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SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI-600 009**

**Letter No.1333/Special.B/2017-1, Dated:14.07.2017**

From  
Dr (Tmt) Girija Vaidyanathan, IAS.,  
Chief Secretary to Government.

To  
All IAS Officers (w.e).  
The Accountant General, Chennai – 9/18 (w.e).  
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Secretariat, Chennai – 9 (w.e).  
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Madurai (w.e).  
All Treasury Officers (w.e).

Sir / Madam,

Sub: Recommendations of the Seventh Pay Commission –  
Decisions of Government of India relating to grant of House  
Rent Allowance (HRA) - Communicated – Regarding.

Ref: From the Government of India, Ministry of Finance,  
Department of Expenditure, New Delhi, Office Memorandum  
No.2/5/2017-E.II(B), dated:07.07.2017.

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A copy of the Office Memorandum cited relating to the grant of House  
Rent Allowance (HRA) alongwith the Annexure is communicated to all Indian  
Administrative Service Officers.

2. As per Rule 3(2) of the All India Services (House Rent Allowance)  
Rules, 1977, a member of service is allowed to draw House Rent Allowance  
at rates specified by State Government which will not at any time be less  
than the rates specified by Central Government at the same station. The  
allowance, in the case of All India Services will be determined accordingly as  
per the rates specified in the Office Memorandum with effect from  
01.07.2017.

Yours faithfully,

*P. S. Indaresan*  
14/7/2017

for Chief Secretary to Government.

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The Home, Prohibition & Excise/  
Environment and Forests Department, Chennai-9 (w.e).  
The Public (Spl.A) Department, Chennai-9 (w.e).  
The Honorary Secretary, IAS Officers Association, Chennai.  
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No. 2/5/2017-E.II(B)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
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New Delhi, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject:-** Implementation of recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission relating to grant of House Rent Allowance (HRA) to Central Government employees.

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Consequent upon the decision taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission, the President is pleased to decide that, in modification of this Ministry's O.M. No.2(37)-E.II(B)/64 dated 27.11.1965 as amended from time to time, O.M. No.2(13)/2008-E.II(B) dated 29.08.2008 and O.M. No.2/5/2014-E.II(B) dated 21.07.2015, the admissibility of House Rent Allowance (HRA) shall be as under:-

Classification of Cities/Towns	Rate of House Rent Allowance per month as a percentage of Basic Pay only
X	24 %
Y	16 %
Z	8%

- The rates of HRA will not be less than Rs.5400/-, 3600/- & 1800/- at X, Y & Z class cities respectively.
- The rates of HRA will be revised to 27% 18% & 9% for X, Y & Z class cities respectively when Dearness Allowance (DA) crosses 25% and further revised to 30%, 20% & 10% when DA crosses 50%.
- The term "basic pay" in the revised pay structure means the pay drawn in the prescribed pay levels in the Pay Matrix and does not include Non-Practising Allowance (NPA), Military Service Pay (MSP), etc. or any other type of pay like special pay, etc.
- The list of cities classified as 'X', 'Y' and 'Z' vide DoE's O.M. No.2/5/2014-E.II(B) dated 21.07.2015, for the purpose of grant of House Rent Allowance is enclosed as Annexure to these orders.
- Special orders on continuance of HRA at Delhi ("X" class city) rates to Central Government employees posted at Faridabad, Ghaziabad, NOIDA and Gurgaon, at Jalandhar ("Y" class city) rates to Jalandhar Cantt., at "Y" class city rates to Shillong, Goa & Port Blair and HRA at par with Chandigarh ("Y" class city) to Panchkula, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) which have been allowed to continue vide Para '4' of this Ministry's O.M. No.2/5/2014-E.II(B) dated 21.07.2015 and O.M. No. 2/2/2016-E.II(B) dated 03.02.2017, shall continue till further orders.
- All other conditions governing grant of HRA under existing orders, shall continue to apply.
- These orders shall be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.
- The orders will apply to all civilian employees of the Central Government. The orders will also be applicable to the civilian employees paid from the Defence Services Estimates. In respect of Armed Forces personnel and Railway employees, separate orders will be issued by the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Railways, respectively.
- 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.

*(Annie George Mathew)*

(Annie George Mathew)  
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To

All Ministries and Departments of the Govt. of India etc. as per standard distribution list.  
Copy to: C&AG and U.P.S.C., etc. as per standard endorsement list.

