

दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे / South Central Railway

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ALL CONCERNED

Sub: Payment of TA/DA to the staff who are deputed to the Election Duty for Telangana State Legislative Assembly (TSLA) on 30.11.2023.

Various references have been received from the Divisions/Units in connection with payment of TA/DA to the railway staff deputed for Election duties in connection with Telangana State Legislative Assembly elections held on 30.11.2023.

In this connection, attention is invited to Railway Board's letter No. E(G) 79/EL 1-3 dated 27.09.1979 wherein the President has decided that, the Central Government servants deputed as presiding and polling officers in connection with the actual conduct of general elections to the House of People and Legislative Assemblies should be paid travelling allowance and daily allowance at the rates admissible to them under the Central Government rules or at the same rates and on the same basis as are applicable to the employees of the State Governments for performing similar election duties, whichever is higher. It is also advised that the Central Government servants who are required to attend training classes and mock polling in connection with the above elections should be paid TA/DA at the rates admissible to them under the Central Government rules or at the same rates and on the same basis as are prescribed by the State Government in respect of their own staff for attending such class/mock polling, whichever are higher.

Railway Board further advised that the payment of TA to the employees will be subject to the condition that no official vehicle was arranged for them to perform the Election duties and neither they have claimed TA from the concerned election office nor received any TA or advance in this regard.

Further, Election Commission of India, vide their letter dt.06.06.2023 circulated instructions to all the Chief Secretaries of States/UTs wherein it is mentioned that, in addition to remuneration, admissible TA/DA and any other allowance shall also be paid as per the norms by their parent department.

In this connection, it is to mention that, for General Assembly Elections 2023 held on 30.11.2023, Telangana State Government had provided vehicles to the polling staff on the day before Election day to commute the polling officials to their venues and on the day of polling to relieve them to their preferred stops.

As such, Travelling Allowance on these two days may not be allowed to the railway staff and Travelling Allowance (conveyance) will be allowed for attending Training classes only, in case attended. However, Daily Allowance will be allowed on all these days subject to their admissibility as per Railway rules.

This issues with the approval of PCPO.

(G.Srinivasa Naik) Secretary to PCPO

Secretary to PCPO for Principal Chief Personnel Officer