

**Board's letter No.PC-V/97/1/9/6 dated 24.3.2000 (RBE No.53/2000.)**

**Sub: Payment of Dearness Relief on Ex-gratia payment to surviving SRPF(C) retirees – Revised Rates effective from 1.7.99.**

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In terms of Board's letter No.F(E)/III/97/PN1/Ex.Gr.5 dated 27.1.99, orders were issued for grant of ex-gratia payment to the SRPF(C) beneficiaries who retired on superannuation during the period from 1.4.57 to 31.12.65 @ Rs.600/- p.m. along with Dearness Relief @ 5% thereon w.e.f. 1.11.97 subject to the condition that such persons should have rendered at least 20 years of continuous service prior to their superannuation.

2. The question of Dearness Relief to the surviving SRPF(C) retirees referred to above has been reconsidered. Having due regard to the fact that the Ex-gratia payment in their cases has been introduced for the first time only with effect from November 1, 1997 and that they were not entitled to any Ex-Gratia payments, Dearness Relief and Interim Relief thereon prior to this date, it has been decided that these surviving SRPF(C) retirees may be paid Dearness Relief at the rate of 13 per cent with effect from November, 1, 1997 and at the rates of 16 per cent, 22 per cent, 32 per cent and 37 per cent with effect from January 1, 1998, July 1, 1998, January 1, 1999 and July 1, 1999 respectively as admissible to Railway pensioners. Future instalments of Dearness Relief shall also be regulated as applicable in respect of the Railway Pensioners based on the orders issued by this Ministry from time to time. Payment of this revised rate of Dearness Relief to these beneficiaries may be made directly by the disbursing authorities without any further authorisation from concerned Accounts Officers/Heads of offices etc., where sanction for ex-gratia has already been issued.

3. The other provisions contained in Railway Board's letter No.F(E)/III/97/PN1/Ex-gratia/5 dated 27.1.98 shall remain unchanged.

4. The payment on account of Dearness Relief involving fraction of a rupee may be rounded off to the next higher