

भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
रेल मंत्रालय / MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
रेलवे बोर्ड / RAILWAY BOARD

No.2011/H/28/1/RELHS/Court Case

New Delhi, Dated 31.05.12

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways
(Including Production Units),
Director General, RDSO

Sub: Retired Employees Liberalized Health Scheme (RELHS-97).

Ref.: Board's letters No. 2003/H/28/1/RELHS dated 28.01.05, 21.10.05, 30.12.05, 10.05.06, 10.01.07 & 16.03.09.

Arising out of demands raised by Federations & various Pensioner Associations, the subject matter of facilitating Railway Medical Services to all Retired Railway personnel through RELHS-97, had been under consideration of Board for some time. After careful & detailed examination of the matter the following has been decided by Ministry of Railways –

- (a) For Pre-March 2009 retirees – The RELHS-97 will remain open-ended with a lock-in-period of six months for referral outside the Railway Hospital with the rider that this lock-in-period can be relaxed only in an emergency provided the patient is either admitted or visits the Railway Hospital and the facilities for the treatment are not available in Railway Hospital. Such referrals are to be processed only on recommendation of a specially constituted Medical Board.
- (b) For March 2009 and onwards retirees – The RELHS-97 will remain open for a period of another one year from the date of issue of the letter for all those retired railway personnel who have not joined the scheme for one reason or the other. The lock-in-period of six months as applicable for pre-March, 2009 retirees shall be applicable for these retirees also. Henceforth joining RELHS-97 has been made mandatory for all retiring Railway personnel without any exit clause whatsoever.

All other terms and conditions of RELHS-97 mentioned in Board's letter dated 16.03.2009 under reference will remain unaltered.

This has the approval of the President and issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways. Wide publicity should be given to the above provisions.

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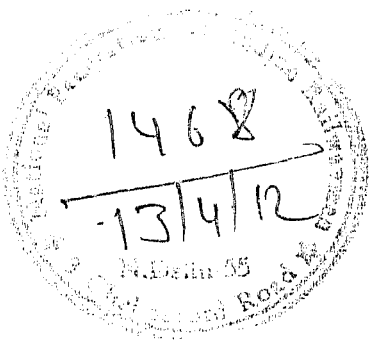
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDIAN RAILWAYMEN (N.F.I.R.)
3, Chelmsford Road, New Delhi.

No.II/13A/Pt.I

Dt. 31-05-2012

Copy of Railway Board's letter dated 31/05/2012 is forwarded to Affiliates for information and wide publicity. Railway Board's letter dated 16/03/09 was already forwarded to Affiliates vide endorsement dated 20/03/09. This demand was vigorously pursued by Federation with the Railway Board vide letter of even number dated 19/05/2011 & 21/03/2012.

(M.Raghavaiah)
General Secretary



भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

रेल भवन, नई दिल्ली - 110 001, तिथि :

Rail Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001, dated : 13.04.2012

No. 2011/H/28/1/RELHS

The General Secretary,
AIRF,
4, State Entry Road,
New Delhi - 110 055.

The General Secretary,
NFIR,
3, Chelmsford Road,
New Delhi - 110 055.

Dear Sirs,

**Sub: Record Note of discussion held on 21.03.2012 on Retired Employees
Liberalised Health Scheme.**

Record Note of Discussions held on 21.03.2012 on the above mentioned subject is sent herewith for information and record.

Yours faithfully,

D.A.: As above.

(D. Malik) 13/4/12
Jt. Director, Estt(IR)

**N. F. I. R.
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDIAN RAILWAYMEN
3, Chelmsford Road, New Delhi**

No. II/13-A/Pt.I

Dated 14-4-2012

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(M. Raghavai ah)
General Secretary

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Record Note of Discussions held with the Federations(AIRF/NFIR) on 21.03.2012 in the Chamber of DG(RHS) regarding Retired Employees Liberalised Health Scheme.

The following officers and representatives of staff side attended the Meeting:

Official Side	Staff Side	
	AIRF	NFIR
1. Dr. V.K. Ramteke, DG(RHS) 2. Dr. D.P. Pande, EDH(Plg) 3. Dr. B.N. Annigeri, EDH(G) 4. Smt. Anjali Goel, EDF(E) 5. Dr. Menka Jain, Director (IH) 6. Dr. Arun Gupta, JD(H&FW) 7. Sh. Debashis Mallik, JDE(IR)	S/Shri 1. S.G. Mishra, General Secretary	S/Shri 1. Guman Singh, President 2. M. Raghavaiah, General Secretary

Official side proposed that RELH Scheme be henceforth be made compulsory without any option clause. Both Federation agreed to the proposal.

It was also decided that for the pre-2009 retirees, the RELH Scheme will be made open-ended and for post-2009 retirees, the Scheme will be opened for one year with the existing provisions i.e. lock-in period of six months etc.

A.I.R.R.F ALL INDIA RETIRED RAILWAYMEN'S FEDERATION

Founded - 1961, H.O - Secunderabad (A.P)
(Member Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies (SCOVA)
Govt. of India - New Delhi

Vide Letter No. 42/50/2010 P&PW(G) Dated 24-06-2011.

