

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Finance Department
Audit Branch
Writers' Building, Kolkata -700001

No. 5839-F(P)

Kolkata, the 9th July, 2012

MEMORANDUM

In the matter of drawal of HRA by both husband and wife a question has arisen if the same drawn by the spouse of a State Government employee in the employment of a private organization will be taken into account for deciding the ceiling as per Para 11 of Finance Department Memo No. 1691-F dt 23.02.2009.

The matter has been examined with reference to Rule 6(a) (i) of Appendix 20 of WBSR Part-II which read as "In a case where the husband or wife is a State Government or of Central Government or any other State Government or of an educational institution or a local body etc. the allowance at usual rate will be admissible to both of them without reference to rent certificate."

The amount as mentioned therein must be within the prescribed ceiling as prescribed by the Government from time to time. Presently it is as used in the said Rule has wider application and is not restricted to employees of Central or State Government or educational institutions or local bodies but includes others also.

Now, with a view to removing the confusion persisting in the matter the undersigned is directed by order of the Governor to say that Governor is pleased to clarify that as the spirit of the existing provision of the rules goes in the matter of granting HRA to a State Government employee whose spouse is working in a private organisation where HRA is allowed as a separate element the HRA of the spouse shall be taken into account as done in the case where spouse is the employee of any Government or Semi-Government organization.

This will take immediate effect.

Sd/- A.K.Das
Secretary