid will be bifurcated Railway-wise in Works Programme 2005-06.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

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No. 2002/AC-II(CC)/37/6(Phase II) New Delhi, Dated 28/12/04.

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