

EASTERN RAILWAY

SERIAL CIRCULAR NO. 44/2014

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Kolkata, dated 2/06/2014

All Concerned

Sub: Children education Allowance - Frequently asked questions.

The following copy of Railway Board's letter No. E (W) 2008/ED-2/4 dated 09.05.2014 (RBE No. 44/2014) is appended below for information, guidance and necessary action. Board's earlier letter dated 01.10.2008 and 07.06.2013, as mentioned therein, was circulated under this office serial circular No. 121/2008 and 69/2013 respectively.


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For Chief Personnel Officer

Copy of Railway Board's letter No. No. E (W) 2008/ED-2/4 dated 09.05.2014 (RBE No. 44/2014) addressed to the GM (P)/All Indian Railways and others.

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Please refer to Railway Board's letter of even number dated 01.10.2008 followed by subsequent letters regarding revised policy instructions/clarifications on Children Education Allowance admissible to Railway Servants, based on the recommendations of Sixth Central Pay Commission.

2. Now, DOP&T has inter-alia issued clarification on reimbursement of children Education Allowance in the form of frequently asked questions (FAQ) in terms of their Office Memorandum No. I-11020/1/2014-Estt. (AL). These FAQ are in supplement to FAQs issued vide Board's letter of even number dated 07-06-2013. The same is being circulated herewith for guidance of all concerned.

No. I-11020/1/2014-Estt.(AL)
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training

The following FAQs supplement the FAQs in respect of Estt. (Allowances) Section already placed in public domain vide F. No. 21011/08/2013-Estt.(AL)

| Establishment (Allowances) Section | | |
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| Children Education Allowance Scheme (CEA) | | |
| Sl. No. | Frequently asked Questions | Answer |
| 1. | Whether the examination fees as charged by the school is reimbursable? | "Examination fee" has been included as part of reimbursable items as indicated in para 1(e) of O.M. dated 2nd September, 2008, subject to the fulfillment of other existing conditions vide JM No.12011/01/2012-Estt.(AL) dated 31-07-2013. The said orders do not have a retrospective effect. |
| 2. | Whether reimbursement of amount of fee paid during 1 st and 2 nd quarter could be claimed in 3 rd or 4 th quarter, without the fee receipts of the 3 rd and 4 th quarter? | No. As it is reimbursement for the whole year, original receipts for the fee paid for the 3 rd /4 th quarter has to be submitted to ensure that the child has not dropped out of the school in the mid-session. O.M. No.12011/01/2013-Estt.(Allowances) dated 23.04.2013 refers. |
| 3. | Whether a Government servant is required to give a certificate that the spouse, if earning, has not claimed CEA? | Yes. In terms of O.M. No.12011/01/2013-Estt.(Allowances) dated 23.04.2013, the claimant Government servant is required to furnish an undertaking that reimbursement of CEA has not been claimed in respect of the child by the spouse of the claimant. |

| Honorarium | | |
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| Sl. No. | Frequently asked Questions | Answer |
| 1. | What are the rates of honorarium admissible to MTS/Group 'D' officials when they are appointed to work as Dispatch Rider/Scooter Driver? | The rate of such honorarium is pegged at Rs. 10/- per day in terms of this Department's OM No. No.17011/01/2011-Estt.(AL) dated 17-04-2013 |
| 2. | What are the rates of honorarium admissible to MTS/Group 'D' officials/ Dispatch Riders/Scooter Drivers when they are appointed to work as Staff Car Drivers? | The rate of such honorarium is pegged at Rs. 20/- per day in terms of this Department's OM No. No.17011/01/2011-Estt.(AL) dated 17-04-2013 |