

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)  
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No.D-43/12/2018-F(E)III

New Delhi, dated: 24.06.2026.

The General Managers/Principal Financial Advisors,  
All Zonal Railways/Production Units etc,  
DGs of RDSO and NAIR.  
(Excluding NR, ECR & SER)

**Sub: Coverage under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 in place of National Pension System in case of those Railway employees who were recruited against the posts/vacancies advertised/notified prior to 22.12.2003 - reg.**

**Ref: Board's letters of even number dated 10.03.2023, 04.04.2025, 01.05.2025, 22.07.2025 & 15.05.2026.**

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Zonal Railways/Production Units (ZRs/PUs) were advised vide Board's letter of even number dated 15.05.2026 to send the finalized list of such pending cases where option was exercised as per Board's letter dated 10.03.2023 but Appointing Authority could not take decision within the stipulated time, **with the certification/ undertaking**, that no case is pending with the Railway on the aforementioned subject.

2. Further, it was also informed that Railway Board will not entertain any such case which will be brought to notice of this office at a later stage in view of the stricture by DoP&PW and in case of any lapse in this regard, responsibility will be fixed on the delinquent official.

3. However, many zonal railways/PUs have not submitted the requisite details sought vide Board's letter dated 15.05.2026. Therefore, a final deadline **upto 10.07.2026** is given to all zonal railways/ PUs (excluding ECR, NR & SER) to furnish the details of all such cases with the certification in the enclosed pro forma. The details may be mailed on **rohit.verma1@gov.in**. This may be treated as **most urgent**.

4. In case no reply is received on or before the **final deadline of 15.07.2026**, it would be construed that no other case is pending in zonal railways/PUs and DoP&PW shall accordingly be advised.



(Ramesh Chandra Pandey)  
Deputy Director, Finance (Estt.)III  
Railway Board

Pro-Forma

S.No.	Name and Designation of railway employee	Date on which option received	Whether option examined in consultation with Finance. If yes, the observations of Finance thereof (verbatim)	Reason for delay in getting approval of Appointing Authority within the stipulated time	Reason for non-submission of the case earlier, terms in of Board's letter dated 14.02.2024.	Certification/undertaking that (except this/ these), no case is pending with the Railway

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New Delhi, dated: 15.05.2026.

The General Managers/Principal Financial Advisors,  
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**Ref: Board's letters of even number dated 10.03.2023, 04.04.2025, 01.05.2025 & 22.07.2025.**

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Zonal Railways/Production Units (ZRs/PUs) were advised vide Board's letter of even number dated 04.04.2025 to furnish details of all pending cases wherein the options from the railway employees for coverage under old pension scheme in terms of Board's instructions dated 10.03.2023 have been received within the stipulated date i.e. 31.08.2023, however, decision of the Appointing Authority could not be taken before the extended time frame of 15.04.2024.

2. The details received from Zonal Railways / PUs were submitted to DoP&PW who have advised to send them a firm & final list of all pending cases to finalize the issue along with reasons for delay and reasons for not submitting the same earlier. Further that no case of relaxation will be entertained after duly finalized list is received with the certificate / undertaking that no such case is pending for relaxation.

3. Accordingly, all zonal railways are advised to send the finalized list of pending cases with the certification/ undertaking that no case is pending with the Railway. If at a later stage any case is brought to notice of Railway Board for coverage under OPS by the railway, it will not be entertained in view of the stricture by DoP&PW. Further, in case of any lapse in this regard, responsibility needs to be fixed on the delinquent official failing to provide the details related to the issue.

4. Zonal Railways/Production Units are advised to furnish details of all such cases alongwith the certificate /undertaking as mentioned above in the enclosed pro-forma at the earliest. The details may be mailed on rohit.verma1@gov.in. This may be treated as most urgent.

  
(G. Priya Sudarsani),  
Director, Finance (Estt.),  
Railway Board.

Pro-forma

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No.D-43/12/2018-F(E)III

New Delhi, dated:22.07.2025.

