

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. F(E)III/2025/UPS/1

New Delhi, dated: 13.10.2025.

The General Managers/Principal Financial Advisors,
All Zonal Railways/Production Units etc,
DGs of RDSO and NAIR.

Subject :- Extension of cut-off date for exercising Option of Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) under NPS by two months i.e. upto 30th November, 2025.

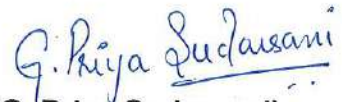
**Ref: (i) Board's letter of even number dated 28.03.2025.
(ii) Board's letter of even number dated 04.07.2025.**

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) vide Gazette Notification No. PFRDA/12/01/0001/2023-LEGAL dated 19.03.2025 had issued the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Operationalisation of Unified Pension Scheme under National Pension System) Regulations, 2025 to operationalise the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) introduced by the Central Government as an option under the National Pension System (NPS) for the employees of the Central Government who are covered under the NPS. The said notification was circulated on Railways vide the letter mentioned under reference dated 28.03.2025.

2. Subsequently, PFRDA vide Circular No. PFRDA/2025/04/SUP-CG-SG/01 dated 26.06.2025 had extended the cut-off date for exercising the option for UPS for three months i.e. upto 30th September 2025. The said circular of PFRDA was circulated on Railways vide the letter mentioned under reference dated 04.07.2025.

3. Now, PFRDA vide Circular No. PFRDA/2025/14/SUP-CG-SG/06 dated 06.10.2025 has again extended the cut-off date for exercising the option for UPS for two months i.e. upto 30th November, 2025. The said circular of PFRDA shall apply *mutatis-mutandis* on Railways also.

4. The Fundamental Rule 56(j) and Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 mentioned in the said circular correspond to Rule 1802(a) of Chapter-18 of Indian Railway Establishment Code Vol. II (1987-edition) and Railway Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1968 respectively.


(G. Priya Sudarsani),
Director, Finance (Estt.),
Railway Board.

DA:- As above.

Copy to:

Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Railways), Room No. 222, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.

G. Priya Sudasani

For Member Finance, Railway Board.

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New Delhi, Dated: 13.10.2025.

Copy to:-

1. The General Secretary, AIRF, Room No. 253, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
2. The General Secretary, NFIR, Room No. 256-E, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The Members of the National Council, Departmental Council and Secretary Staff Side, National Council, 13-C, Feroz Shah Road, New Delhi.
4. The Secretary General, FROA, Room No. 256-A, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. The Secretary General, IRPOF, Room No. 268, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
6. The Secretary, RBSS, Group 'A' Officers Association, Rail Bhawan.
7. The Secretary, RBSS, Group 'B' Officers Association.
8. The General Secretary, RBSSSA, Room No. 451-A, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. The Secretary, Railway Board Ministerial Staff Association.
10. The Secretary, Railway Board Class IV staff Association.
11. The General Secretary, All India SC/ST Railway Employees Association, Room No. 7, Ground Floor, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
12. The General Secretary, All India O.B.C. Railway Employees Federation (AIOBCREF), Room No.48, Rail Bhawan.

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For Principal Executive Director (IR), Railway Board.

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New Delhi, Dated: 13.10.2025.

Copy to:-

Adv. to MR, EDPG to MR, OSD to MR, OSD (Co-ord) to MR, , PS to MoSR(D), EDPG to MoSR(D), PS to MoSR(J), EDPG to MoSR(J), DPG to MoSR(J).

PSOs/Sr.PPSs/PPSs to CRB, MF, M/O&BD, M/Infra, M/TRS.

DG/HR, DG/Safety, DG(RHS), DG(RPF).

All Addl. Members, PEDs, All EDs, JSs.

Pay & Accounts Officer, M/o Railways (Railway Board)

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Copy also to:-

1. The DGs, IRICEN/Pune, IRIEN/Nasik Road, IRIMEE/Jamalpur, IRISER/Secunderabad
2. The CMDs, IRCON, IRFC, MRVC, IRC&TC, CONCOR, RITES, KRCL, RVNL, Railtel and MDs, CRIS, IRWO.
3. The Vice Chairman, Rail Land Development Authority, New Delhi.
4. The Registrar, RCT/Delhi.
5. Chairmen of all RRBs
6. The Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety/ Lucknow

(Reference: PFRDA Circular No. : PFRDA/2025/14/SUP-CG-SG/06 dated 06.10.2025.)



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PENSION FUND REGULATORY AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



Circular

Circular No: PFRDA/2025/14/SUP-CG-SG/06

October 06, 2025

To,

The PrAOs, PAOs, DDOs of Central Government,

Existing Employees, Eligible Past Retirees and the Legally wedded Spouses of Deceased Past Retirees of Central Government covered under National Pension System (NPS)

The DTAs, DTOs, DDOs of State Government with respect to AIS officials,

The Central Recordkeeping Agencies (CRAs),

National Pension System Trust

Subject: Extension of cut-off date for exercising Option of Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) under NPS by two months i.e., upto 30th November 2025- reg.

Please refer to the Regulation 3 (2) (i) of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Operationalisation of the Unified Pension Scheme under National Pension System) Regulations, 2025 dated 19th March, 2025, wherein, it is provided that the exercise of option in respect of an eligible employee to be covered under UPS shall be undertaken :- (i) within three months from 1st April 2025, or within such extended timelines if any, allowed by the Central Government, in respect of a person mentioned under clause (i) and clause (iii) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 3 of the above regulations.

2. The Central Government of India has extended the cut-off date for exercising the option for UPS by two months i.e., upto 30th November 2025 in respect of the following:

(i) migration to UPS from NPS by an existing Central Government employee in service as on 1st April 2025, who is covered under NPS.

(ii) claim by (a) A Central Government employee who was covered under NPS and who has superannuated or voluntarily retired or has retired under Fundamental Rules 56 (j) (which is not treated as penalty under Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965), on or before 31st March 2025; or

(b) the legally wedded spouse in case of a subscriber who has superannuated or retired and has demised prior to exercising the option of UPS.

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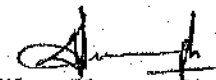
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3. This circular is issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 14 of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 2013 and shall be effective immediately.



(Vikas Kumar Singh)
Chief General Manager