

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
AUDIT BRANCH**

No. 4514-F

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The rates and entitlements relating to Traveling Allowance and Daily Allowance admissible to the Central Government employees have been revised vide the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure, Office Memorandum F. No. 10/2/98-IC & F. No 19030/2/97-E. IV dt. 17.4.98 with effect from 01.10.97.

2) In accordance with Note 2 below rule 59 of the W.B.S.R.-II, a State Government employee traveling in localities outside West Bengal is entitled to draw Daily Allowance at the rates for Government of India employee drawing identical rate of pay. The pay-scales of the Central Government employees have been revised with effect from 1.1.96 on the recommendation of the Fifth Pay Commission. As the pay scales of the State Government employees have not yet been revised, a question has been raised as to how the rates of daily allowance to be drawn by a State Government employee for tours outside the State should be regulated.

3) Also in the context of the revision of the rates of daily allowance by the Government of India, the question of allowing the said revised rates to the All India Service Officers posted in the State as well as Central Government employees on deputation to the State Government for their tours outside the state has naturally arisen.

4) After careful consideration of the matter the Governor has been pleased to decide that drawal of daily allowance henceforth will be regulated in the following manner subject to the existing terms and conditions relating to the drawal of such daily allowances:

A) For Journeys outside the State on office duty, the All India Service Officers posted in the State and Central Government employees on deputation to the State Government drawing pay in the Scale of pay as revised by the Government of India, shall draw daily allowance at the revised rates admissible to the Central Government employees.

B) For official tours to places outside the State, State Government employees will draw daily allowance at the rates prescribed by the Government of India for such localities for the Government employees under their administrative control drawing identical rate of pay. The term 'Pay' in such cases for the State Government employees shall include 'Basic Pay as defined in rule 5(3) of the W.B.S.R.-I plus 'Dearness Allowance' as sanctioned to the employees with effect from 1.10.96 in terms of Finance Department Memo. No. 7756-F, dt. 27.8.96.

5) This order takes effect from 1st October, 1997. The officers who had undertaken tours between October 1, 1997 and the date of issue of this revised order and whose claims for daily allowance have been settled with reference to their earlier entitlements, may also be permitted to submit supplementary claims based on their revised entitlements and draw the arrears on this account.

6) A table of the rates of daily allowance prescribed by the Government of India for their employees is enclosed for ready reference.

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