The General Managers/Principal Financial Advisors,  
(NCR, NER, SCR, SR, SER, WCR, Metro Rail Kolkata, ICF, RCF, CLW)

**Sub:**Coverage under Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993 in place of National Pension System in case of those Railway employees who were recruited against the posts/vacancies advertised/notified prior to 22.12.2003 - reg.

**Ref:** Board's letters of even number dated 10.03.2023, 04.04.2025 and 01.05.2025.

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Instructions of even number dated 04.04.2025 on the above subject were issued in consultation with Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare(DoP&PW), wherein Zonal Railways/Production Units (ZRs/PUs) were advised to furnish details of all pending cases wherein the options from the railway employees for coverage under old pension scheme in terms of Board's instructions dated 10.03.2023 have been received within the stipulated date i.e. 31.08.2023, however, decision of the Appointing Authority could not be taken before the extended time frame of 15.04.2024.

2. A reminder dated 01.05.2025 had also been issued in this regard. However, several ZRs/PUs have not furnished the requisite details.

3. Therefore, it has been decided to allow for a final extension and Zonal Railways/Production Units are advised to furnish details of all such cases as mentioned above in the enclosed pro forma by 31.07.2025, positively. The details may be mailed on rohit.verma1@gov.in. In case no reply is received on or before the final deadline of 31.07.2025, it would be construed that no case is pending with the Railway and DoP&PW shall be advised, accordingly.

*G. Priya Sudarsani*

(G. Priya Sudarsani),  
Director, Finance (Estt.),  
Railway Board.

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Reminder

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New Delhi, dated: 01.05.2025.

The General Managers/Principal Financial Advisors,  
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DGs of RDSO and NAIR.  
(excluding RWF,SER,NR,NWR,PLW,ER)

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Ref: Board's letters of even number dated 10.03.2023 and 04.04.2025.

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Instructions of even number dated 04.04.2025 on the above subject were issued in consultation with Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare(DoP&PW), wherein Zonal Railways/Production Units were advised to furnish details of all pending cases wherein the options from the railway employees for coverage under old pension scheme in terms of Board's instructions dated 10.03.2023 have been received within the stipulated date i.e. 31.08.2023, however, decision of the Appointing Authority could not be taken before the extended time frame of 15.04.2024.

2. Zonal Railways/Production Units are again advised to furnish details of all such cases as mentioned above in the enclosed pro forma by **15.05.2025, positively**. The details may be mailed on [rohit.verma1@gov.in](mailto:rohit.verma1@gov.in). In case no reply is received on or before the final deadline of 15.05.2025, it would be construed that no case is pending with the Railway and accordingly, DoP&PW shall be advised.

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(G. Priya Sudarsani),  
Director, Finance (Estt.),  
Railway Board.

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New Delhi, dated: 04.04.2025.

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**Ref:Board's letters of even number dated 10.03.2023 and 02.04.2024.**

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Instructions of even number dated 02.04.2024 on the above subject were issued in consultation with Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare(DoP&PW), wherein the time limit for taking decision by the Appointing Authority was extended till 15.04.2024. However, references have been received for further extension of time for taking decision by the Appointing Authority in cases wherein options have been exercised by the railway servants within the stipulated time.

2. The matter has again been examined in consultation with DoP&PW, who have advised to furnish them the details of all pending cases wherein the options from the railway employees for coverage under old pension scheme in terms of Board's instructions dated 10.03.2023 have been received within the stipulated time i.e. 31.08.2023, however, decision of the Appointing Authority could not be taken before the extended time frame of 15.04.2024. DoP&PW has also advised to furnish the reasons for non-submission of such cases earlier.

3. Accordingly, Zonal Railways/Production Units are advised to furnish details of all such cases as mentioned in para 2 above in the enclosed pro forma by **15.04.2025, positively**. The details may be mailed on **rohit.verma1@gov.in**.

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Director, Finance (Estt.),  
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