SRI Y.N. SASTRY
President

SRI K.V. RAMANA RAO
Working President

ZONAL OFFICE
Railway Pensioners Office
Kharagpur
Dated : 07.04.2012

FLASH NEWS TO PENSIONERS

As a result of NFIR's persistent demand for making RELHS-97 as open scheme for the Retired Railway Employees, the Railway Board convened a Special meeting with DG/RHS to discuss our demand for converting RELHS-97 as open scheme. In the special meeting between NFIR and DG/RHS, various aspects were discussed, consequently it was agreed as follows :-

1. Pre-2009 retirees, who have not opted for RELHS-97 will have the option to opt for the scheme as the said scheme will be kept open for them.
2. Those who have given option not to become RELHS-97 beneficiaries (post-2009 retirees) will be made eligible to opt for RELHS-97 and the time limit for opting to switch over to RELHS-97 would be one year.

However, Para No. 3. & 6 of Board's letter no. 2003/H/28/1/RELHS dated 16-03-2009 will continue to be in force so far as remittance of the amount equivalent to the double of revised pension within a lock in period of Six months.

On 04-04-2012, AIRRF Central Team, discussed various other issues concerning pensioners in the Railway Board.

All Pensioners are therefore requested to note this big achievement and give wide publicity amongst all pensioners, who have not yet enrolled as members under RELHS-97 scheme. Incidentally it is to be mentioned that the "Extension of scope of Family pension to un-married daughters of Central Government Servants / Pension to Un-married daughters" vide Ministry of Pensions / Pensioners Welfare Letter no - 01/19/03 - P&PW(E) dated 16-09-2007 is the outcome of discussions between NFIR and J.C.M. The entire credit goes to the General Secretary NFIR Sri M. Raghaviah, as during his visit to Kharagpur on 18-11-2006 for attending AIRRFS's - AGM, the issue was placed before him, by the undersigned ; Accordingly the issue was taken up in National Council and after threadbare discussions, Pension Ministry agreed to sanction. Family pension to un-married daughters at par with widow / divorced daughters. We convey our thanks.

Today, as a result of these orders, hundreds of un-fortunate un-married daughters of Railway Employees are getting Family Pension (Rs.3500/- + 58% DR) which I feel is a great achievement for NFIR & AIRRF. We have also recommended several cases, after scrutiny of all particulars of each case.

AIRRF in the biggest Federation, Representing the Railway Retirees with 250 branches all over the country, with more than 3 lakh Railway Pensioners, as certified by the Railway Board vide their letter No. E(W) 95PA/2 dated 05-01-2006.

Do not listen to certain un-authorised persons who are misleading innocent Pensioners / Family Pensioners, as AIRRF / NFIR are the only organisations for the welfare of Sr. Citizens at the Nation Level.

**NFIR, AIRRF & SERPC - ZINDABAD
LONG LIVE UNITY OF PENSIONERS
JAI HIND**

OUR CONCEPT :- मानव सेवा ही माधव सेवा

Kharagpur
Dated : 08.04.2012

K.V. RAMANA RAO
WORKING PRESIDENT
AIRRF & President SERPC



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No. II/13A/Pt.I

21/03/2012.

Sub:- NFIR's demand for converting RELHS-97 as Open Scheme.

Ref:- NFIR's letter No. II/13A/Pt.I dated 19/05/2011 to DG/RHS.

As a result of NFIR's persistent demand for making RELHS-97 as Open Scheme for the retired railway employees, the Board have convened a special meeting with DG/RHS on 21/03/2012. In the special meeting held today (21/03/2012) various aspects were discussed, consequently, it was agreed as follows:-

- a) Pre-2009 retirees who have not opted for RELHS-97 will have the option to opt for the scheme as the said scheme will be kept open for them.
- b) Those who have given option not to become RELHS-97 beneficiaries (post-2009 retirees) will be made eligible to opt for RELHS-97 and the time limit for opting to switch over to RELHS-97 would be one year.

However, para No.3 & 6 of Board's letter No. 2003/H/28/1/RELHS dated 16/03/2009 will continue to be in force so far as remittance of the amount equivalent to the double of revised pension within a lock in period of six months.

(M.Raghavaiah)
General Secretary

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No. II/13A/Pt.I

Dated - 19-05-2011

The Director General,
Railway Health Services,
Railway Board,
New Delhi.

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Dear Sir,

Sub: **Modification of existing Retired Employees Liberalised Health Scheme (RELHS) - Reg.**

Ref: Railway Board's letter No. 2003/H/28/1/RELHS dated 16-03-2009.

NFIR has been demanding since long that the existing Retired Employees Liberalised Health Scheme (RELHS-97) may be made as "Open Scheme" facilitating old Retirees to join in the scheme and avail benefits.

Though the Railway Board has agreed in principle to convert the scheme as "Open Scheme", no formal orders have been issued till now.

The NFIR requests you to kindly take action for making RELHS-97 as Open Scheme early.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Raghavaiah)
General Secretary

Copy to:

✓ The General Secretaries of the Affiliated Unions of NFIR for information.

(M. Raghavaiah)
General Secretary



South Central Railway Employees' Sangh
Central Office,
Chilkalguda, Secunderabad

No. SCO/NFIR/Corres/Vol.

Dated: 07.06.2011

Copy forwarded to Central Office Bearers, Divl. Office Bearers, Working Committee Members & Branch Secretaries - for information please.

(S. Muthukrishnan)
For General Secretary