

New Delhi, the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017, may be regulated in accordance with these orders. In respect of journeys performed prior to 1<sup>st</sup> 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 01<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**Copy to: C&AG and U.P.S.C., etc. as per standard endorsement list.**

**Annexure to Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure  
O.M.No.19030/1/2017-E.IV dated 10<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Class (In case of Premium/Premium Tatkal/Suvidha/Shatabdi/Rajdhani Trains as per available highest class)
6 to 11	AC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class/Chair Car (In Shatabdi Trains)
5 & below	AC 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class/Chair Car

(iii) The revised Travel entitlements are subject to following:-

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) 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