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(Railway Board)

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FA&CAO,
Western Railway,
Churchgate, Mumbai

Sub: Eligibility of family pension of unmarried/widowed/divorced daughters
beyond 25 years of age and parents.

Kindly refer your letter no. Pen/05972/E789/PSB/2009 dated 29.01.2009 seeking guidelines for processing the cases for sanction of family pension to the persons cited above, where the bank is unable to furnish the original PPO along with last pay certificate.

The matter has been examined. As per the codal provisions, when pension ceases to be payable to pensioner/family pensioner on death, the paying branch is required to make necessary entries in the PPO and return it to the designated FA&CAO through link branch. The latter has to update his records and send both the halves of the PPO to the Railway Accounts Officer, who had issued the PPO. Issue of fresh PPO to eligible family pensioner without receipt /cancellation of earlier PPO is fraught with the possibility of fraud.

In view of the above, in case where the bank has returned the PPO to the designated FA&CAO, the Railway Accounts officer who issued PPO, should retrieve it from his office. However, in cases where the bank has not returned the original PPO and has expressed inability to furnish the same, the following procedure may be adopted:-

1. A certificate may be obtained from the bank to the effect that original PPO is not traceable and that pension payment is not being made against it after death of the pensioner/last eligible family pensioner, clearly mentioning the month for which pension payment was made last.
2. A confirmation may also be obtained from the designated FA&CAO that no debit was actually made against the said PPO by the bank after the death of pensioner/last eligible family pensioner.

The case for sanction of family pension to the eligible family member can be considered after fulfilling the above procedure.

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