Government of India
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

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FA&CAOs,
All Zonal Railways/PUs,

Sub: New Pension System (NPS)

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Please find enclosed a copy of minutes of Dy.CAO/G's meeting held on 18.7.2007 for information and compliance. Compliance report may be sent within a month for Board's appraisal.

Encl: As above.

(Ajai Mathur)
Director Finance (CCA)
Railway Board.

Minutes of the Dy. CAO/Gs' meeting on NPS held on 18.07.07 in Board's office.

A meeting of Dy. CAO/Gs' of Zonal Railways and PUs was held in Board's office on 18.07.07. The meeting was chaired by EDA. The list of participants is listed at Annex - I. The minutes of the meetings are as under:-

1.0. **Welcome Address.**

1.1. **EDA**

- EDA while welcoming the participants mentioned that the object of this meeting was to express Board's concern over failure on part of Railways to submit NPS data in requisite format to CPAO.
- He also thanked Shri. H. Atheli, Dy. Controller of Accounts/CPAO for attending the meeting as it provided interactive platform to both Railways and CPAO to discuss and thrash out the problems.
- He then invited Sh. Atheli to brief the railways on the problems faced by his office regarding the receipt of NPS data.

1.2. **Dy. CA/CPAO**

- Dy. CA/CPAO thanked EDA & DF/CCA for inviting him in the internal meeting of Railways and mentioned that in fact the office of CPAO wanted to have a meeting with the Railways in a single platform like this.
- He pointed out that as far as the submission of the data on NPS in the prescribed format by CPAO is concerned Railways are lagging behind right from the beginning. He said that from interaction with Railway officials, he finds that lack of co-ordination in the concerned departments (i.e. Personnel & Accounts) is one of the prime reasons for the problem.
- Further, there is lack of a standard pay roll application in Railways and each Railway is making individual effort for modification in existing software for capturing the data as per requirement of CPAO. He emphasized need for uniformity in the system to improve the position.
- He also mentioned that at present CPAO is working as interim CRA. However, a permanent CRA has been nominated who is likely to take over the work from CPAO within 6 months. Very soon the PFMs will also be in place. Therefore, it is

Therefore, it is high time that the Railways, submit all their data to CPAO to enable them to pass it on to new CRA.

- He mentioned that his office is always open to discuss the difficulties/queries on data structure and suggested that Programmers be deputed along with the ministerial staff of railways dealing with NPS to the office of CPAO so that the data structure requirement could be explained to them.

2.0. **Business session.**

- The progress regarding submission of data made by various Railways was reviewed by EDA. He mentioned that there is mismatch in the number of employees and contributions as advised by Railways and as accepted by CPAO. Further, on most of the Railways, the recoveries from employees are still in arrears. EDA desired that these differences must be sorted out at the earliest and the arrears should be pulled up immediately.
- EDA fixed a target date of 30.9.07 for railways to submit the data complete in all respect in the prescribed format to CPAO and get their acceptance.
- Dy CAO/G/WR mentioned that there is repetition of fields in various formats wherein information is required to be sent. He requested the CPAO officials to make the monthly data entry simple by allowing the minimum no. of entries. The programmer/CPAO explained that there are no repetition in the formats.
- Dy. CAO/G/WR also suggested CPAO to provide a validation program to Railways to enable them to screen the data before submission to CPAO and to provide access to CPAO website to up load the data directly. Dy. CA/CPAO agreed to provide user ID and pass word to each Unit of Indian Railways to access website of CPAO to up load the data and also explore feasibility of providing validation program.
- Dy. CAO/G/WR also mentioned that Personnel Department is not preparing the bills for Govt. Contribution leading to arrears therein. He requested the Railway Board to allow the adjustment through Journal Voucher. Similar problem was brought out by some other Railways also. EDA stated that as per the JPOs signed for implementation of the New Pension Scheme the bill for the Govt. contribution is to be prepared by Personnel Deptt. and sent to Accounts and this should be

strictly implemented. The matter may be taken up with CPO at FA&CAO level and further to GM, if required.

