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सं./No.P(R)64/P/FMA

प्रधान कार्यालय/ Headquarters Office
कार्मिक शाखा/ Personnel Branch
चेन्नै/Chennai - 600 003
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विषय/Sub: Payment of Fixed Medical Allowance to Railway
Pensioners / Retirees.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No.PC-V/2010/A/Med/1 dated
26-03-2015 on the above subject is enclosed for information, guidance and
necessary action.

Railway Board's letter dated 07-06-2011 (RBE No. 83/2011) and 26-08-
2011 (RBE No. 117/2011) referred therein have been circulated under PBC
No. 117/2011 and PBC No. 126/2011 respectively. Copy of letter dt. 12-02-
2015 is enclosed for reference.


(V.SRINIVASAN)
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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/(रेल मंत्रालय)
(RAILWAY BOARD/(रेलवे बोर्ड))



No. PC-V/2010/A/Med./1

New Delhi, dt. 26.03.2015

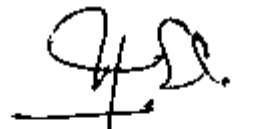
The General Manager (P),
Southern Railway,
Chennai.

(Attn: MS Aruna Nayar, CPO)

Sub: Payment of Fixed Medical Allowance to Railway Pensioners/retires
Ref: S.E Railway's letter No.P(R) 64/P/FMA dt.12.02.15

In context of S.Railways letter dated 12.02.15 it is stated that Board's letters dated 07.06.11 (RBE No. 83/2011) and 26.08.11 (RBE No.117/2011) are of clarificatory nature, reiterating the earlier instructions on the subject and have not altered terms and conditions etc. regarding grant of FMA. As per policy instructions on FMA the pensioners /retirees have to exercises one time option for availing medical facility of OPD at Railway Hospital or to claim FMA. Further, another option (Only once) is available on the ground of change of residence beyond 2.5 kilometres of Railway Hospitals/Dispensaries.

As such, there is no provision for grant of fresh option for FMA or OPD facility.


(N. P. Singh)

Deputy Director Pay Commission-V
Railway Board



SOUTHERN RAILWAY

No. P(R)64/P/FMA

Headquarters Office,
Personnel Branch,
Chennai – 600 003,
Dated: 12. 02.2015.

The Secretary,
Railway Board,
New Delhi – 110 001.

Kind Attn: **Shri. N.P. Singh, Dy. Director, Pay Commission-V**

Sub: Payment of Fixed Medical Allowance.

Attention is drawn to Board's letter dated 07.06.2011 (RBE 83/11) wherein para 3 of the undertaking indicates that the pensioner is eligible for arrears of medical allowance from the date of retirement. As per RBE 117/2011, those retired on or after 21.04.1999 should submit the claim for FMA to their concerned pension sanctioning Authority. In such a situation, when the pensioner has specifically opted for OPD, whether it will be correct to sanction FMA only on fresh undertaking that OPD has/will be availed only for Chronic diseases.

The question whether the option exercised by the pensioner for OPD is to be ignored while processing for sanction of FMA based on the undertaking being now submitted by pensioners given that RBE 56/99 clearly states that only one option either to avail OPD or to get FMA is permissible.

The exercising of one-time option for OPD or for FMA is still reiterated by Board vide letter dated 01.08.2013 to GM/ICF (copies enclosed), which appears to suggest that the one-time option change is primarily with reference to change of residence as stipulated in RBE 107/02.

It is felt that if the fresh undertaking is going to be accepted without giving attention to the option already exercised, then it will be opening a Pandora's box since all pensioners retired after 1999 will start giving this undertaking for getting FMA with arrears (which has now been increased to Rs. 500/- per month from Rs. 300/- per month). Hence the view that those opted out of FMA earlier will not be eligible is borne out of a logical conclusion.

The verbatim comments of FA&CAO is enclosed. Board are requested to examine the issue and clarify at the earliest, since representations from retired employees seeking FMA due to increase in quantum to Rs. 500/- are pouring in which needs to be disposed.


12/2/15
(Aruna Nayar)

Chief Personnel Officer/Admn

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA/भारत सरकार
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS/रेल मंत्रालय
(Railway Board)रेलवे बोर्ड

NO:RC-V/2011/A/Med./2

New Delhi, dated 1-8-2013.

The General Manager (P)
Integral Coach Factory,
Chennai.

Sub: - Change of option to avail FMA.

Ref.: ICF's letter no. PB/Sett./FMA dated 4.7.2013.

In context of the above, it is mentioned that as per extant instructions in Board's letter dated 21.4.1999, para 4 mentioned that employees shall have to exercise one time option to avail of medical facilities at OPD of Railway Hospitals or to claim fixed medical allowance. The instructions in this regard are unambiguous, and may please be followed scrupulously.



(N.P. Singh)

Dy. Director, Pay Commission
Railway Board