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Abstract

AIS – CHILDREN EDUCATION ALLOWANCE SCHEME AND HOSTEL SUBSIDY-
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SEVENTH CENTRAL PAY COMMISSION – BENEFITS
EXTENDED TO AIS OFFICERS – MODIFIED – ORDERS ISSUED.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (AIS- C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.689/2020/GAD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 12/02/2020

- Read 1. O.M.No.A-27012/02/2017-Estt (Allowance) dated 16.08.2017 of the
- Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. G.O (Ms.) No.95/2018/GAD dated 07.05.2018
3. O.M.No.A-27012/02/2017-Estt (AL) dated 17.07.2018 of the Department of
Personnel & Training, Government of India, New Delhi.

ORDER

Consequent upon the decisions taken by Government of India to implement the recommendations made by the VII Central pay Commission, instructions were issued by the Department of Personnel & Training as per 1st paper read above revising the rates of Children Education Allowance (CEA) / Hostel subsidy and simplifying the procedure for claiming reimbursement of the same. Accordingly, the ceiling for the reimbursement of CEA / Hostel Subsidy was revised in respect of AIS Officers also, as per 2nd paper read above.

2) Later, considering various queries received regarding CEA / Hostel Subsidy and in view of the difficulties being faced by the employees in obtaining certificates as prescribed in the OM dated 16.08.2017, the DoPT issued consolidated instructions as per 3rd paper read above in supersession all earlier OMs on the subject of CEA and Hostel Subsidy.

3) In accordance to the detailed instructions issued as per 3rd paper above, Government hereby issue following instructions with regard to the reimbursement of Children Education Allowance / Hostel Subsidy with respect to AIS officers;

(a) The reimbursement of CEA/ Hostel subsidy can be claimed only for the two

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eldest surviving children with the exception that in case the second child birth results in twins/multiple birth. In case of failure of sterilization operation, the CEA / Hostel Subsidy would be admissible in respect of children born out of the first instance of such failure beyond the two children norm.

(b) The amount for reimbursement will be Rs.2,250/-per month (fixed) per child. The amount of Rs.2,250/- is fixed irrespective of the actual expenses incurred by the Officer. In order to claim reimbursement of CEA, the Officer should produce a certificate issued by the Head of the institution, for the period /year for which claim has been preferred. The certificate should confirm that the child studied in the school during the previous academic year. In case such certificate cannot be obtained self attested copy of the report card or self attested fee receipt(s) [including e-receipt(s)] confirming / indicating that the fee deposited for the entire academic year can be produced as a supporting document to claim CEA. The period / year means academic year i.e., twelve months of the complete academic session.

(c) The amount of ceiling of Hostel subsidy is Rs.6,750/-pm. For claiming Hostel Subsidy, a similar certificate from the head of institution confirming that the child studied in the school will suffice, with additional requirement that the certificate should mention the amount of expenditure incurred by the Officer towards lodging and boarding in the residential complex. In case such certificate cannot be obtained self attested copy of the report card and original fee receipt(s) / e-receipts which should indicate the amount of expenditure incurred by the Officer towards lodging and boarding in the residential complex can be produced for claiming Hostel Subsidy. The amount of expenditure on boarding and lodging or the ceiling of ₹ 6750/- whichever is lower, shall be paid to the employee as Hostel subsidy. The period/year will be similar as explained in para 3(b) above.

(d) The children education allowance will be double the amount for differently abled children i.e, Rs.4,500/-per month. In case the differently abled child studying in an institution i.e, aided or approved by the Central / State Government, CEA shall be reimbursed irrespective of whether the institution is recognized or not and the benefit will be admissible till the child attain the age of 22 years.

(e) The above rates/ceiling would be automatically raised by 25% every time the DA on the revised pay structure goes up by 50%.

(f) The Hostel Subsidy and Children Education Allowance can be claimed concurrently.

(g) In case both the spouse are AIS Officers, only one of them can avail reimbursement under Children Education Allowance and Hostel Subsidy.

(h) The reimbursement will be done just once a year after completion of the financial year.

(i) Hostel subsidy is applicable only in respect of child studying in a residential educational institution located at least 50 Kilometers from the residence of the Officer.

(j) The reimbursement of CEA / Hostel Subsidy shall have no nexus with the performance of the child in his class. If a child fails in a particular class, the reimbursement of CEA shall not be stopped. However, if the child is admitted in the same class in another school, although the child has passed out the same class in previous school or in the mid-session, CEA shall not be reimbursable.

(k) If an Officer dies while in service, the CEA shall be admissible in respect of his/her children subject to observance of other conditions for its grant provided the wife/husband of the deceased is not employed in service of the Central Government, State Government, Autonomous body, Semi Government organizations etc. In such cases the subsidy shall be payable to the children till such time the Officer would have actually received the same.

(l) In case of retirement, discharge, dismissal or removal from the service the reimbursement shall be admissible till the end of the academic year in which the Officer ceases to be in service. The payment shall be made by the Office in which the Officer worked prior to these events and will be regulated by the other conditions in this Order.

(m) The upper age limit for differently abled children has been set at 22 years. In case of other children the age limit will be 20 years or till the time of passing 12th class whichever is earlier. There shall be no minimum age.

(n) Reimbursement of CEA/Hostel subsidy can be claimed from nursery to 12th Class. CEA is allowable in case of children studying through 'correspondence or distance learning' also. CEA/Hostel subsidy is also admissible in respect of children studying from two classes before class one to 12th standard and also for the initial two years of a diploma/Certificate course from polytechnic / III/ Engineering College if the child resumes the above course after 10th standard and CEA / Hostel Subsidy has not been granted in respect of the child for studying in 11th & 12th Standards.

(o) In respect of schools / institutions at nursery, primary and middle level not affiliated to any Board of education, the reimbursement under the Scheme will be allowed for the children studying in a recognised school / institution. Recognised school / institution in this regard means a Government School or any education institution whether in receipt of Government Aid or not, recognised by University or a recognised educational authority having jurisdiction over the area where the institution / school is situated.

(p) In case of differently abled child studying in an institute i.e., aided or approved by the Central / State Government or UT Administration or whose fees are approved by any of these authorities, the Children Education Allowance paid by the Officer shall be reimbursed irrespective of whether the institution is recognised or not. In such cases the benefits will be admissible till the child attains the age of 22 years.

(q) The CEA/Hostel Subsidy shall not be admissible to the Government servant while any period which is treated as 'dies non'.

5. These modification are applicable with effect from 1st July, 2017.

6. The GO read as 2nd paper above stands modified to the above effect.

(By order of the Governor)
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JOINT SECRETARY

To:

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Head of Forest Force, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacadu, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Accountant General (G&SSA), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

(This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department).

The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi – 110001.

The Finance Department (vide U.O.(N) No E. 747018/Exp.A2/102/2018-Fin dated 16.01.2020).

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