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Sub: Grant of Transport Allowance at double the normal rates to deaf & dumb and hearing impaired employees in terms of RBE No. 14/2017 circulated under this office serial No. 19/2017 - Clarification regarding date of effect thereof.

Attention is invited to the instructions contained in Board's letter No. PC-V/2014/A/TA/1 dated 19/03/2014 (RBE No. 28/2014) {Sl. No. 27/2014}, clarifying the admissibility of Transport Allowance at double the normal rates with immediate effect to employees who are deaf and dumb.

2. It was subsequently instructed vide Board's letter No. PC-V/2014/A/TA/1 dated 22/02/2017 (RBE No. 14/2017) {Sl. No. 19/2017}, issued in supersession of their letter dated 19/03/2014 *ibid*, that Transport Allowance at double the normal rates would be admissible to Hearing Impaired employees also in addition to employees who are both deaf and dumb. Under these instructions, Transport Allowance at double the normal rates would be admissible to Hearing Impaired employees having loss of sixty decibels or more in the better ear in the conversation range of frequencies as per PwD Act, 1995. These instructions were made effective from 19/02/2014.

3. In the above context, a doubt has been raised by one of the Units regarding the date of admissibility for grant of the Transport Allowance at double the normal rates to existing hearing impaired Railway employees. It is clarified that in case of existing hearing impaired Railway employees, who were otherwise eligible for the grant of Transport Allowance at double the normal rates in terms of Board's letter dated 22/02/2017 *ibid*, on or before 19/02/2014, they may be granted this allowance w.e.f. 19/02/2014. However, in all other cases, the allowance may be granted with effect from the date of recommendations of the concerned medical authority is received.

(This disposes CWM/LLH's letter No. LE.94/3/Hearing Impaired/Minist/Staff dated 04/10/2018)

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