To O.M. No.2/5/2017-E.II(B) dated 07.07.2017.

**LIST OF CITIES/TOWNS CLASSIFIED FOR GRANT OF  
HOUSE RENT ALLOWANCE TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

Sl. No.	STATES/ UNION TERRITORIES	CITIES CLASSIFIED AS "X"	CITIES CLASSIFIED AS "Y"
1.	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	—	—
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH/ TELANGANA	Hyderabad (UA)	Vijayawada (UA), Warangal (UA), Greater Visakhapatnam (M.Corpn.), Guntur (UA), Nellore (UA)
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	—	—
4.	ASSAM	---	Guwahati (UA)
5.	BIHAR	---	Patna (UA)
6.	CHANDIGARH	---	Chandigarh (UA)
7.	CHHATTISGARH	—	Durg-Bhilai Nagar (UA), Raipur (UA)
8.	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	—	—
9.	DAMAN & DIU	---	---
10.	DELHI	Delhi (UA)	
11.	GOA	---	---
12.	GUJARAT	Ahmadabad (UA)	Rajkot (UA), Jamnagar (UA), Bhavnagar (UA), Vadodara (UA), Surat (UA)
13.	HARYANA	---	Faridabad*(M.Corpn.), Gurgaon*(UA)
14.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	---	---
15.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	---	Srinagar (UA), Jammu (UA)
16.	JHARKHAND	—	Jamshedpur (UA), Dhanbad (UA), Ranchi (UA), Bokaro Steel City (UA)
17.	KARNATAKA	Bengalore/Bengaluru (UA)	Belgaum (UA), Hubli-Dharwad (M.Corpn.), Mangalore (UA), Mysore (UA), Gulbarga (UA)
18.	KERALA	—	Kozhikode (UA), Kochi (UA), Thiruvananthapuram (UA), Thrissur (UA), Malappuram (UA), Kannur (UA), Kollam (UA)
19.	LAKSHADWEEP	---	---
20.	MADHYA PRADESH	—	Gwalior (UA), Indore (UA), Bhopal (UA), Jabalpur (UA), Ujjain (M. Corpn.)

Sl. No.	STATES/ UNION TERRITORIES	CITIES CLASSIFIED AS "X"	CITIES CLASSIFIED AS "Y"
21.	MAHARASHTRA	Greater Mumbai (UA), Pune (UA)	Amravati (M.Corpn.), Nagpur (UA), Aurangabad (UA), Nashik (UA), Bhiwandi (UA), Solapur (M.Corpn.), Kolhapur (UA), Vasai-Virar City (M. Corpn.), Malegaon (UA), Nanded-Waghala (M. Corpn.), Sangli (UA)
22.	MANIPUR	---	---
23.	MEGHALAYA	---	---
24.	MIZORAM	---	---
25.	NAGALAND	---	---
26.	ODISHA	---	Cuttack (UA), Bhubaneswar (UA), Raurkela (UA)
27.	PUDUCHERRY (PONDICHERY)	---	Puducherry/Pondicherry (UA)
28.	PUNJAB	---	Amritsar (UA), Jalandhar (UA), Ludhiana (M. Corpn.)
29.	RAJASTHAN	---	Bikaner (M.Corpn.), Jaipur (M.Corpn.), Jodhpur (UA), Kota (M.Corpn.), Ajmer (UA)
30.	SIKKIM	---	---
31.	TAMIL NADU	Chennai (UA)	Salem (UA), Tiruppur (UA), Coimbatore (UA), Tiruchirappalli (UA), Madurai (UA), Erode (UA)
32.	TRIPURA	---	---
33.	UTTAR PRADESH	---	Moradabad (M.Corpn.), Meerut (UA), Ghaziabad*(UA), Aligarh(UA), Agra (UA), Bareilly (UA), Lucknow (UA), Kanpur (UA), Allahabad (UA), Gorakhpur (UA), Varanasi (UA), Saharanpur (M.Corpn.), Noida* (CT), Firozabad (NPP), Jhansi (UA)
34.	UTTARAKHAND	---	Dehradun (UA)
35.	WEST BENGAL	Kolkata (UA)	Asansol (UA), Siliguri (UA), Durgapur (UA)

\* Only for the purpose of extending HRA on the basis of dependency.

**NOTE**

The remaining cities/towns in various States/UTs which are not covered by classification as "X" or "Y", are classified as "Z" for the purpose of HRA.

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