

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**Finance Department**  
**Audit Branch**

No. 4731-F

Calcutta, the 25<sup>th</sup> May, 1999.

**MEMORANDUM**

Consequent upon revision of traveling allowance and daily allowance admissible to the State Government employees under this Department Memo No. 4730-F, dated 25.5.99, a question has arisen as to how the drawal of traveling allowance and daily allowance admissible to the Ministers, the Ministers of State and the Deputy Ministers, will be regulated.

2) After careful consideration of the matter, the Governor has been pleased to make the following modifications in the existing rules and orders in this regard :

i) The Ministers, the Ministers of State and the Deputy Ministers will draw traveling allowance at the same rates and scales as are admissible and under the same conditions as are applicable to the State Government Officers drawing pay of Rs. 16,400 and above, unless there is any specific provision to the contrary for drawal of such traveling allowance in the rules laid down in Appendix 17 of the West Bengal Service Rules, Part-II.

ii) Journey by road: Other conditions remaining unchanged, the Ministers may, at their option, charge road mileage at a rate of Rs. 5 per km. for journey by road.

iii) Daily allowance: While touring on public business, daily allowance shall be drawn by Ministers, Ministers of State or Deputy Ministers for the period of absence from the Headquarters at the rates detailed below:

(I) When daily allowance is claimed for tours within the State—

a) for ordinary localities - Rs. 135

b) for Darjeeling District I (except Siliguri Sub-division) - Rs. 260

(II) When travelling in localities outside the State of West Bengal on official business—

The drawal of daily allowance will continue to be regulated under Finance Department Memo No. 4515-F, dated 16.6.98.

3) The rates of daily allowance as laid down in para 2(iii) above, will also be admissible to the Political Secretary to the Chief Minister as well as to the Confidential Assistants to the Chief Minister, the Ministers and the Ministers of State.

4) This order will take effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1999.

5) Necessary amendments in the relevant rules will be made in due course.

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