

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
RAILWAY BOARD**

NO. E(P&A)II/2012/F.E.2/4

Dated: 02.04.2019

The General Manager, All Indian Railways/PUs, NF(Con), CORE  
The DG/RDSO/Lucknow, DG/NAIR/Vadodara  
CAOs, DMW/Patiala, WPO/Patna, COFMOW/NDLS, RWP/Bela, CAO/IROAF

**Sub: Admissibility of House Rent Allowance (HRA) in the event of non-acceptance or surrender of railway residential accommodation.**

**Ref: (1) Department of Expenditures, MoF's OM no. 2/5/2017-E.IIB dated 05.03.2019**

**(2) Railway Board's letter No. E(P&A)II-87/HRA-15, dated 16.05.1988**

**(3) Railway Board's letter No. E(P&A)II-95/HRA-3, dated 14.02.1996**

**(4) Railway Board's letter No. E(P&A)II-99/HRA-2, dated 12.07.1999 & 16.03.2000**

**(5) Railway Board's letter No. E(P&A)II-2002/HRA-4, dated 16.10.2002 & 09.05.2003**

**(6) Railway Board's letter No. E(P&A)II-2010/HRA-2, dated 08.12.2010**

**(7) Railway Board's letter No. E(P&A)II-2017/HRA-3, dated 15.01.2018**


With reference to Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance's Office Memorandum at (1) & other Railway Board's references above, Board (MS, FC & CRB) have approved the following:

1. For other than those Railway employees (officers and staff) for whom accommodation is specially earmarked and whose occupation of railway quarter is essential for easy accessibility during emergencies, efficient discharge of their duties, etc., the *condition of Applying for Government Accommodation and furnishing of 'No Accommodation Certificate' by Employees to become eligible for HRA may be dispensed with* and Department of Expenditure, MoF's letter under reference may be made applicable Mutatis Mutandis for such categories of Railway employees.
2. The Railway accommodation so vacated may be allotted to other employees of the same pool or other pool or Essential category employees by changing the pool, if required, by the Zonal Railway. The Quarter-allotment Authority shall promptly take necessary action in this regard.
3. Other extant instructions/guidelines issued from Board on the subject shall remain unchanged or as modified from time to time.

Department of Expenditure, MoF's letter under ref. (1) above is enclosed for ready reference.

This issues with the concurrence of Associate Finance of Transformation Cell of Railway Board.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt and ensure compliance.

  
02.04.19

(Umesh Balonda)

Executive Director/S&T  
Transformation Cell

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1. PFAs, All Indian Railways & Production Units
2. The ADAI (Railways), New Delhi
3. The Director of Audit, All Indian Railways



(Sanjeeb Kumar)

Executive Director Accounts  
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No. 2/5/2017-E.IIB  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure

North Block, New Delhi  
Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject:- Dispensation of conditions of applying for Government Accommodation and furnishing of 'No Accommodation Certificate' for admissibility of House Rent Allowance.

Several references are being received in this Department to review the condition of applying for Government Accommodation and furnishing of 'No Accommodation Certificate' for admissibility of House Rent Allowance as contained in Para 4(a) of this Department's O.M. No. 2(37)-E.II(B)/64 dated 27.11.1965 read with Para 1(1) of O.M. No.11011/1/E.II(B)/75 dated 25.02.1977.

2. The matter has been examined in this Department and in supersession of Para 4(a) of this Department's O.M. No. 2(37)-E.II(B)/64 dated 27.11.1965 read with Para 1(1) of O.M. No.11011/1/E.II(B)/75 dated 25.02.1977 and to simplify the procedure relating to grant of House Rent Allowance to Central Government employees, the President, in consultation with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the Staff Side of the National Council (J.C.M.), is pleased to decide that the conditions of applying for Government Accommodation and furnishing of 'No Accommodation Certificate' by Central Government employees to become eligible for House Rent Allowance, are dispensed with for all places, in respect of General Pool Residential Accommodation(GPRA) controlled by Directorate of Estates.

3. Ministries/Departments having their separate pool of residential accommodation for their employees other than GPRA, may adopt these provisions, wherever feasible.

4. These orders shall be effective from the date of issue of the orders.

5. In so far as the persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders issue in consultation with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India.

Hindi version is attached.



(Nirmala Dev)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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