

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

No. PC-VI/2020/CC/13

New Delhi, dated: 19.02.2025

**The General Managers/ Principal Financial Advisors,  
All Zonal Railways & Production Units**

**Sub: Grant of notional increment (as due on 1<sup>st</sup> July/1<sup>st</sup> January) for the pensionary benefits to those employees who had retired on 30<sup>th</sup> of June/31<sup>st</sup> of December before drawing the same – Clarification reg.**

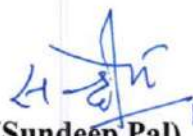
**Ref: Board's letter No. PC-VI/2020/CC/13 dated 03.12.2024.**

Attention is invited to Board's letter under reference whereby DOP&T's instructions/clarification regarding grant of benefit of notional increment were adopted and circulated to all Zonal Railways/ PUs.

2. In continuation to above, queries were received in this office from various field units seeking clarification on **3<sup>rd</sup> party** as mentioned in the Hon'ble Apex Court's order dated 06.09.2024. This aspect has been examined in consultation with the Legal Directorate and Finance Directorate of this Ministry. Accordingly, it is hereby clarified that **'3rd party' as mentioned by the Hon'ble Apex Court refers to those pensioners who are eligible otherwise for grant of notional increment but have not joined as a party to any of the court cases or resorted to any litigation process on the issue of notional increment.**

3. All Zonal Railways/PUs are hereby advised that cases/ representations, if any, pending on the issue of notional increment may be dealt with in light of above clarification duly complying with all other conditions mentioned in DOP&T's O.M. dated 14.10.2024.

4. This issues with the approval of Board.

  
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**PED Accounts – for necessary modifications in the IPAS for issuance of revised PPOs.**

**GM/HRMS, CRIS – for necessary modifications in the settlement module of the HRMS.**

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