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CHAIRMAN, RAILWAY BOARD  
&  
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NEW DELHI-110001

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Dear Shri

Sub: Pensionary expenditure on Railways

The increase in pension expenditure is a cause of serious concern. In F.Y. 2010-11, the actual expenditure exceeded the projections by Rs:1320 crore causing serious dent in railway finances.

2. The then Additional Member(Budget) had issued detailed instructions to FA&CAOs for updation and validation of Pension Masters and to gear up the internal checking machinery to ensure effective check of pension debits, but this has not yielded the desired results as yet. It is a matter of concern that this issue has not been appreciated in the proper perspective and the current position of updation of Masters on your railways reveals that the task is still to be completed(Annexure-I).

3. To enable a complete control on the correct number of pensioners and the amount of pension to be disbursed, action as under, needs to be ensured on priority :-

- (i) All our Pension Masters should be complete in all respects including the identification of category of pension i.e. self-pension, family pension, dependent pension to the physically handicapped, minor sons, unmarried/widow daughters etc. I am enclosing a list of all types of dependents which need to be segregated in the Pension Master. Pension Master in this format must be finalised by 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2011.
- (ii) The revised PPOs, as per the recommendation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission, should be completed and dispatched by 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2011. They should be matched for validation of the updated and corrected Pension Masters.
- (iii) All pensioners/family pensioners above the age of 70 years should be physically verified to ascertain whether they are

surviving and receiving pension. In addition, all dependent pensioners are to be verified on a one to one basis. This should be complete by 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2011.

4. Teams of WLIs and Depot Incharges should be formed, each covering specified pensioners and deputed for verification. The report of every individual pensioner should be taken on a standard format to ensure reliability of verification. Additional resources, as needed may be diverted from other departments.

5. The progress in respect of all the aforesaid steps should be sent to AM (Staff) on the first Monday of every month in the format already sent by Board indicating the progressive status.

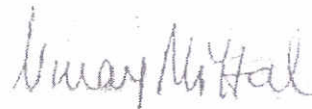
6. I would request you to make out an Action Plan in this regard and monitor its implementation regularly.

With best wishes,

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Yours sincerely,

Encl: as above

  
(Vinay Mittal)

Shri  
General Manager