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सं./No.P(R)249/P/CEA/HS

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कार्मिक शाखा/Personnel Branch  
चेन्नै/Chennai - 600 003  
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पी बी सी सं/ PBC No:70 / 2014

All PB Officers of HQ / Divisions / Workshops & Other Extra Divnl. Units etc.,  
(As per mailing list -c')

Sub: Children Education Allowance / Hostel Subsidy –  
Clarifications thereon.

Ref: 1. This office Lr. of even No.dt. 06-12-2013 (copy enclosed).  
2. Railway Board's Lr. No.E(W)2014/ED-2/3 dt. 8-05-2014.

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In terms of Board's letter dt. 22-02-2011, it has been clarified under item-2 that "if a Govt. servant dies while in service, the Children Education Allowance or hostel Subsidy shall be admissible in respect of his/her children subject to observance of other conditions for its grant provided the wife/husband of the deceased is not employed in service of the Central Govt., State Govt., Autonomous Body, PSU, Semi Govt. Orgn., etc.. In such cases, the CEA/HS shall be payable to the children till such time the employee would have actually received the same, subject to the condition that other terms and conditions are fulfilled".

In this connection, one of the Divisions had raised a query regarding grant of Children Education Allowance to wards of a deceased employee, quoting para-2 above of Railway Board's letter dated 22-02-2011, as to whether the ward of a deceased employee can be allowed CEA only for the academic year during which the employee expired, or for subsequent years also until the widow / widower gets appointment under CGA.

The issue was referred to Railway Board for clarification, and it has been clarified by Board vide letter dt. 08-05-2014 (copy enclosed) that in case of death of an employee while in service, CEA/HS would be admissible provided the spouse of the deceased is not employed in service of the Central Govt., State Govt., Autonomous Body, PSU, Semi Govt. Organization like Municipality, Port Trust Authority of other organization partly funded by the Central / State Governments. Once the widow / widower is appointed on


compassionate grounds, he/she becomes a Central Government employee in the Railways.

In view of above, CEA/HS may be allowed to the children of deceased Railway employees whose spouses are not employed in Govt./semi Govt./PSUs etc., till such time as under :

1. The child completes XII std. or attains the age of 20 (or)
2. Till the employee superannuates had he been alive (or)
3. Date of appointment of widow / widower etc. under CGA

Whichever is earlier.

The above provision may be adhered to in allowing CEA/HS in death cases, subject to fulfilment of other terms and conditions governing CEA/HS.

  
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Dated: 6 12- 2013.

The Secretary (E)  
Railway Board  
New Delhi.

[ Kind attention : Shri.Debasis Mazurmdar, Director/Estt (Welfare) ]

**Sub: Grant of Children Educational Allowance/Hostel Subsidy to Railway employees- reg..**

**Ref: Railway Board's letter No. E(W)2008/ED-2/4 4 dated 22-02-2011 (RBE No.25/.2011) forwarding DOP&T's O.M. No. 12011/08/2010 dated.30-12-2010.**

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Railway Board vide letter dated 22-02-2011 (RBE No.25/.2011) have forwarded DOP&T's O.M. dated 30-12-2010 setting out certain clarifications on admissibility/eligibility of Children Educational Allowance(CEA) / Hostel Subsidy(HS). In the said O.M., under questionnaire (i), clarification has been given with regard to admissibility of CEA to a Govt. servant who ceases to be in service due to retirement, discharge, dismissal or removal from service stating that CEA shall be admissible till the end of the academic year in which the Govt. servant ceases to be in service.

And, in questionnaire (ii), it has been clarified for death cases, where if a Govt. servant dies while in service, CEA/HS shall be admissible in respect of his /her children subject to observance of other conditions for its grant provided the wife/husband of the deceased is not in service of Central Govt., State Govt., autonomous Body, PSU, Semi- Govt. Organization etc., that in such cases, CEA/HS shall be payable to the children till such time the employee would have actually received the same, subject to fulfilment of other terms and conditions.

In one of the cases, an employee who was working as Reservation Supervisor/II expired on 14-10-2010, and, the widow has represented for claiming of CEA for her daughter who is studying in III Standard for the academic years 2009-2010 & 2010-2011. As the employee expired on 14-10-2010, CEA was allowed for the academic year 2009-2010 and CEA for the year 2010-2011 was not allowed by the Divisional Administration. A doubt has arisen as to the allowance for the year 2010-2011.

On examining the case in the light of clarification given by DOP&T vide questioner (ii) above, for death cases, it is construed that CEA shall be payable to the children till such time as under:

1. Till the employee superannuates had he been alive (or)
  2. The child completes XII std. or attains the age of 20 (or)
  3. Date of appointment of widow <sup>or</sup> under CGA, or otherwise
- } whichever is earlier

*based on claim by deceased employee's wife/husband*

Based on the above interpretation, it would appear that CEA is to be allowed to the deceased employee's child in the instant case for the year 2010-2011 and further years also till such time the earliest contingency arises as listed in the preceding para,

Board is therefore requested to confirm as to the correctness of the above interpretation for claiming of CEA/HS in respect of all death cases.

*Von*  
*6/12/13*  
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For General Manager

भारत सरकार Government of India  
रेल मंत्रालय Ministry of Railways

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GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

No. E(W)2014/ED-2/3

17 MAY 2014 Delhi, Dated 08-05-2014

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


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**Sub: Children Education Allowance/Hostel Subsidy- clarifications thereon.**

**Ref: Your Railway's letter No. P(R)249/P/CEA/ HS dated 06-12-2013, 21-01-2014 & 24-02-2014.**

Apropos above referred letters, the clarification on DOP&T's OM No. 12011/08/2010-Estt.(AL) dated 30-12-2010 has been examined in consultation with Associate Finance/Railway Board. Accordingly, it is clarified that:-

- (1) As per Para (i) of OM Children Education Allowance /Hostel Subsidy shall be admissible till the end of the Academic Year in which the Government servant ceases to be in service due to retirement, discharge, dismissal or removal from service in the course of an Academic Year. Therefore, Item (i) of Railway's letter stands clarified.
- (2) Para (iii) of DOP&T's OM, clarifies that the upper age limit for disabled children will be 22 years and other children will be 20 years or till the time of passing of 12<sup>th</sup> class, whichever is earlier. Therefore, Item (ii) of Railway's letter also stands clarified.
- (3) Lastly Para (ii) of DOP&T's OM clarifies that in case of death of the employee while in service, Children Education Allowance /Hostel Subsidy would be admissible provided the spouse of the deceased is not employed in service of the Central/State Governments/Autonomous Bodies/PSU/Semi-Government organization like Municipality, Port Trust Authority of other organization partly or fully funded by the Central/State Governments. Once the widow/widower is appointed on compassionate grounds, he/she becomes a Central Government employee in the Railways. Thus Item (iii) of Railway's letter also stands clarified by DOP&T.

  
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