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No.21(1)/97/E.II(B)
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure

New Delhi, the 3rd October, 1997

Subject:- Grant of Transport Allowance to Central Government employees.

The undersigned is directed to say that the 5th Central Pay Commission, vide paras 107.11 to 107.13 of Volume III of their Report, have recommended the grant of Transport Allowance to Central Government Employees to suitably compensate them for the cost incurred on account of commuting between the place of residence and the place of duty.

2. The matter has been considered and the Government have accepted the recommendation of the Commission, as announced vide this Ministry's Resolution No. 50(1)/IC/97 dated 30.9.1997, the President is, accordingly, pleased to decide that the Central Government employees shall be entitled to Transport Allowance at the following rates:-

Pay Scale of the Employee	Rate of Transport Allowance per month (in Rupees)	
	"A-1" / "A" Class city	Other Places
1. Employees drawing pay in the scale of pay of Rs.8000-13500 or above	800	400
2. Employees drawing pay in the scale of Rs.6500-6900 or above but below the scale of Rs.8000-13500	400	200
3. Employees drawing pay below the scale of Rs.6500-6900	100	75

3. The grant of transport allowance under these orders shall be regulated according to, and will be subject to, the following conditions:

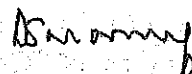
- (i) The cities referred to as "A" and "A-1" in these orders shall be the same as those classified as such for the purpose of Compensatory (City) Allowance (CCA) in terms of the orders issued separately regulating grant of CCA to the Central Government employees;
- (ii) the allowance shall not be admissible to those employees who are provided with Government accommodation within a distance of one kilometer or within a campus housing the places of work and residence.

Note: *The grant of the allowance under these orders would be subject to furnishing of a certificate by the employee that the Government accommodation is not located within one kilometer from the place of work of the concerned employee or within a campus housing the places of work and residence.*

- (iii) the allowance shall not be admissible to those employees who have been provided with the facility of Government transport.

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- (iv) In case of employees who have opted to draw pay in the pre-revised scales of pay, the transport allowance shall be regulated in accordance with the revised scales of pay to which such employees would have been entitled to, had they opted to come over to revised scales.
- (v) In case of officers of the level of Joint Secretary and above, who have been provided with the facility of staff car for commuting between office and residence on prescribed payment basis under this Ministry's OM No.20(5)-E.II(A)/93 dated 28.1.94, an option may be given to them either to avail themselves of the existing facility or to switch over to the payment of Transport Allowance, as admissible under these orders. In case they opt for the latter, they may be paid the allowance at rates as applicable to them, subject to the condition that the existing facility of staff car shall be withdrawn from the date they opt for the allowance. In case they opt for the former, the allowance shall not be admissible to them and they would not be required to make any payment for the facility of staff car between residence and office.
- (vi) In terms of this Ministry's orders vide OM 19029/1/78-E.IV(B) dated 31.8.78, as amended from time to time, conveyance allowance is admissible to such of the Central Government employees borne on regular establishment (including work-charged staff) as are blind or are orthopaedically handicapped with disability of lower extremities. Consequent upon coming into force of these orders, such conveyance allowance shall be abolished and instead all such employees may now be paid transport allowance at double the normal rates prescribed under these orders. In case, however, such handicapped employees have been provided with Government accommodation within a distance of one kilometer from the place of work or within a campus housing the places of work and residence, the allowance shall be admissible at normal rates as applicable under these orders. The allowance shall not be admissible in case such employees have been provided with the facility of Government transport.
- (vii) This allowance will not be admissible during absence from duty exceeding 30 days due to leave, training, tour, etc.
4. These orders shall take effect from 1.8.97.
5. In their application to the employees serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department, these orders issue in consultation with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India.
6. These orders shall also apply to the civilian employees paid from the Defence Services Estimates and expenditure will be chargeable to the relevant Head of the Defence Services Estimates. In regard to Armed Forces Personnel and Railway employees, separate orders will be issued by the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Railways, respectively.
7. Hindi version of these orders is enclosed.


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