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The Secretary (E),
Railway Board
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Sub: Revision of Pension of Pre-2016 Retired Running Staff-Improper instructions of Railway Board - reg.

Ref:
(i) GS/NFIR's letter to Railway Board vide No. II/35/Part XIV dated 15/01/2018.
(ii) Railway Board's letter No. D-43/34/2017-F(E)III dated 24/01/2018.
(iii) NFIR's letter No. II/35/Part XIV dated 12/02/2018 & 26/02/2018 addressed to CRB.
(iv) NFIR's PNM Agenda Item No. 9 sent to Railway Board on 26/06/2018.
(v) DoP&PW O.M. No. 38/17/18-P&PW (A) dated 1st June 2018 to Railway Board.
(vi) Railway Board's O.M. No. D-43/34/2017-F(E)III dated 23/05/2018 & 16/08/2018 to Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.

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Kind attention of Railway Board is invited to Railway Board's letter dated 24/01/2018 wherein instructions were issued on revision of pension of pre-2016 retired Running Staff. The Federation vide its references including Agenda Item No. 9 (sent to Railway Board on 26/06/2018), brought to the notice of Railway Board the serious discrepancies and aberrations contained in the said instructions. Consequently, Railway Board vide O.M. dated 23/05/2018 sought clarification from the DoP&PW, to which the DoP&PW vide O.M. dated 01st June, 2018 clarified to the Railway Board as under:-

> **"Railway Board has mentioned that, in addition to the normal Basic Pay and admissible DA thereon, the serving Running Staff of the Railways are allowed Running Allowance which is equivalent to Dearness Allowance on 30% of the Basic Pay. In other words, the Running Staff are allowed Basic Pay + Dearness Allowance on 1.3 times of the Basic Pay. The revision of pay in the case of serving Running Staff is done by taking into account the pre-revised Basic Pay + actual Dearness Allowance (on 1.3 times of Basic Pay) received on the pre-revised Basic Pay. Accordingly, separate fitment tables are issued in each Pay Commission by the Railway Board for fixation of pay of the serving Running Staff."**

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Through the said O.M., the DoP&PW further wanted few examples of the formulation in order to compare the pay/pension as on 01/01/2016 as per Railway Ministry's O.M. dated 24/01/2018 with pay/pension which should be payable as per the formulation suggested by the Unions (i.e. NFIR etc.)

Federation has since learnt that the said details relating to pay fixation method of Running Staff duly reckoning the pay element in Running Allowance for various purposes has been furnished by the Railway Ministry to the DoP&PW vide O.M. dated 16/08/2018. Thereafter, a period of one month has passed, but no progress has been conveyed to the Federation.

NFIR, therefore, once again urges upon the Railway Board to kindly expedite the matter for ensuring proper revision of pension and issuance of fresh PPOs. Progress made into to the case may be apprised to the Federation soon.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. M. Raghavaiah)
General Secretary

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