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अंडमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन  
Andaman and Nicobar Administration  
सचिवालय/Secretariat**

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**Port Blair, dated the 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.**

**C I R C U L A R**

**Sub :-Recovery of Licence Fee - regarding.**

It has been informed that the 'Rent Free Accommodation' granted to the Central Government employees under General Pool Residential Accommodation had been abolished by the Government of India with effect from 01.07.2017 vide Resolution No. 11-1/2016-IC dated 06/07/2017 as per the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission vide Para 7 of the Resolution No.1-2/2016-IC dated 25/07/2016. This has been brought to the notice to all Ministry/Departments of the Government of India by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Development, Government of India vide O.M. 18018/1/2017-Pol.III dated 17/08/2017.

In view of the Inspection Report of Audit Department, the A & N Administration had also issued directions to all Head of Departments/Head of Offices to recover the Licence fee w.e.f. 01/07/2017 from the government employees who have been provided rent free accommodation vide Admn.'s Circular No.5-22(AUDIT)/2019/H&E dated 06/03/2020.

The A & N Administration is implementing the Online Portal i.e, AAGA (Automated Allotment of Government Accommodation) developed by the SOVTECH for allotment of Type-I to Type-III quarters in the transparent manner and an attempt has been made to make a paperless solution. No hard copy of allotment order is issued to the allottee as well as to the concerned departments. The allotment orders can be downloaded from the Portal through their Mobiles/PCs/CSCs by the allottee on the receipt of SMS and by the DDOs/HOOs using their Username & Password.

The Government of India had revised the flat rates of licence fee recoverable for the residential accommodation available in General Pool and also in Departmental Pools of Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India throughout the Country (except the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Railways) by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Directorate of Estates, New Delhi vide their Office Memorandum No. 18011/2/2015-Pol.III dated 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 (copy enclosed).

It has been come to the notice of this Administration that the flat rate of Licence fee has not been recovered from the government employees who have been allotted government residential accommodation from their salary bills by the concerned Head of Departments/Head of Offices/Drawing & Disbursing Officers, which is contrary to the existing rules.

As per the provisions of Rule 26 (1) of Allotment of Accommodation A&N



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Administrative Residences (General Pool) (Amendment) Rules, 2004, which inter-alia stipulates that "Where an allotment of accommodation or alternative accommodation has been accepted, the liability for licence fee shall be commence from the date of occupation or the eighth day from the date of receipt of the allotment whichever is earlier".

Hence, all Head of Departments/Head of Offices/Drawing & Disbursing Officers are requested to take necessary action to recover the flat rate of Licence fee from the government employees who have been allotted government residential accommodation as per the existing rules.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Assistant Secretary (H&E)

To

1. All Head of Departments/Head of Offices under A & N Administration for information and necessary action.
2. All Deputy Commissioners for information and necessary action.
3. All Assistant Commissioners for information and necessary action.
4. The Commanding Officer, 1 (A&N) Indep Inf Coy NCC, Junglighat, Port Blair for information and necessary action.
5. The Commanding Officer, NCC (Naval Unit), Junglighat, Port Blair for information and necessary action.
6. The Assistant Secretary (Perl.), A & N Administration, Secretariat, Port Blair for information and necessary action.
7. The Assistant Secretary (Cash), A & N Administration, Secretariat, Port Blair for information and necessary action.

**Copy to :-**

1. Sr. PS to Secretary to Lt. Governor, Raj Niwas, Port Blair.
2. Sr. PS to Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Secretariat, Port Blair.
3. All Commissioner-cum-Secretaries/ All Secretaries/ Special Secretaries/ Joint Secretaries, A&N Administration, Secretariat, Port Blair.
4. PS to Secretary (H&E), A&N Administration, Secretariat, Port Blair.
- ✓ 5. Nodal Officer (IT)/EDP Cell, Secretariat for uploading the circular in the website of A&N Administration (<http://andaman.gov.in>).

