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To
The Secretary (Telecom)
Sanchar Bhawan
New Delhi-110001

Respected Sir,

Sub: Request for allowing TA/DA to participants of training programs conducted by NCA(F), Ghitorni.

- Ref: 1. Decision No. 4 below Rule 164 of FR & SR Part II.
2. DoE OM No. 19030/1/2017-E.IV dated 01.02.2018
3. Department of Posts letter No. PP/22/1/2023-PAP-DoP dated 21.05.2024
4. Earlier representation of this Association dated 19.11.2025 addressed to Member (Finance), DCC on the above subject.

Respected Sir,

On behalf of the Association, we sincerely appreciate the initiative of organizing induction training for more than 100 AAOs simultaneously, which will help accelerate capacity building across the department timely.

2. In this context, we wish to bring to your kind attention an issue regarding admissibility of Daily Allowance for officers deputed to attend government-sponsored residential training programs at the National Communication Academy (Finance), Ghitorni. It has been observed that training completion letters issued by NCA(F) carry a remark stating **"No TA/DA is admissible."** This has caused confusion among field units and has resulted in rejection of genuine DA claims.

3. As per Decision No. 4 below Rule 164 of FR & SR Part II, government servants deputed for training in India are entitled to TA/DA as on tour, provided the duration does not exceed 180 days and their pay has not been enhanced to meet training expenses. The rule further specifies:

- (i) Full DA is admissible for 180 days when boarding and lodging are not provided.
- (ii) First 30 days full DA and next 150 days half DA when boarding and lodging facilities exist."

However, after the TA Rules under the 7th CPC came into effect, the DoE, vide its O.M. No. 19030/1/2017-E.IV dated 01.02.2018, clarified that in cases where free boarding and lodging are provided, only local travel expenditure can be claimed.

4. The Department of Posts, vide letter dated 21.05.2024, and the Department of Telecommunications, vide letter dated 28.01.2025, have both reiterated that officers deputed for training are eligible for TA/DA in accordance with the above provisions.

5. It is pertinent to mention that RAKNPA, another premier National level training institute under the Ministry of Communications, allows its trainees to claim DA as per FRSR provisions. They also allow the trainees to pay the food expenses. It is further learnt that other National Communication Academies under the Department of Telecommunications, including **NCA-T**, follow a similar practice, wherein trainees are permitted to pay for the food provided to them and claim the admissible Daily Allowance as per FRSR. This practice is adopted as individual food expenses of trainees are not appropriately bookable under Training Expenses or Office Expenses, and such booking may invite audit objections. Accordingly, the procedure followed by NCA-T ensures clear compliance with FRSR provisions and minimizes audit risk. **Hence, it is requested that NCA-F may also adopt this practice, which would not only ensure uniformity and alignment with other departmental training institutions but would also help trainee officers meet additional food and contingent expenses.**

6. In view of the above, this Association respectfully requests that suitable instructions may kindly be issued to NCA(F), Ghitorni, to discontinue the remark **“No TA/DA admissible”** in training completion letters and to allow payment of admissible DA to trainees as per rules.

7. It is further requested that, in line with practices at other institutes, trainees at NCA(F) may be permitted to bear food charges directly and claim Daily Allowance from their respective administrative units, ensuring uniformity, compliance with FRSR, and avoidance of audit objection

We have high hope that this matter will receive your kind consideration and an early clarification will be issued to bring uniformity in implementation across training institutions under the Ministry.

With Regards,


M. Sudhakar,
General Secretary,

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1. Member(F), DoT, Sanchar Bhawan, Delhi
2. The Sr. DDG(PAF), Dak Bhawan
3. DG NCA (F), Ghitorni