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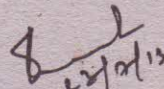
No. E 352/O/I/Pt.II

Kolkata, dated 23.07.2013

All Concerned

Sub: Children education Allowance/ Hostel Subsidy - clarifications.

The following copy of Railway Board's letter no. E (W) 2008/ED-2/4 dated 7.06.2013 (RBE NO. 55/2013) is appended below for information, guidance and necessary action. Board's earlier letter dated 01.10.2008, as mentioned therein, was circulated under this office serial circular No. 121/2008.

  
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Copy of Railway Board's letter no. No. E (W) 2008/ED-2/4 dated 7.06.2013 (RBE NO. 55/2013) addressed to the GM (P)/All Indian Railways and others.

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Please refer to Railway Boards letter of even number dated 01/10/2008 followed by subsequent letters regarding revised policy instructions / clarifications on Children Education Allowance / Hostel Subsidy admissible to Railway Servants, based on the recommendations of Sixth Central Pay Commission.

2. Time and again there have been demands for consolidated instructions / guidelines on clarifications so far issued in respect of revised policy on reimbursement of Children Education Allowance / Hostel Subsidy. With the objective to further clarify the policy in general and to reply to specific queries raised by various sections of employees, Department of Personnel & Training vide their OM NO. 21011/08/2013-Estt. (AL) has circulated guidelines termed as frequently asked questions and their answers on the revised policy for grant of Children Education Allowance / Hostel Subsidy.

3. In regard to grant of Honorarium, instructions have been issued vide Board's letter no. F(X) II-2010/PW/2 dated 11/10/2010 read with letter No.2011/F(X) II/5/10 dated 29/12/2011 and F(X) II 2008 /PW/6 dated 25/04/2013. Above OM is circulated for guidance of all concerned.

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No. 21011/08/2013-Estt. (AL)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension  
Department of Personnel & Training

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Establishment (Allowances) Section		
<u>Children Education Allowance Scheme (CEA)</u>		
Sl.	Frequently asked Questions	Answer
1.	Whether Reimbursement of Children Education Allowance (CEA) for 3 <sup>rd</sup> child is permissible if CEA has not been claimed for 1 <sup>st</sup> and or 2 <sup>nd</sup> child? As per OM dated 2.9.2008 CEA is admissible for two school going children does it mean any two school going children?	No. Reimbursement of CEA is not permissible for third child even if reimbursement has not been claimed in respect of first and /or second child. However, as per OM No.12011/03/2008-Estt. (AL) dated 11.11.2008; the Children Education Allowance would be admissible for more than two children where as a result of the second child birth results in birth of twins or multiple children. Further, reimbursement of CEA for 3 <sup>rd</sup> child is also admissible in case of failure of sterilization operation. Such reimbursement is admissible only for the first child birth after failure of sterilization operation. This point was further clarified vide O.M. No. 12011/16/2009-Allowance) dated 13.11.2009.
2.	What types of fee are reimbursable? Whether Annual Charges and Transportation fees are reimbursable? Whether reimbursement towards purchase of school bag, water bottle, uniform, shoes and stationary is admissible?	As per OM No. 12011/03/2008-Estt. ( AL ) dated 2.9.2008, tuition fee , admission fee , laboratory fee , special fee charged for agriculture , electronics , music or any other subject , fee charged for practical work under the programme of work experience , fee paid for the use of any aid or appliances by the child , library fee , games / sports fee and fee for extra-curricular activities are reimbursable subject to the condition that the aforementioned fee are charged by the school directly from the student . No reimbursement is permissible for Annual Charges and Transportation fees. Besides, reimbursement for purchase of one set of text books and notebooks, two sets of uniforms prescribed by the school in which the child is studying, one pair of shoes, in an academic year are reimbursable. Uniform include all items of clothing prescribed for a day, as uniform by the school, irrespective of colours / winter / summer / PT uniforms. Reimbursement of school bags, pens/pencils, water bottle, stationary etc., may not be allowed. O.M. No. 12011/08/2010/-Estt. (AL) dated 30.12.2010 and O.M. No. 12011/07/(i)/2011-Estt.(AL) dated 21.02.2012 refers