- Dy.CAO/G/NR and SECR stated that they have submitted the data to CPAO, but the acceptance processing there to is awaited. Dy.CA/CPAO stated that the present delay in process of the data received in CPAO office is due to capacity constraints in existing hardware. However, the position is expected to improve by 2nd week of August. He also agreed to look in to the suggestion for fixing time schedule for sending acceptance to the Railways.
- Some of the Railways sought clarification as to whether interest on NPS Fund will be calculated by CPAO or Railways. Dy.CA/CPAO clarified that as per the extant instructions the CPAO will prepare an annual statement showing the details of deductions and contributions made by the Government and also interest, if any allowed by the Government and forward it to the Railways for reconciliation and accountal. Accordingly, CDs containing the interest calculations based on data received from the Railways were sent to 11 Railways namely, CR, SR, SCR, SER, ECOR, NWR, CLW, DLW, RCF, DMW & Metro/Kolkata. However, a feed back thereon is yet to be received from the Railways. He requested the Railways to send complete data to his office to enable them to work out interest and annual statement. He also clarified that in case arrears are recovered in a year the interest will be calculated for in the year of actual recovery.
- Dy.CAO/G/DLW & NER requested to confirm whether RPF staff is covered under NPS. It was clarified that RPF would be covered under NPS and a copy of Board's clarification in this regard was handed over to them.
- Dy. CAO/G/NFR requested to clarify whether the settlement will be done by Railway or CPAO in case of death of NPS subscriber. It was clarified that the settlement will be done by the Zonal Railway in such cases.
- EDA expressed dissatisfaction at the slow progress made by ECR in submission of data. Dy. CAO/G/ECR was directed to immediately hold a meeting with Divisional officers and ensure submission of requisite data to CPAO by 30.9.07 in requisite format.

- Dy. CAO/G/ICF sought clarification if the wrong recovery can be refunded. It was clarified that the settlement amount of wrong recoveries may be refunded by Railway directly amending the records, if the figure has not been advised to CPAO, and under intimation to CPAO, if the recovery has already been advised to CPAO.
- A CD containing the PAO code directory of all the Ministries was handed over to all the participants for information and necessary action.

3.0. **Conclusion.**

- EDA desired that Dy. CAOs/G should personally monitor the progress of data submission and follow up with CPAO to ensure that the data has reached CPAO's office and errors pointed out by CPAO are rectified immediately so that the data is accepted by the target date fixed i.e. 0.09.07. He stated that next meeting will be held in October 2007 to review the status.
- The meeting ended with vote of thanks

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ANNEURE - I

List of participants from Railways/PUs

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ECR	A. K. Sinha	Dy. CAO/G
ECOR	L.K. Patro.	Sr. AFA (HQ)
NR	Shilpi Agarwal	Dy. FA/B&B
NER	Amar Kumar Sinha	Dy. FA&CAO/G
NFR	A.S. Hopingson	Dy. CAO/G
NCR	Prakash Srivastava	AFA/HQ
NWR	V.S. Meena	Dy. FA&CAO/B&B
SR	M. Devaraj	Dy. CAO/G
SER		
SCR	D. K. Ramaiah	Dy. FA&CAO/B&B
SECR	G.S. Prakash	Dy. FA&CAO/G
SWR	K.N. Chandra Prakash	Dy. CAO/G
WR	Ashok Nair	Dy. CAO/G
WCR	P. K.Sharma	AFA
CLW	Sandip Haldar	Dy. FA&CAO II
DLW	Ambika Jain	Dy. FA/S&W
DMW	A.K. Gupta	Dy. FA&CAO-II
RCF		
RWF		
ICF	V. Murli Mohan.	Dy. FA&CAO/FUR
METRO KOLKATA		
DCW		

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CPAO	H. Atheli	Dy. Controller of Accounts
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SR	M. Devaraj	Dy. CAO/G
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