

EX-GRATIA PAYMENT TO SRPF(C) RETIREES

Subsequent to the introduction of the scheme for payment of ex-gratia to the surviving SRPF(C) optees, who retired on superannuation during the period from 1.4.1957 to 31.12.1985, representations have been received from such of the ex-gratia beneficiaries for the authorization in the ex-gratia payment orders itself for release of ex-gratia to the widow/widower in the event of the death of the retiree. The matter has been examined by the Railway Board in consultation with the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare and it has been decided to authorise ex-gratia disbursing authorities to release the ex-gratia to the widow/widower on the death of the retiree in the same manner as family pension is released on the death of the pensioner, without requiring widow/widower to apply afresh in terms of OOP and PW's notification dated 13.6.1988, circulated vide Railway Board's letter dated 30.6.1988. Modalities for implementing this decision are discussed in the following paragraphs.

2. The living SRPF(C) retirees both pre and post 1.4.1957 retirees in receipt of ex-gratia who have a spouse and/or dependent children living may apply to the ex-gratia sanctioning authorities on a plain sheet of paper giving details of wife/husband and dependent children, if any, with name, relationship with the applicant and date of birth in Christian era which are to be accompanied by the following documents :

- (i) Three specimen signatures in three separate sheets duly attested;
- (ii) Three copies of passport size joint photograph of the retiree with wife/husband duly attested. Where it is not possible to submit joint photograph, separate photograph of the wife/husband, duly attested, may be submitted;
- (iii) Descriptive role of the wife/husband duly attested, indicating (a) height and (b) at least two personal marks, including moles on the head, face etc.;
- (iv) Certificate of age of the wife/husband and dependent children, duly attested.

2. On receipt of the application, ex-gratia sanctioning authority shall take necessary action to issue revised ex-gratia payment orders authorizing release of ex-gratia to the wife/husband on the death of the retiree @ Rs. 605/- per month and dearness relief thereon as admissible on production of death certificate and the certificate to the effect that the widow/widower is not re-married. The revised ex-gratia payment order shall also contain the name of the dependent children, who are eligible for grant of ex-gratia on the death of the widow/widower. The payment of ex-gratia to the dependent children as and when their turn comes shall be authorised separately by the same authority which sanctioned the original ex-gratia, on receipt of application from the dependent children.

4. The living SRPF(C) optees, who are eligible for grant of ex-gratia in terms of Board's letter dated 27.1.1998 and are yet to apply for the same can be permitted to submit their application in the revised application format. The specimen of which has been enclosed with the letter of the Railway Board dated 14.2.2001.

5. The above order should be brought to the notice of all concerned SRPF(C) retirees. (R.B. Letter No. F(E)III/2000/PNI/Ex-gratia/6, dt. 14.2.2001) (R.B.E. No. 34/ 2001).

6. The amount of ex-gratia being paid to the surviving SRPF (C) retirees has been increased with effect from 1.11.2006 as under :-

<i>Group of service to which SRPF(C) retiree belonged at the time of Retirement.</i>	<i>Enhanced amount of basic ex-gratia..</i>
(i) Group 'A' Service	Rs. 3,000/-
(ii) Group 'B' Service	Rs. 1,000/-
{iii) Group 'C' Service	Rs. 750/-
(iv) Group 'D' Service	Rs.650/-

These beneficiaries shall be entitled to payment of dearness ex-gratia at the rate of 50% the enhanced based ex-gratia and dearness relief at the rate of enhanced ex-gratia plus dearness ex-gratia with effect from 1st November, 2006. They shall also be entitled to receive dearness relief at revised rates as and when the rates of dearness relief undergo upward revision. [Rly. Board's circular No. F{E}III/98/PNI/Ex.Gr./ 3dated15.11.2006.] (R.B.E.No, 170/2006)