D.O. No. 34/2/2009-EO(MM II)

15th February, 2016

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Directors/Deputy Secretaries, drawn from organised Group ‘A’ Services are posted in the Ministries/Departments in Government of India on deputation for stipulated tenure under the Central Staffing Scheme (CSS) and thereafter return to their respective parent cadres. Since this results in considerable dislocation, certain measures are in place, including houses under tenure pool, admission of their wards in school etc. to mitigate the problems faced by these officers. Recently, the Ministry of Urban Development had also agreed to give transit accommodation to such officers on the recommendation of Establishment Officer, in Pragati Vihar Hostel and Kasturba Gandhi Marg Hostel. This has addressed the problem of accommodation, which was faced by these officers during transitory phase.

2. Now, in order to address the problem of conveyance, the Department of Expenditure vide their O.M No.3(44)/2015.E.II (A) dated 27th January, 2016 (Copy enclosed) in partial modification of its O.M No.FTS/ 66562/E-Cord./2015 has approved hiring of cars for pick up and drop for Directors/Deputy Secretaries posted under the CSS initially for a period of one year subject to conditions mentioned in the aforesaid O.M.

3. The Ministries/Departments may take appropriate action as per the enclosed O.M of Department of Expenditure ensuring that the use of general duty vehicles is optimised to provide this facility and additional car hiring is kept to a minimum. Ministries/Departments are also requested to maintain record of additional number of vehicles hired, if any, and the expenditure involved thereon vis-a-vis matching savings that may arise on account of reduction in payment of transport allowance to the officers who wish to avail of pick up and drop facility.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(Rajiv Kumar)

To,

All Secretaries to Government of India (By Name)

(As per list enclosed)
No. 3(44)/2015-E-II(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 27th January, 2016

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Current shortage of officers at Deputy Secretary/Director level under the Central Staffing Scheme and possible measures to deal with the shortage.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Department of Personnel & Training (Office of EO) File No. 34/2/2009-EO((MM-II) dated 2nd November, 2015 on the subject cited above and to say that the proposal for providing vehicles for pick-up and drop facility to all Directors/Deputy Secretary level officers who are under Central Staffing Scheme has been examined in this Department.

2. Notwithstanding the fact that the existing Rules do not provide for hiring of cars to facilitate pick up and drop for Director/Deputy Secretary level officers, considering the reasons advanced by DoP&T in support of the proposal, this Department, in partial modification of its O.M. No. FTS 68562/E-Coord/2015 dated 1st April, 2015, conveys its no objection to the proposal subject to the following:

Car(s) are to be hired strictly for facilitating pick up and drop of these officers.

Car-pooling for such transportation is resorted to.

In case of Ministries/Department where cars/vehicles are being hired for general duty, these should be utilized for the pick-up and drop duty as well so that additional car hiring is avoided.

While the officers of the rank of DS/Directors availing pick-up and drop facility shall not be eligible for transport allowance, officers who are not availing the facility of pick-up and drop shall not be eligible for enhanced transportation allowance as applicable to officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above in terms of this Department’s O.M. No. 21(2)/2008-E-II(B) dated 29/8/2008.

The proposal for hiring is allowed for a period of one year from the date of issue of relevant orders in this regard, where after Department of Personnel & Training may seek this Department’s approval for its review/renewal.

3. This issues with the approval of Finance Secretary.

(Pankaj Hazarika)
Director

Department of Personnel & Training
Office of Establishment Officer
(Kind atttn.: Shri Rajiv Kumar, EO).
North Block
New Delhi