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Office Memorandum

Subject : Implementation of recommendations of One-Man Committee on introduction of Children Education Facilitation Allowance for Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS).

The undersigned is directed to convey the approval of the Competent Authority on recommendations of One-Man Committee on introduction of Children Education Facilitation Allowance for Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS).

2. Keeping in view the above, it has been decided to issue consolidated instructions on the subject of Children Education Facilitation Allowance as under :-

(i) The reimbursement of Children Education Facilitation Allowance can be claimed only for the two eldest surviving children with the exception that, in case the second child birth results in twin/multiple birth. In case of failure of sterilization operation, the Children Education Facilitation Allowance would be admissible in respect of children born out of the first instance of such failure beyond the usual two children norm.

(ii) The amount of reimbursement of Children Education Facilitation Allowance will be Rs.6000/- per annum (**fixed**) per child. This amount of Rs.6000/- is fixed irrespective of the actual expenses incurred by the GDS. In order to claim reimbursement of Children Education Facilitation Allowance, the GDS should produce a certificate issued by the Head of the Institution for the period/year for which claim has been preferred. The Certificate should confirm that the child studied in the school during the previous academic year. In case such certificate can not be obtained, self-attested copy of the report card or self attested fee receipt(s) {including e-receipt(s)} confirming/indicating that the fee deposited for the entire academic year can be produced as a supporting document to claim Children

Education Facilitation Allowance. The period/year means academic year i.e. twelve months of complete academic session.

- (iii) Children Education Facilitation Allowance can be claimed in a single form only for the two eldest surviving children with the exception that, in case the second child birth results in twin/multiple birth (Proforma enclosed).
- (iv) In case both the spouses are GDS/Government servant, only one of them can avail reimbursement under Children Education Facilitation Allowance or CEA (in case of Government servant).
- (v) The reimbursement of Children Education Facilitation Allowance will be done just once in a financial year after completion of the financial year.
- (vi) The reimbursement of Children Education Facilitation Allowance shall have no nexus with the performance of the child in his/her class. In other words, even if a child fails in a particular class, the reimbursement of Children Education Facilitation Allowance shall not be stopped. However, if the child is admitted in the same class in another school, although the child has passed out of the same class in previous school or mid- session, Children Education Facilitation Allowance shall not be reimbursable.
- (vii) If a GDS dies while in service, the Children Education Facilitation Allowance shall be admissible in respect of his/her children subject to observance of other conditions for its grant provided the wife/husband of the deceased is not engaged as GDS or not employed in service of the Central Govt., State Government, Autonomous body, PSU, Semi Government Organization such as Municipality, Port Trust Authority or any other organization partly or fully funded by the Central Govt./State Governments. In such cases the Children Education Facilitation Allowance shall be payable to the children till such time the GDS would have actually received the same, subject to the condition that other terms and conditions are fulfilled. The payment shall be made by the office in which the GDS was working prior to his death and will be regulated by the other conditions, laid down in this OM.
- (viii) In case of discharge, dismissal or removal from engagement, Children Education Facilitation Allowance shall be admissible till the end of the academic year in which the GDS ceases to be in engagement due to discharge, dismissal or removal from engagement in the course of an academic year. The