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The Secretary (E),
Railway Board,
New Delhi
Dear Sir,

Sub: Denial of complimentary passes to the widows of deceased railway employees-reg.

Ref: NFIR's PNM item No. 9/2013.

The subject matter was last discussed in a special meeting held with the Railway Board on 30/07/2015 wherein the Official Side declined to concede to the Federation's demand for grant of complimentary passes to the widows of deceased railway employees who had retired before completing 20 years of service and dies thereafter. Federation however did not appreciate Board's view and contended that the matter needs to be reviewed on the following key points which perhaps have not been taken into consideration while considering NFIR's demand:-

- Railway Board vide letter No. E(W)85PS5-8/2 dated 30/06/1987 took decision to issue complimentary passes to the widows of deceased railway employees by reducing the two sets of PTOs per year available to Railway employees covering automatically the Railway employees recruited after the date of notification.
- The provision clearly states that the railway employees recruited after the cutoff date of 12/3/1987 have no opportunity for refusing to join the scheme and were perforce brought under the ambit of the said scheme.
- Those railway employees who joined service on or after 30/06/1987, are obviously to be governed by the aforesaid instructions as they received only 4 sets of PTOs in a year as against 6 sets permitted earlier.
- While introducing the scheme, the service condition of 20 years, has not been imposed by the Railway Board in their order dated 30/06/1987 and as such imposing restriction now is improper.

NFIR, therefore, urges the Railway Board to re-consider the case and issue instructions, allowing complimentary passes to the widow of the deceased railway employees appointed on or after 12/03/1987, retired before completing 20 years service and died subsequently. A copy of the instructions issued may be endorsed to the Federation.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. M. Raghavaiah),
General Secretary

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File No. 9/2013 (PNM).