Government of India
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

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General Managers,
All Indian Railways.

Sub: Implementation of New Pension System.

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Kindly connect Sh. S.C. Gupta, the then Additional Member/Finance's d.o. letter of even no. dated 24/12/04 on the above subject requesting you to ensure that recoveries as due under the New Pension System are made timely and completely and information thereof is sent to Central Pension Accounting Office in desired format by scheduled dates every month. Railways have also been directed to make necessary arrangements in consultation with Sr.EDPMs for capturing the requisite data in stipulated format to facilitate submission thereof to Central Pension Accounting Office for this purpose. However the said office has again brought to the notice of Board that none of the Railways has sent the information in the desired format so far. The present status is a matter of concern as there has been no improvement even after repeated instructions from the Board.

As already advised streamlining of the system is not only necessary to avoid legal implications but also critical for a smooth transition to the fully operational New Pension System, when a full fledged Central Record Keeping Agency would take over from Central Pension Accounting Office.

It is, therefore, requested to look into the matter to review implementation of the New Pension System and the flow of information to the Central Pension Accounting Office and ensure strict compliance of Board's instructions on subject.

Action taken may please be advised to Board at the earliest.

Jain 13.5.2005
(Shobhna Jain)
Additional Member Finance
Railway Board

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CPAO NPS Correspondences

S.C.Gupta
Additional Member Finance

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

Dated: 24.12.04

Dear Sh. (All GMs/CAOs/ DGs)

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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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