

New Delhi, the 13th July 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Travelling Allowance Rules - Implementation of the Seventh Central Pay Commission

Consequent upon the decisions taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission relating to Travelling Allowance entitlements to civilian employees of Central Government, President is pleased to decide the revision in the rates of Travelling Allowance as set out in the Annexure to this Office Memorandum.

2. The 'Pay Level' for determining the TA/DA entitlement is as indicated in Central Civil Service (Revised Pay) Rules 2016.

3. The term 'Pay in the Level' for the purpose of these orders refer to Basic Pay drawn in appropriate Pay level in the Pay Matrix as defined in Rule 3(8) of Central Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2016 and does not include Non-Practising Allowance (NPA), Military Service Pay (MSP) or any other type of pay like special pay, etc

4. However, if the Travelling Allowance entitlements in terms of the revised entitlements now prescribed result in a lowering of the existing entitlements in the case of any individual, groups or classes of employees, the entitlements, particularly in respect of mode of travel, class of accommodation, etc., shall not be lowered. They will instead continue to be governed by the earlier orders on the subject till such time as they become eligible, in the normal course, for the higher entitlements.

5. The claims submitted in respect of journey made on or after 1st July, 2017, may be regulated in accordance with these orders. In respect of journeys performed prior to 1st July, 2017, the claims may be regulated in accordance with the previous orders dated 23.09.2008.

6. It may be noted that no additional funds will be provided on account of revision in TA/DA entitlements. It may therefore be ensured that permission to official travel is given judiciously and restricted only to absolutely essential official requirements.

7. These orders shall take effect from 01st July, 2017

8. Separate orders will be issued by Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Railways in respect of Armed Forces personnel and Railway employees, respectively

9. In so far as the persons serving in the Indian Audit & Accounts Department are concerned, these orders issue in consultation with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India

Hindi version is attached.



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To,

All Ministries and Departments of the Govt. of India etc. as per standard distribution list.

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Annexure to Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure
O.M.No.19030/1/2017-E.IV dated 10th July 2017.

In supersession of Department of Expenditure's O.M No. 19030/3/2008-E.IV dated 23.09.2008, in respect of Travelling Allowance the following provisions will be applicable with effect from 01.07.2017

2. Entitlements for Journeys on Tour or Training

A.(i) Travel Entitlements within the Country

Pay Level in Pay Matrix	Travel entitlement
14 and above	Business/Club class by air or AC-I by train
12 and 13	Economy class by air or AC-I by train
6 to 11	Economy class by air or AC-II by train
5 and below	First Class/AC-III/AC Chair car by train

(ii) It has also been decided to allow the Government officials to travel by Premium Trains/Premium Tatkal Trains/Suvidha Trains, the reimbursement to Premium Tatkal Charges for booking of tickets and the reimbursement of Dynamic/Flexi-fare in Shatabdi/Rajdhani/Duronto Trains while on official tour/ training. Reimbursement of Tatkal Seva Charges which has fixed fare, will remain continue to be allowed. Travel entitlement for the journey in Premium/Premium Tatkal/Suvidha/ Shatabdi/Rajdhani/ Duronto Trains will be as under :-

Pay Level in Pay matrix	Travel Entitlements in Premium/Premium Tatkal/Suvidha/ Shatabdi/ Rajdhani/ Duronto Trains
12 and above	Executive/AC 1 st Class (In case of Premium/Premium Tatkal/Suvidha/Shatabdi/Rajdhani Trains as per available highest class)
6 to 11	AC 2 nd Class/Chair Car (In Shatabdi Trains)
5 & below	AC 3 rd Class/Chair Car

(iii) The revised Travel entitlements are subject to following

- In case of places not connected by rail, travel by AC bus for all those entitled to travel by AC II Tier and above by train and by Deluxe/ordinary bus for others is allowed.
- In case of road travel between places connected by rail, travel by any means of public transport is allowed provided the total fare does not exceed the train fare by the entitled class.
- All mileage points earned by Government employees on tickets purchased for official travel shall be utilized by the concerned department for other official travel by their officers. Any usage of these mileage points for purposes of private travel by an officer will attract departmental action. This is to ensure that the benefits out of official travel, which is funded by the Government, should accrue to the Government
- In case of non-availability of seats in entitled class, Govt. servants may travel in the class below their entitled class.

B. International Travel Entitlement

Pay Level in Pay Matrix	Travel entitlement
17 and above	First class
14 to 16	Business/Club class
13 and below	Economy class

C. Entitlement for journeys by Sea or by River Steamer

(i) For places other than A&N Group of Islands and Lakshadweep Group of Island :-

Pay Level in Pay Matrix	Travel entitlement
9 and above	Highest class
6 to 8	Lower class if there be two classes only on the steamer
4 and 5	If two classes only, the lower class. If three classes, the middle or second class. If there be four classes, the third class
3 and below	Lowest class

(ii) For travel between the mainland and the A&N Group of Islands and Lakshadweep Group of Island by ships operated by the Shipping Corporation of India Limited :-

Pay Level in Pay Matrix	Travel entitlement
9 and above	Deluxe class
6 to 8	First/ 'A' Cabin class
4 and 5	Second/ 'B' Cabin class
3 and below	Bunk class

D. Mileage Allowance for Journeys by Road :

(i) At places where specific rates have been prescribed :-

Pay Level in Pay Matrix	Entitlements
14 or above	Actual fare by any type of public bus including AC bus OR At prescribed rates of AC taxi when the journey is actually performed by AC taxi OR At prescribed rates for auto rickshaw for journeys by auto rickshaw, own car, scooter, motor cycle, moped, etc.
6 to 13	Same as above with the exception that journeys by AC taxi will not be permissible.
4 and 5	Actual fare by any type of public bus other than AC bus OR At prescribed rates for auto rickshaw for journeys by auto rickshaw, own car, scooter, motor cycle, moped, etc.
3 and below	Actual fare by ordinary public bus only OR At prescribed rates for auto rickshaw for journeys by autorickshaw, own scooter, motor cycle, moped, etc.

(ii) At places where no specific rates have been prescribed either by the Directorate of Transport of the concerned State or of the neighboring States:

For journeys performed in own car/taxi	Rs. 24/ per Km
For journeys performed by auto rickshaw own scooter, etc	Rs. 12/ per Km

At places where no specific rates have been prescribed, the rate per km will further rise by 25 percent whenever DA increases by 50 percent.

