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Government of India/ Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Personnel, P.G., & Pensions
(Department of Personnel & Training)

New Delhi, the 11 July, 1985.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject :- Leave Travel Concession to Central Government Employees - Modification in Leave Travel Concession to home-town once in a block of two years-

The undersigned is directed to say that as a result of the recommendations of the 3rd Central Pay Commission, Leave Travel Concession to any place in India once in a block of 4 years was introduced by the Department of Personnel and A.R. O.M.No.43/6/73-Estt-(A), dated 11th March 1974 (for group 'B', 'C', and 'D' employees) and 3rd May, 1974 (for Group 'A' employees), subject to all the conditions applicable to leave travel concession to home town once in a block of two years. Consequently, government servants had to bear the liability in respect of the first 400/160 kms., as the case may be, also in respect of LTC to any place in India once in a block of 4 years. Later on, the scheme was further liberalised through the Department of Personnel and A.R. O.M.No.31011/10/78-Estt.(A), dated 1st September 1978, to provide that in the case of leave travel concession to visit any place in India (other than home town) once in a block of 4 years, full reimbursement of fare might be allowed for the entire distance both ways, without any deduction in respect of first 400/160 kms., as the case may be. Thereafter, as a result of discussions in the 26th Ordinary Meeting of the National Council (JCM) held on 13/14 May, 1982, the provisions in the aforesaid O.M. of 1st September 1978 were further liberalised through this Department O.M. No.31011/3/82-Estt.(A), dated 23.12.82 providing for full reimbursement in respect of visit to home town as if it were a visit to any any place in India if the LTC to any place in India in a block of 4 years was utilised to visit home town.

2. In view of the aforesaid developments, government have had under consideration the question whether full reimbursement may be allowed in respect of LTC to visit home town once in a block of 2 years without the existing deduction in respect of the first 400/160 kms., as the case may be. The matter was also discussed in the Standing Committee of the National Council (JCM) on 30th May, 1985. As a result of the discussions, it has been decided that full reimbursement may be allowed also in respect of LTC to home town

once in a block of 2 years, without any restriction in regard to the first 400/16 kms., as the case may be. As a corollary to this, those whose Home Towns are situated at distance less than 400/160 kms., will also be eligible for LTC to home town. Fresh declarations may, therefore, be called for from such of those persons who were hitherto ineligible for LTC to Home Town on account of their Home Towns being situated within 400/160 kms., from their headquarters and who had not declared their Home Towns so far. All new entrants into service may also be asked to declare their Home Town irrespective of its distance from headquarters.

3. Further, in view of the possibilities of misuse and difficulties in verifying the bona-fides of individual claims it has been decided in consultation with the Staff side in the aforesaid meeting of the Standing Committee that the existing provisions relating to regulation of LTC claim when a government servant undertakes the journey in a chartered bus, van or other vehicle shall be withdrawn with immediate effect, in so far as such vehicles are owned by private operators. Accordingly, Para 2(4) of this Department O.M. No. 31011/2/77-Estt.(A), dated the 3.2.79 may be treated as modified to this extent. There is, however, no bar to travel by buses, vans or other vehicles, on charter, where these vehicles are operated by Tourism Development Corporations in the Public Sector, State Transport Corporations and Transport Services run by other Government or local bodies.

4. It has also been decided for similar reasons that the provisions contained in the then Ministry of Home Affairs O.M.No.43/5/57-Estt.(A), dated 11.2.1958, providing for reimbursement for journeys performed by government servants by private cars, (the cost of propulsion being borne by government servants themselves) shall be withdrawn with immediate effect. The aforesaid O.M. of 11.2.1958 may, therefore, be treated as modified to this extent.

5. These orders will take effect from the date of issue. All journeys under LTC commencing on or after the date of issue of this O.M. may therefore be regulated in accordance with these instructions. Past cases already decided need not be reopened and past cases which are pending may be regulated in accordance with the instructions which were in force at the relevant time.

6. In so far as claims serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders issued in consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

(Hindi version will follow).

Sd /-
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