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At present the offices of FA&CAOs of Zonal Railways and Production Units are the nodal points for information flow under NPS scheme. The information flow comprises one time registration, change data due to transfers etc and monthly subscription details (Employees contribution and matching Government contribution) to Central Record keeping Agency (earlier Chief Pension Accounting Office (CPAO), now National Securities and Depository Limited (NSDL)). So far there was no flow of funds and the subscription amount along with interest thereon was being credited under Public Account. However, as per the decision taken by the Ministry of Finance, under the revised procedure the subscription amount will be transferred to trustee bank- Bank of India and necessary information would be required to be transferred to NSDL.

The modalities of funds/ information flow under the new system are presently under examination in Board's office in consultation with Ministry of Finance. In the meantime it may please be ensured that atleast one dedicated desktop computer system with printer and internet connection is provided to each bill passing unit responsible for submission of NPS information to the nominated Central Record keeping Agency (NSDL) by 31.5.08 under powers delegated to the railways.

Further, as NSDL would accept the information in soft form only, the manual data (where the system is not computerized) will have to be converted in to soft form. It would, therefore, be necessary to put in place machinery for requisite data entry in cases where billing process is manual either in-house or by out-sourcing it to an appropriate agency.

In order to facilitate submission of data in soft form to NSDL, Sr.DFM/ Lucknow/ NR was directed to explore feasibility of developing bridge application software to convert the data available in existing Pay roll packages running on different platforms as also the manual data. FA&CAO/ General Manager, Northern Railway are requested to support this exercise with requisite approvals/ sanction as may be required by Sr.DFM/Lucknow.

Please ensure compliance.

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