



FINANCE (ALLOWANCES) DEPARTMENT

G.O.No.1, Dated 2nd January, 2008

(Sarvajith, Margazhi-17, Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2038)

Daily Allowances – Revised rate of Daily Allowance applicable to journeys to foreign countries – Restriction of 25% cut in the overall ceiling - withdrawn - Orders - Issued.

Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.100, Finance (Allowances) Department, dated 12.3.1999
2. G.O.Ms.No.476, Finance (Allowances) Department, dated 18.10.2000
3. G.O.Ms.No.6, Finance (Allowances) Department, dated 4.1.2001

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, among other things Government has issued orders revising the rates of Daily Allowance applicable to journeys to foreign countries by State Government employees. In the Government Order second read above the orders issued in Government Order first read have been partially modified.

2. In the Government Order third read above orders were issued reducing the ceiling limit of US \$ 350 per day (which includes Daily Allowance, accommodation, Conveyance charges etc.) by 25% and also to follow the austerity measures taken by Government of India with regard to foreign travel on the following manner:

- a) Foreign travel should be restricted to unavoidable official engagements and there shall be a ban on foreign travel for study tours, seminars, etc. size of the official delegation, where foreign travel is unavoidable shall be restricted to the barest minimum.
- b) The permissible daily allowance ordered in the annexure to the G.O.Ms.No.476, Finance (All) Department, Dated 18.10.2000 for foreign travel abroad shall stand reduced by 25% for all countries and for all the categories of officials / non-officials.
- c) The maximum ceiling of US \$ 350 per day shall stand reduced by 25%
- d) The amount claimed under conveyance charges shall not exceed 25% of the maximum amount eligible per day as provided in item (c) above.

3 It is observed that six years have lapsed after the issue of above orders and the Government Officials going abroad on official tour/ training are experiencing a lot of hardship, especially in developed countries where the cost of accommodation has been going up and it has become difficult for them to restrict the expenditure within the reduced ceiling limit during their stay abroad. The Government after careful consideration has therefore now decided to withdraw the cut on upper limit and restore the original limit of US \$ 350 per day. Accordingly Government direct that the existing cut of 25% in the overall ceiling limit of US \$ 350 per day shall be withdrawn. However, Government also direct that the existing cut of 25% in the Daily Allowance shall be retained. The US \$ 350 per day is only the upper limit and reimbursement shall be based on actuals and shall include Daily Allowance (with 25% cut), accommodation (as per vouchers) and transportation (restricted to 25% of allowed Daily Allowance).

4. The above orders come into force with immediate effect.

(By order of the Governor)

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Secretary to Government

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