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The Secretary (E),
Railway Board,
New Delhi
Dear Sir,

NPS = Exemption

Sub: Coverage under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, in place of National Pension System, of those Central Government employees whose selection for appointment was finalized before 01/01/2004 but who joined Government service on or after 01/01/2004-reg.

Ref: Government of India, DoP&PW's O.M. No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 17th February, 2020.

Federation invites kind attention of the Railway Board to the instructions issued by the Department of Pension and PW, Government of India vide O.M. No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 17th February, 2020 on the subject matter, addressed to all Ministries including the Ministry of Railways, wherein it has been decided by the Government that those Central Government employees, whose selection for appointment was finalized well before 01/01/2004 but who joined the services on or after 01/01/2004, are required to be covered under Central Civil Services (Pension Rules), 1972. These instructions further stipulate that such employees may be given one time option which may be exercised by them latest by 31/05/2020, maintaining that option once exercised shall be final.

NFIR brings to the notice of Railway Board that these instructions are applicable mutatis mutandis to the Railway employees. Federation also conveys that these instructions cover fairly large number of Railway employees of various safety and non-safety categories including Running Staff whose selection process was finalized prior to 01/01/2004 but they joined the Railway service on or after 01/01/2004. Federation also states that following types of cases of Railway employees are fully covered under these orders of DoP&PW:-

- (i) Railway employees whose names were included in a panel of selected candidates before 01/01/2004 for recruitment against vacancies and were accordingly recruited on or after 01/01/2004.
- (ii) Railway employees who were selected against vacancies pertaining to the period prior to 01/01/2004 on the basis of an advertisement/notification issued before 01/01/2004 or a written examination/interview held before 01/01/2004 but results for recruitment were declared on or after 01/01/2004.
- (iii) Railway employees who joined on or after 01/01/2004 after they were granted extension of joining time on their own request and on account of such extension of joining time to a batch for which the result for recruitment was declared on or after 01/01/2004.

While enclosing copy of Department of Pension and PW O.M. dated 17th February, 2020, NFIR requests the Railway Board to issue corresponding instructions to the Zonal Railways, Production Units etc., for implementation. A copy of the instructions issued may be endorsed to the Federation.

DA/As above

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Yours faithfully,

(Dr. M. Raghavaiah)
General Secretary

Copy together with enclosure is forwarded to the General Secretaries of affiliated Unions of NFIR.
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