

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

No. 2936-F

Calcutta, the 31st March 1990

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification in respect of certain points raised for drawal House Rent Allowance in the revised pay scales.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the following clarifications in regard to certain points raised in connection with the drawal of house rent allowance admissible in terms of para 8 of Finance Department Memo. No. 432-F, dated 12.1.90 on the West Bengal Services (Revision of Pay & Allowance) Rules, 1990.

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Finance Department.

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Point	Replies
1. If a Govt. employee does not opt for the revised scale of pay under the West Bengal Services (Revision of Pay & Allowances) Rules, 1990, how and at what rate the said employee shall draw : (a) house rent allowance ; and (b) medical allowance.	1. (a) If a Govt. employee does not opt for the revised scale of pay under the West Bengal Services (Revision of Pay & Allowances) Rules, 1990, and continues to draw pay in the existing scale of pay, he shall draw house rent allowance @ 15% of his pay in the existing sole pay upto Rs. 150 per month without production of any rent receipt/fair rent certificate, as the case may be. If his pay exceeds Rs. 1000 p. m. he shall have to produce rent-receipt if he resides in a rented house or fair/rent certificate assessed by the Land Acquisition authorities if he resides in a house owned by him or by his parents/ wife/husband/son. In that case, house rent allowance shall be drawn at the rate of 15% of pay subject to the condition that the house rent allowance shall not exceed the amount of rent/fair rent or Rs. 275, whichever is less.

	<p>(b) The Medical Allowance has been revised and raised to Rs. 30 p.m. with effect from the 1st January, 1968 in terms of Finance Deptt. Memo. No. 432-F, dt. 12.1.90. This benefit shall be admissible to a Government employee even if he continues to draw pay in the existing scale of pay.</p>
<p>2. In sub-para (1) of para 8 of Finance Deptt. Memo. N. 432-F, dt. 12.1.90 it has been provided that for the employees living in flats for which assessment of rent has been made and the occupier pays the assessed rent as licence fee and draws usual house rent allowance, the drawal of house rent shall be further limited to the actual assessed rent paid. It may be that in many cases the employees have drawn house rent allowance in excess of the assessed rent prior to the issue of the above mentioned memorandum.</p> <p>Now the question is whether the amount drawn as house rent allowance in excess of the assessed rent, if any, prior to the issue of the above mentioned memorandum shall be recovered.</p>	<p>2. The reply is in the negative. No recovery of the amount drawn as house rent allowance in excess of the assessed rent upto 31.12.89 need be made.</p>
<p>3. Whether the employees living in L.I.G./ M.I.G./ H.I.G. Housing Estates/ Govt. requisitioned houses can draw house rent allowance @ 15% of basic pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 800 per month irrespective of the rent paid.</p>	<p>3. The reply is in the negative. Government is the owner of such houses. The rent paid by the employees in such cases shall be treated as assessed rent and therefore the house rent allowance admissible should be further limited to the actual rent paid.</p>
<p>4. In para 8(2) of Finance Deptt. Memo. No. 432-F, dt. 12.1.90 it has been provided that for those employees paying licence fee as percentage of pay, the recovery shall be frozen at the level at which the licence fee was recovered from the pay bills for December, 1989 in the unrevised scale.</p> <p>A question has now arisen as to what amount shall be recovered as licence fee during the period from January, 1988 to November, 1989.</p>	<p>4. The amounts recoverable in such cases for the period from January, '88 to November, '89 shall be the amounts calculated on the basis of his pay, from time to time during this period, in his unrevised (existing) scale of pay. If such amounts have already been recovered from the monthly pay bills during the period from January, '88 to November, '89, no further amounts shall be recovered.</p>