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**Dr. Jitendra Singh,**  
Hon'ble Minister of State  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions,  
North Block,  
New Delhi-110001  
Respected Sir,

Sub: Grant of Children Education Allowance to two children in case of first child being totally mentally disabled-reg.

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Complaints continued to be received by the Federation from those central Government employees in general and Railway employees in particular, who, unfortunately, have been graced with 1<sup>st</sup> child (out of three living children) being mentally retarded/disabled and is not able to receive education even at school level due to his/her physical/mental infirmity while other two children of those employees who are normal in all respects and are receiving education at school/college levels, but however, the Children Education Allowance is allowed only in respect of one child.

On scrutiny of available instructions and answers to Frequently Asked Questions circulated by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions (Department of Personnel & Training) vide O.M. No. I-11020/1/2014-Estt (AL) dated ....., it is seen that the above cases are not covered for payment of Children Education Allowance to two children, as a result payment of Children Education Allowance to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward is denied citing the plea that CEA/Hostel Subsidy is payable only to the eldest surviving children of the employees inspite of valid justification.

NFIR however is of the view that the genuine cases of these type have never been brought to the notice of the Government (DoP&T and MoF) for consideration despite the fact that there is sufficient justification to allow CEA/Hostel Subsidy to two children in view of special circumstances as explained in first para above. Federation contends that the stipulation for reimbursement of Children Education Allowance/Hostel Subsidy presently existing, needs to be reviewed and relaxed suitably so that any to surviving children out of three of the Government employee are eligible for grant of Children Education Allowance and Hostel Subsidy particularly in those cases where eldest or second eldest out of the three differently abled/mentally retarded and not in a position to receive education under any circumstances.

Federation therefore, requests the Hon'ble Minister to kindly intervene and see that extant instructions are suitably relaxed soon by the DoP&T for allowing re-imbursement of Children Education Allowance/Hostel Subsidy to two school/college going children out of three when one of whom is totally disabled.

Action taken in the matter may kindly be advised to the Federation.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. M. Raghavaiah)  
General Secretary

Copy to the Secretary (E), Railway Board, New Delhi. Federation requests the Railway Ministry to send comprehensive proposal to DoP&T under advice to this office.

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