GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR, DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF ACCOUNTS & TREASURIES, J&K FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

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Subject:- Drawal of House Rent Allowance in favour of Government employees transferred from City to other Stations.

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A complaint has been received in Finance Department from a citizen alleging that Government employees on transfer from Municipal limits of Jammu/Srinagar city to other stations of J&K are drawing HRA at higher rates than admissible under Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (House Rent Allowance and City Compensatory Allowance) Rules, 1992 beyond the minimum period prescribed under rules for entitlement to higher rates, thus causing loss to the state exchequer. Consequently, the Codes Division (Finance Department) requested this Directorate to sensitize the Treasury Officers about the complaint of drawal of inadmissible House Rent Allowance/City Compensatory Allowance by Drawing and Disbursing Officers to arrest this trend, if prevalent.

The grant of House Rent Allowance on transfer of Government employee from one station to another is regulated under Rule 6(f) of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services (House Rent Allowance and City Compensatory Allowance) Rules, 1992 which reads as under:-

A Government servant who was not in occupation of Government accommodation at his old station and who, on transfer, leaves his family behind at the old station because he has not rented a house or has not been allotted Government accommodation at the new station, will be eligible for House Rent Allowance for a period of six months from the date of his assumption of charge at the new station or till he rents a house or he is allotted Government accommodation at the new station whichever is earliest. The House Rent Allowance in such cases shall be regulated as follows without prejudice to the entitlement to House Rent Allowance with reference to place of duty:-

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| i. | During the first two months of the date of assumption of charge at new station. | At the same rate at which it was drawn at the old station. |
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| ii. | For the next 4 months. | At the rate at which it was being drawn by him at the old station or the maximum amount that would have been admissible to him at the new station, had he taken a residence on rent there, whichever is less. |

In view of the rule position given above, House Rent Allowance at the rates it was drawn at old stations holds good for two months only and thereafter it is to be regulated as per (ii) above.

It is, therefore impressed upon all the Drawing and Disbursing Officers to adhere to the extant rules governing House Rent Allowance and City Compensatory Allowance with respect to employees posted within/outside municipal limits of Jammu and Srinagar cities. House Rent Allowance to Government employees in whose favour Government accommodation has been allotted shall also be regulated strictly as per relevant clauses of Rule 6. All Treasury Offices shall ensure that the Drawing and Disbursing Officers prefer legitimate claims of employees with regard to House Rent Allowance and City Compensatory Allowance.

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Director General, Accounts & Treasuries, Finance Department.

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Copy to the:

1. Principal, Accountant General, J&K Jammu/Srinagar.

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- 5. All Treasury Officers/Drawing and Disbursing Officers for necessary action/compliance.
- 6. Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department for information of the Principal Secretary.

7. P.A to Director General Codes (Finance Department) for information of the Director General.

8. Order file/Master file.

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