Assistant Secretary (H&E)



No. 18011/2/2015-Pol.III  
Government of India  
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs  
Directorate of Estates  
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Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

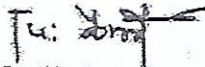
**Subject: Revision of flat rate of licence fee for General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) throughout the country.**

In terms of the provisions of the Rule 74 of the "Central Government General Pool Residential Accommodation Rules 2017", the Government has decided to revise the flat rates of licence fee recoverable for the residential accommodation available in General Pool and also in Departmental Pools of Ministries/Departments of the Government of India throughout the Country (except in respect of substandard/unclassified accommodation of Ministry of Defence, accommodation for service personnel of the Ministry of Defence and accommodation under the control of Ministry of Railways), as shown in the Annexure.

2. The revised rates of licence fee would be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2023. All Ministries/Departments are requested to take action to recover the revised licence fee in accordance with these orders in respect of accommodation under their control all over the country.

3. This issues with the concurrence of Integrated Finance Wing of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs vide their note dated 22-6-2023.

Encls: As above

  
(Pinaki Banerjee)  
Deputy Director of Estates (Policy)

To

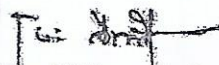
1. All Ministries/Department of Govt. of India. It is requested that this O.M. may be circulated to all the attached/subordinate offices under their Ministries/Departments which are eligible for GPRA/Departmental Pool.
2. Comptroller & Auditor General of India
3. Chief Secretaries/Administrators/ L.G. of Union Territories.
4. Secretary General, Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha Secr..

Copy to:

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister (HUA).
2. Sr. PPS to Secretary (HUA)
3. PPS/PPSs to JS&FA/IS (L&E)/JS (ID)/Director of Estates I & II.
4. The Director General, CPWD, New Delhi - It is requested that this OM may be circulated to all the allottees of GPRA through their respective Service Centres.

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5. CMD, NBCC Limited, NBCC Bhawan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 - it is requested that this OM may be circulated to all the allottees of GPRA through their respective Service Centres.
6. Chief Engineers of ND Zones/ Ex. Eng (LF), CPWD, New Delhi
7. Sr. Technical Director (NIC), MoHUA, Nirman Bhawan
8. All Attached/ subordinate offices under Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
9. Coordination Section/ Works Division of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
10. Finance Division, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
11. All Dy. Directors/ Asstt. Directors/ Sections/ Suptds. (Accounts) and Accountants of Directorate of Estates.
12. Estate Managers/ Asstt. Estate Managers of all Regional Offices under the Directorate of Estates including CPWD.
13. AD (Hindi Section), Directorate of Estates, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi for necessary action
14. All Allottees through Website of Directorate of Estates



(Pinaki Banerjee)

Deputy Director of Estates (Policy)



**Annexure**

(To the OM No. 18011/2/2015-Pol.III dated 10.07.2023)

**Revised flat rates of licence fee applicable for General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) throughout the country w.e.f. 01-07-2023**

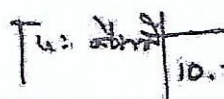
Types of accommodation	Range of living area in sq. mtr.	Revised rates of licence fee effective from 01.07.2023, rounded off to the nearest 10, for the concerned Type (₹)
I	Upto 30	210
II	26.5 to 50	440
III	44 to 65	660
IV	59 to 91.5	880
IV (Special)	59 to 91.5	930
VA	Upto 106	1650
VB	Beyond 106	1750
VIA	Upto 159.5	2170
VIB	Beyond 159.5	2590
VII	189.5 to 224.5	3040
VIII	243 to 522	5430

**Note 1:** In addition to the flat rates shown in the table above, License Fee at the following flat rates for Servant quarters & Garages allotted independently of regular accommodation shall be recovered.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Revised Rates (p.m.) effective from 01.07.2023 rounded off to the nearest 10, for the concerned Type (₹)
1	Servant Quarters	90
2	Garages	60

**Note 2:** For Hostel Accommodation, License Fee at the following flat rates shall be recovered.

Sl. No.	Category of Suite	Living Area (Sq. mtr.)	Revised Rates (p.m.) effective from 01.07.2023 rounded off to the nearest 10, for the concerned Type (₹)
1	Single Room (without Kitchen)	21.5 to 30	550
	Single Room (with Kitchen)	30.5 to 39.5	780
2	Double Room	47.5 to 60	1070

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