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Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Posts
(P.A.P. Section)

Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg
New Delhi - 110001
Date: 02.04.2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification on admissibility of Children Education Allowance (CEA) – issuance of consolidated FAQs – reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to references received from various Circles, inter alia, O/o the Chief Postmaster General, Andhra Pradesh Circle vide letter No. EST/7th CPC/DIGs/2017 and Tamil Nadu Circle vide letter No. APB/CEA-MISC/2025 dated 14.10.2025, seeking clarifications regarding admissibility of Children Education Allowance (CEA) in light of DoPT O.M. No. A-27012/01-2023-Pers.Policy (Allowance) dated 14.03.2024.

2. The matter has been examined with relevant guidelines issued by DoPT from time to time. It has been observed that similar queries are being raised by various Circles on issues such as admissibility of CEA for pre-primary classes, repetition of class under NEP-2020, admissibility during suspension/termination, etc.

3. In order to ensure uniform implementation of the scheme and to avoid repeated references, a consolidated set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) has been prepared and is enclosed herewith as **Annexure** for guidance and strict compliance.

4. The clarifications contained in the enclosed FAQs are based on existing DoPT instructions, including O.M. dated 17.07.2018 and O.M. dated 14.03.2024. Issues already covered in earlier FAQs issued vide DoPT O.M. dated 11.11.2008 have not been reiterated.

5. All Circles are requested to adhere to the above clarifications while processing CEA claims and to ensure that pending cases are disposed of accordingly.

6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl.: As above

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
Gurvinder Singh
Date: 02-04-2026
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(Gurvinder Singh)
Assistant Director General (GDS/PCC/PAP)

Copy for information to :

1. The Chief Postmaster General, Andhra Pradesh Circle, Vijayawada – 520013 wrt to its letter no. APB/CEA-MISC/2025 dated 14.10.2025.
2. The Chief Postmaster General, Tamil Nadu Circle vide letter No. APB/CEA-MISC/2025 dated 14.10.2025.
3. All Chief Postmasters General / Postmasters General
4. Chief General Manager. BD Directorate / Parcel Directorate / PLI Directorate
5. Director, RAKNPA / GM, CEPT / Directors of All PTCs
6. Addl. Director General. Army Postal Service, R.K.Puram, New Delhi
7. All General Managers (Finance) / Directors Postal Accounts / DAP
8. GM, CEPT for uploading the order on the India Post web site
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Annexure**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Children Education Allowance (CEA)**

Sl. No.	Subject	Question	Clarification / Reply
1	Admissibility for Pre-Primary Classes	Whether, in addition to three classes before Class I, repetition of a class (irrespective of its nomenclature) may be considered for the sanction of CEA under the one-time relaxation mentioned in DoPT OM dated 14.03.2024, resulting in four CEA claims before Class I?	Yes, the DoPT OM dated <u>14.03.2024</u> provides for a one-time relaxation for reimbursement of CEA/Hostel Subsidy in cases where children of Government employees are required to repeat one additional class on account of the implementation of NEP-2020 . Accordingly, where a child repeats a class (including classes prior to Class I), such repetition may be considered for reimbursement under the said one-time relaxation, subject to fulfillment of prescribed conditions. The relaxation shall be admissible only once and strictly in accordance with the provisions of the OM dated <u>14.03.2024</u> .
2	Admissibility for Pre-Primary Classes	Whether Nursery studied during 2022-23 can be considered for CEA reimbursement in addition to LKG (2023-24) and UKG (2024-25), considering that OM dated 14.03.2024 is effective from academic year 2023-24?	Yes, the DoPT OM dated <u>14.03.2024</u> provides that CEA shall be admissible for three classes before Class I and is effective from the academic year 2023-24 onwards. The intent of the OM is to extend the benefit of CEA to three pre-primary classes in alignment with NEP-2020. Accordingly, where a child has studied Nursery (2022-23), LKG (2023-24) and UKG (2024-25) as the three classes preceding Class I, the claim for Nursery (2022-23) may also be considered for reimbursement, provided all other prescribed conditions are fulfilled.
3	CEA During Termination /	Whether CEA is admissible for the	The admissibility of CEA shall depend upon how the period from termination to

	Reinstatement period of (Court Cases)	termination, where reinstatement is ordered by Court and the period is treated as qualifying service?	reinstatement is treated by the Competent Authority. As per Para 2(t) of DoPT OM dated <u>17.07.2018</u> , CEA/Hostel Subsidy is admissible if the Government servant is on duty, under suspension, or on leave (including extraordinary leave).
4	Admissibility During Leave / Suspension	Whether CEA is admissible during leave or suspension?	As per Para 2(t) of DoPT OM dated <u>17.07.2018</u> , CEA/Hostel Subsidy is admissible under suspension also.
5	Admissibility During dies non	Whether CEA is admissible during dies non?	During any period treated as 'dies non', the Government servant will not be eligible for CEA/Hostel Subsidy.
6	Admissibility During Retirement, Discharge, Dismissal or Removal	Whether CEA is admissible in case of retirement, discharge, dismissal or removal from service during the academic year?	As per Para 2(l) of DoPT OM dated <u>17.07.2018</u> , in case of retirement, discharge, dismissal or removal from service, CEA/Hostel Subsidy shall be admissible till the end of the academic year in which the Government servant ceases to be in service due to retirement, discharge, dismissal or removal from service in the course of an academic year. The payment shall be made by the office in which the government servant worked prior to these events and will be regulated by the other conditions laid down in this OM.
	CEA for Children	Whether CEA is admissible for	Please refer to the letter no. PP-33/1/2022-PAP-DOP dated <u>28.08.2024</u> issued by this Department issued in

7	Admitted in Anganwadi	children admitted in Anganwadi?	pursuant to the clarification received from the DoPT OM No. dated <u>14.08.2024</u> . (Copy enclosed)
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