

Sub.: Request for Applicability of Old Pension Scheme (OPS) to Certain Categories of Railway Employees.

Representations dated 28.05.2025, addressed to the Hon'ble Home Minister of India and Hon'ble Minister for Railways, have been received from Shri Mangat Ram Saini, National President, Akhil Bhartiya Railway Mazdoor Sangthan. The representations seek the extension of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) to specific categories of railway employees who were previously engaged in different capacities and later absorbed into regular railway service.

The representation specifically highlights the following categories for coverage under the OPS:-

1. Sahayaks who were within the age group of 18 to 50 years as on 26.02.2008 and were considered for appointment as Gangman in accordance with the instructions contained in Director/E(N)-II's letter no. E(NG)II/2008/RR-3/1 dated 01.04.2008 (copy enclosed), subject to fulfillment of the prescribed conditions; and
2. Ex-servicemen from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) who were subsequently appointed in various positions in Indian Railways.

As the matter concerns the applicability of pensionary benefits under the OPS to railway employees, the case was duly referred to the Finance Directorate for examination on 20.06.2025. However, the Finance Directorate returned the case, stating that it primarily pertains to Sahayaks.

However, given that the core issue relates to the extension of pensionary benefits to the absorbed categories of railway employees, it is proposed to resubmit the case to the Finance Directorate for re-examination and further necessary action.

Submitted for approval please.

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27.06.2025

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (Bharat Sarkar)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (Rail Mantralaya)
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

(NG)II/2008/RR-3/1

New Delhi, Dated: 1.4.2008

**General Manager (P),
Indian Railways.**


Sub: Appointment of licensed porters to the post of Gangmen

Pursuant to the announcement made by Hon'ble Minister for Railways in Budget Speech for the year 2008-2009 in the Parliament, the matter has been considered by the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) and it has been decided that as a one time measure, all those licensed porters who are upto age of 50 years and minimum age of 18 years as on 26/02/2008 may be appointed to the posts of Gangman subject to the fulfillment of following conditions:

- (i) Only those license porters will be considered for appointment who were possessing a valid license in terms of extant rules as on 26/2/2008 i.e. the date of announcement in Parliament.
- (ii) Educational qualification may be kept as 'Read and Write'.
- (iii) The appointment will be subject to surrendering the license and badge and right to be a license porter. No subsequent transfer of license would be allowed.
- (iv) The license porters should be medically fit for the post of Gangmen.
- (v) The genuineness and authenticity of every claimant as a license porter for appointment is to be established and authenticated by the Sr. DCM.
- (vi) The screening for appointment will be done by a Committee of 03 (three) Jr. Scale Officers of Commercial, Personnel and Civil Engineering Department nominated by Divisional Railway Manager. The Screening Committee would adjudge the candidates as per appointment criteria including 'read and write'. The recommendations of the Screening Committee would be approved by DRM. However, their placement will be done within the zonal jurisdiction in which they are working as license porters.

The above exercise should be completed within two months from the date of issue of this letter.

Please acknowledge receipt.


(MAHAVIR SINGH)
Director Estt. (N) II
Railway Board.

Please find enclosed herewith, a representation of Sh. Mangat Ram Saini, National President, Akhil Bhartiya Railway Mazdoor Sangh dated 28.05.2025 regarding Old Pension Scheme.

2. Since, as per subject list individual cases of Railway Coolies (Railway licensed Porter) are to be dealt with by TG-II branch, the representation may be sent to TG-II branch for taking appropriate action.

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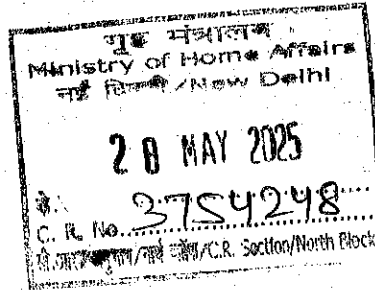
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To,

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Subject :

Implementation of O.M. No. 28/30/2004-P & PW (B) of Ministry of Personnel, Public, Grievances and Pension, Department of Pension and Pensioners welfare in Railway Department.

Sir,

It is being brought to your kind notice that in the above said subject noted office Memorandum. It is clarified that persons who joined Railway Service after 01-01-2004 but before 28-10-2009 after technical resignation from a pension able establishment of a Central Govt. Department may be considered under old pension scheme.

For Implementation of above said orders in Railway Court Judgement of High Court and Supreme Court announced in favour of employee to consider that under old pension schemes.

But When Railway Department approached to implement the orders then Railway Department replied that "It is to be done by Department of Pension.

It is further stated that in Railway Department large number of employee joined from Railway Coolies (Railway License Porter) and Ex Serviceman of Ministry of Defence whose benefit of old pension is ignoring by Non-Implement of above said clear orders.

So please arrange implantation of said orders at and earliest in favour of Railway Employees.

Your's Sincerely

Mangat Ram Saini
National President
Akhil Bhartiya Railway
Mazdoor Sangthan

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C.R. Branch, Railway Board

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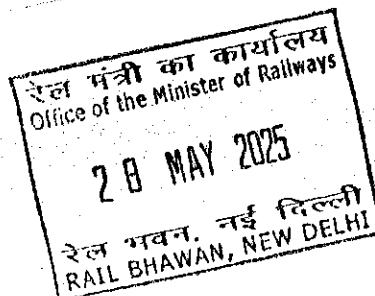
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