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(Railway Board)

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New Delhi, dt 01-05-1998

The General Managers
All Indian Railways
(As per Standard Mailing List)

Sub: Travelling Allowance Rules - Implementation
of the recommendations of the Vth Central
Pay Commission - Journeys on Transfer.

In pursuance of the decisions taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission relating to Travelling Allowance entitlements, sanction of the President is conveyed to the modifications in the Travelling Allowance Rules governing journeys on transfer, as set out in the Annexure to this office letter, in so far as they apply to Railway employees belonging to Groups A, B, C, and D.

2. The term 'pay' for the purpose of these orders refers to pay promulgated under the Railway Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 1997. In the case of employees who opt to retain the pre-revised scales of pay, the term 'pay' will include, besides pay in pre-revised scales of pay, DA and Interim Relief at the rates applicable under the orders in force prior to 1.1.1996.


3. These orders take effect from 1st October 1997. However, if the regulation of Travelling Allowance entitlement in terms of the revised entitlements now prescribed results in a lowering of the existing entitlements in the case of any individual, groups or classes of employees, the entitlements 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. The T.A. entitlements in respect of journeys performed between 1st January 1996 and 30th September 1997 will be regulated in accordance with the orders contained in the Chapter 16 of Indian Railway Establishment Code-Vol.II(R.II)-(1990 Edn.).

4. Railway employees who had been transferred between October 1, 1997 and the date of issue of these revised orders and whose TA claims have been settled with reference to their entitlements may also be permitted to submit supplementary claims based on their revised entitlements and draw the arrears on this account.

5. The revised Travelling Allowance entitlements prescribed in the Annexure to this letter shall also be applicable in the case of those employees who had retired from Government service prior to 1st October, 1997 but had relocated from their

last station of posting only on or after 1st October, 1997 and within the period of limitation prescribed for the purpose. Attention is also invited in this connection to the clarificatory orders issued vide Board's letter No.F(E)I/86/AL-28/10 dated 16.12.1986 and No.PC.IV/86/Imp./AL-7 dated 22.6.1987.

6. Hindi version will follow.
7. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.


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Railway Board.

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(Railways), New Delhi.


For Financial Commissioner/Railways.

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Annexure to Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) letter No.F(E)I/98/AL-28/10(A) dated 01- 05-1998.

JOURNEYS ON TRANSFER - Composite Transfer Grant

A.1. In supersession of Items No.II-Daily Allowance, No.III-Mileage Allowance for journeys between residence/railway stations at either end and Item No.VII - Lumpsum Transfer Grant and Packing Allowance, below Rule 1643-R.II(1990 Edition), the Lumpsum Transfer Grant and Packing Allowance presently admissible on transfer, will be replaced by a Composite Transfer Grant, w.e.f. 1.10.1997. The Daily Allowance for the period of journey on transfer and Road Mileage Allowance for self and family between residence and and railway station, etc., presently admissible, shall no longer be admissible. These concessions will instead be subsumed in the Composite Transfer Grant.

A.2. The Railway servants who have joined Railway service on or after 1-5-1976, will be entitled to Composite Transfer Grant at the rate of one month's basic pay in the case of transfers located at a distance of 20 Kms. or more from the Head-quarters to the outstation, involving change of residence. However, in case these employees transport their personal effects by VPU, the Composite Transfer Grant will be admissible at the rate of 80% of the basic pay if a car is carried in the VPU, and at the rate of 75% if no car is carried.

A.3. In partial modification of Rule 1645-R.II(1990 Edition) - Travelling Allowance for Short distance transfers, the Road Mileage Allowance admissible for self and family members will not be admissible w.e.f. 1.10.1997. In the case of transfers to outstations which are within a distance of 20 Kms. from the HQs. or transfers within the same city/urban agglomeration, the Composite Transfer Grant at the rate of one-third of one month's basic pay will be admissible.

A.4. In the case of Railway employees, who jointed Railway service prior to 1.5.1976 and are entitled to liberal scale of transportation of personal effects by rail, in terms of Railway Servants (Pass) Rules, 1986, the quantum of Composite Transfer Grant will be 80% of Basic Pay in the case of Railway employees in Groups 'A', 'B' and 'C' and 90% in the case of Group 'D'.

A.5. The Composite Transfer Grant now admissible for transfers within the same city/urban agglomeration/short distance transfers within the distance of 20 Kms., shall, however, be admissible at the full rate of one-third of Basic pay, in the case of Railway employees who joined Railway service prior to 1.5.1976.

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B. Transportation of personal effects by rail

The Railway servants will continue to be governed under the Railway Servants(Pass Rules), 1986, until further orders, in so far as the question of transportation of house-hold effects, by rail is concerned.

C. Transportation of personal effects by Road

In supersession of Item No.VI- below Rule 1643.(R.II)(1990 Edn.), the rates for transportation of personal effects by Road, will w.e.f. 1.10.1997, be as indicated below:-

Pay-range (1)	A-1/A/B-1 Class Cities (Rs. per KM) (2)	Other cities (3)
Rs.8,000 and above	30.00	18.00
Rs.6500 and above but less than Rs.8000	15.00	9.00
Rs.4100 and above but less than Rs.6500	7.60	4.60
Below Rs.4100	6.00	4.00

Notes:

1. The allowance, at higher rates, mentioned in Col.(2) will be admissible, as at present, only for carriage of personal effects from one place to another within the limits of A-1/A/B-1 Class cities.
2. Such of those employees as in receipt of a revised pay of Rs.3350 p.m. and above, will however, be entitled to the rates of allowance prescribed for employees in the next higher pay-range of Rs.4100 and above but less than Rs.6500. The higher rate mentioned in column (2) will be admissible in their case as well only for carriage of personal effects from one place to another within the limits of A-1/A/B-1 class cities.

D. TA entitlements of Retiring employees

D.1 With effect from 1.10.1997, the Lumpsum Transfer Grant and Packing Allowance will be substituted by Composite Transfer Grant. The Daily Allowance and the Road Mileage Allowance hitherto payable for self and family members will be subsumed in the Composite Transfer Grant and will not be admissible separately.

D.2 Subject to the existing conditions governing Transfer Grant and Packing Allowance on retirement, the Composite Transfer Grant payable w.e.f. 1.10.1997, to the Railway employees, will be :-

(a) who joined Railway Service on or after 1.5.1976

- (i) equivalent to one month's basic pay. However, in case these employees transport their personal effects by VPU, the Composite Transfer Grant will be admissible at the rate of 80% of the basic pay if a car is carried in the VPU, and @ 75% if no car is carried.
- (ii) equivalent to one-third of one month's basic pay if the retiring employee relocates within the same city/urban agglomeration or within 20 Kms. of the old headquarters.

(b) who joined Railway service prior to 1.5.76

- (i) In the case of Groups 'A', 'B' and 'C' Railway employees, Composite Transfer Grant will be limited to 80% and in the case of Group 'D' employees, the same will be limited to 90% of one month's basic pay.
- (ii) For relocation within the same station/urban agglomeration or within 20 Kms. of the headquarters of the retired employees, the entitlements shall be the same as in (a) (ii) above.