No.12011/03/2008-Estt. (Allowance) Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel & Training)

New Delhi, the 2rd September, 2008.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject :- Recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commissionimplementation of decisions relating to the grant of Children Education Assistance and Reimbursement of Tuition Fee.

Consequent upon the decisions taken by the Government on the recommendations made by the Sixth Central Pay Commission and in supersession of all earlier orders on the subject of Children Education Allowance and Reimbursement of Tuition Fee, the President is pleased to issue the following instructions:-

- (a) Children Education Allowance and Reimbursement of Tuition Fee which were hitherto payable separately will be merged and will henceforth be known as 'Children Education Allowance Scheme'.
- (b) Under the Scheme of Children Education Allowance reimbursement can be availed by Government Servants upto to a maximum of 2 children.
- (c) Reimbursement as indicated above will be applicable for expenditure on the education of school going children only i.e., for children from classes nursery to twelfth, including classes eleventh and twelfth held by junior colleges or schools affiliated to Universities or Boards of Education.
- (d) Henceforth, the reimbursement of Children Education Allowance shall have no nexus with the performance of the child in his class. In other words, even if a child fails in a particular class, the reimbursement of Children Education Allowance shall not be stopped.
- (e) Reimbursement for the following items can be claimed under this Scheme:

Tuition Fee, admission fee, laboratory fee, special fee charged for agriculture, electronics, music or any other subject, Fee charged for practical work under the programme of work experience, fee paid for the use of any aid or appliance by the child, library fee, games/sports fee and fee for extra-curricular activities. This also includes reimbursement for purchase of one set of text books and notebooks, two sets of uniforms and one set of school shoes which can be claimed for a child, in a year.

- (f) The annual ceiling fixed for reimbursement of Children Education allowance is Rs.12000.
- (g) Under this scheme, reimbursement can be claimed once every quarter. The amount that can be claimed in a quarter could be more than Rs.3000, and in another quarter less than Rs.3000, subject to the annual ceiling of Rs.12000 per child being maintained.
- (h) In case both the spouses are Government servants, only one of them can avail reimbursement under Children Education Allowance.
- (i) Hostel subsidy will be reimbursed upto the maximum limit of Rs.3000 per month per child subject to a maximum of 2 children. However, both hostel subsidy and Children Education Allowance <u>cannot</u> be availed concurrently.
- (j) The above limits would be automatically raised by 25% every time the Dearness Allowance on the revised pay structure goes up by50%.

2. In order to ensure that Government servants have no difficulty in claiming reimbursement, the procedure under this Scheme is being kept simple. Reimbursement should henceforth be made on the submission of original receipts on the basis of self-certification by the Government servant.

3. These orders shall be effective from 1st September, 2008.

4. Insofar as persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders issue in consultation with the Comptroller and auditor General of India.

5. Hindi version will follow.

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