Sub: Grant of family pension to a disabled child/sibling – clarification sought by Ministry of Railways – reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Railways Office Memorandum No. F(E)III/2005/PN1/32, dated 9th December, 2015 seeking the following clarifications:

If in a case the employee/pensioner or his/her spouse did not furnish/intimate the details of the handicapped child to the Pension Sanctioning Authority during their lifetime and after the death of his/her parents, family pension is claimed by a handicapped child, in this case whether the family pension will be admissible if he/she:

(a) Produces a medical certificate issued after death of his/her parents.
(b) Produces a medical certificate issued before the death of his/her parents but the same is not as per rules.

2. It had been clarified previously, vide O.M. No.1I2/09-P&PW(E), dated 30th December, 2009 that non-intimation of physical/mental handicap does not make a person ineligible for family pension.

3. A disability certificate issued after the death of the employee/pensioner or his/her spouse for a disability which existed before their death may be accepted by the appointing authority if he is satisfied that (i) it renders him or her unable to earn a living (ii) he/she was suffering from that disability on the crucial date, i.e., on the date of death of pensioners/employee or his spouse, whichever was later.

4. If a disability certificate has been obtained for a permanent disability previously, there is no requirement of obtaining a disability certificate afresh as has already been made clear in rule 54 (6) and this department’s O.M. No. 1I18/01-P&PW(E)(Vol.II), dated 30th September, 2014 and 5th November, 2015.

5. It is also clarified that the criteria for disabled siblings is same as above.

6. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

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