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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION AND IT
DEPARTMENT OF POSTS
(ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION)/PAP SECTION
DAK BHAWAN, SANSAD MARG, NEW DELHI – 110 001

—THE 5th January, 2016

To

**ALL HEADS OF CIRCLES,
ALL GM (PAF)/DAS (P),
ALL DIRECTORS POSTAL STAFF COLLEGE INDIA/PTCs.**

Sub: Overpayment of Transport Allowance – Audit instructions reg.

I am directed to refer to the Office of the Director General of Audit (Central Expenditure)'s Letter No. R-1/7-47/D.P. (Civil/2015-16/753 dated 6th November, 2015 (Copy Enclosed) endorsed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide their Letter No. A-27017/1/2015-CHS-V dated 7th December, 2015 on the subject cited above and to request you to comply with the direction contained in the aforesaid letter immediately.

2. The above instructions may not be followed-up in the cases where interim orders/stays have been granted by various CAT Benches and the cases are pending.

(Maj. S. N. Dave)

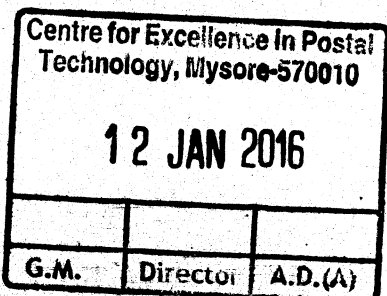
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Encl: As above.

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Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(CHS-V Section)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 108
Dated: the 7th December, 2015

To

All participating Units of CHS
(As per list attached)

DDG (Estt.)
Dy. No. 2327
Date 18/12/15

Subject: Overpayment of Transport Allowance - Audit instructions reg.

Sir,

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Encl: A/A

Yours faithfully,
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सं. रि-1/7-47/डी.पी. (सिविल)/2015-16/753

दिनांक : 06.11.2015

सेवा में,

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Date 10/11/2015

Office of AS (Health)
FTS No. 134281
Date 12/11/15

महोदय,

कृपया इस पत्र के साथ स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय से सम्बन्धित “Over payment of Transport Allowance” शीर्षक से एक ड्राफ्ट पैराग्राफ संलग्न पाएँ। इसमें यह अभिव्यक्त किया गया है कि “The Doctors of Safdarjung hospital in the Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) scale were incorrectly being paid Transport Allowance at the rate of ₹ 7000 per month at par with the officers at the level of Joint Secretaries of the Central Government Departments. However, they were entitled to transport allowance of ₹ 3200 per month only in terms of the Office Memorandums issued by the Ministry of Finance. The incorrect application of rules by the Hospital led to overpayment of Transport Allowance of ₹ 5.86 crore to the Doctors between September 2008 and April 2015.”

संसद के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किये जाने वाले भारत के नियंत्रक एवं महालेखापरीक्षक के मार्च 2015 को समाप्त अवधि के प्रतिवेदन में इस सामग्री के सम्मिलित किये जाने की सम्भावना है। जारी की गई सामग्री में व्यक्त विचार अनंतिम हैं तथा आपके द्वारा की गई प्रतिक्रिया पर बदला जा सकता है। अनुरोध है कि लेखापरीक्षा रिपोर्ट की ड्राफ्ट सामग्री की गोपनीयता को सुनिश्चित करने हेतु मंत्रालय/विभाग/स्वायत्त निकाय पूर्ण रूप से प्रतिबद्धता दर्शाये।

आपसे अनुरोध है कि लोक लेखा समिति की अनुशंसा पर वित्त मंत्रालय (व्यय विभाग) द्वारा जारी किये गये कार्यालय ज्ञापन सं. एफ. 32 (9)ई जी आई/60, दिनांक 3 जून, 1960 का अनुपालन करते हुए ड्राफ्ट पैराग्राफ में उल्लिखित तथ्यों की पुष्टि एवं अपनी टिप्पणियाँ छः सप्ताह के भीतर भेज दें जिससे मंत्रालय के मंतव्य को संसद के समक्ष रखे जाने वाले प्रतिवेदन में सम्मिलित किया जा सके।

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Safdarjung Hospital

Over payment of Transport Allowance

The Doctors of Safdarjung hospital in the Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) scale were incorrectly being paid Transport Allowance at the rate of ₹ 7000 per month at par with the officers at the level of Joint Secretaries of the Central Government Departments. However, they were entitled to transport allowance of ₹ 3200 per month only in terms of the Office Memorandums issued by the Ministry of Finance. The incorrect application of rules by the Hospital led to overpayment of Transport Allowance of ₹ 5.86 crore to the Doctors between September 2008 and April 2015.

The Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure through its office Memorandum¹ prescribed (August 2008) the rates of Transport Allowance on the basis of recommendations given by the sixth Pay Commission. According to this, rate of Transport Allowance to employees drawing grade pay of ₹ 5400 and above was fixed as ₹ 3200 (plus DA thereon). Further as per para 3 of OM, Officers drawing grade pay of ₹ 10000 and ₹ 12000 and those in the HAG + Scale, who are entitled to the use of official car in terms OM of January 1994, shall be given the option to avail themselves of existing facility or to draw the Transport Allowance at the rate of ₹ 7000 per month plus dearness allowance thereon. The OM of January 1994 provided that officers of the level of Joint Secretary and above, who have been provided with the facility of staff car for commuting between office and residence on prescribed payment basis may be given an option either to avail themselves of the existing facility or to switch over to the payment of Transport Allowance, as admissible under these order.

Test check of records of Doctors of Safdarjung Hospital (Hospital), drawing grade pay of ₹ 10000 and above disclosed that Transport Allowance at the rate of ₹ 7000 per month plus dearness allowance thereon was being paid to them. During September 2008 to April 2015, the Doctors had been paid transport allowance aggregating to ₹ 10.79 crore at these rates. We observed that since they were not equal to the

¹ O.M.21(2)/2008-E.II(B) dated August 29th, 2008

level of Joint Secretary to the Government of India and were not entitled for the staff car facility and as such were entitled to payment of transport allowance at the rate of ₹ 3200 (plus DA) only. The incorrect interpretation of rules by the Hospital led to excess payment of ₹ 5.86² crore to the Doctors as detailed in the Annex.

Similar issue pertaining to the Doctors of CGHS was included in the CAG's Audit Report No. 18 of 2015. In this case the Ministry of Finance had clarified (December 2014) that Doctors were not eligible for drawal of Transport Allowance @ ₹ 7000 per month in terms of the stated OM, even though they may be drawing pay with grade pay of ₹ 10000 per month.

It is recommended that overpayment of transport allowance of ₹ 5.86 crore made by the Hospital to its Doctors may be recovered.


Director General of Audit

² Amount drawn ₹ 10.79 crore, Amount due ₹ 4.93 crore, Excess ₹ 5.86 crore