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To,

The Officer-in-charge
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Subject: House Rent Allowance to Initial Appointees.

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Dated: 05th February 2021

To,

The Chief Engineer.
Headquarters,
Chief Engineer, Leh Zone
• PIN-901205 C/o 56 APO

Sub: **House Rent Allowance to initial Appointees at Leh**

Ref: 1. Brig HS Pilkhwal, CE Leh Zone's DO letter No. 10009/P&A/Sub/33/E1P dated 28 Aug 2020 & 07.09. 2020.

2. This HQrs office letter No. AT/Army-BR/A/Civ/2023/HRA/Vol-I dated 22 Oct 2020

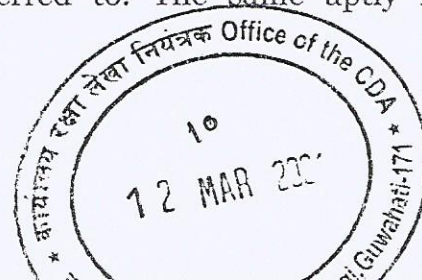
A case was referred to this HQrs office from HQ CE Leh Zone vide above referred DO letters regarding admissibility of **“additional HRA of old duty station”** in respect of those employees who are **newly recruited and directly posted** to those areas to which grant of Additional House Rent Allowance (additional HRA) of old duty station is applicable. It was intimated vide this HQrs office letter at Ref (2) that the matter has been referred to Ministry of Defence.

2. However, the matter has now been re-examined in the light of various orders of Ministry of Finance. Ministry of Finance OMs No. 11016/1A.II(E)/84 dated 29-03-1984, 20014/16/86/E.IV/E.II (B) dated 01.12.1988, 2(19)/E.II(B)/2008 dated 2nd January 2009 & OM 28/01/2017-E.II(B) dated 14.08.2018.

3. It has emerged from the examination of aforementioned orders that for drawal of additional HRA by employees in terms of above orders, the main condition is, **“to leave their families behind at the old duty station”**. In the case of fresh appointees, who are posted to such areas/stations on their initial appointment, this condition is not fulfilled as they do not have any **old duty station** even though their families dependent upon them are residing at their home town or elsewhere and employees are incurring expenditure towards rent at the place where their family resides.

4. In this regard, an order from CAT Kolkata's dated 04.07.2019 in OA 1800 of 2016 (copy enclosed) may also be referred to. The same aptly illustrates the contention made at Para 3 above.

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5. In view of the above, it is evident that initial appointees, posted to such areas to which additional HRA is applicable, are not entitled for additional HRA since they do not fulfill the condition of "*leaving their family at old duty station*" as stipulated in Ministry of Finance Orders.

- Sd/-

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Jt. CGDA

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