Subject: Grant of Honorarium to Inquiry Officers (IO)/Presenting Officers (PO).

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM of even number dated 31.7.2012 laying down the rates of honorarium payable to Inquiry Officer/Presenting Officer for holding departmental proceedings.

2. It has been brought to the notice of this Department that the condition mentioned in para 2.1 of the said OM, was in conflict with the provisions of FR 46 B which limits the maximum amount payable as honorarium to an individual in a financial year to Rs. 5,000/- creating confusion whether the same was within the delegated powers of the Ministry.

3. The matter has been considered and it is clarified that the honorarium payable to IO/Presenting Officer for conducting inquiry in departmental proceedings would be outside the purview of the general delegation under FR 46 B.

4. This issues with the concurrence of Department of Expenditure vide their I.D. No. 14/4/2009-E.II(B) dated 16.5.2014.

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