



IIT PALAKKAD

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY PALAKKAD

भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान पालक्काड

Under Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India
मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के अधीन, भारत सरकार

06 Jan 2020

Office Memorandum

Subject: Guide Lines for official travel – Booking of Tickets, Air Travel etc.

1. Reference is invited to various guidelines issued by the Govt. of India w.r.t expenditure on official tours. booking of Air Tickets through authorised agent and travel by Air India only. Keeping in view the instructions issued by the Govt. of India w.r.t Air Travel, following guidelines are hereby issued for strict adherence and compliance.

(a) Approval for Tour & Booking of Tickets

- (i) Air tickets needs to be purchased either directly from the airlines (booking counters/website) i.e Air India or through authorized agents only **viz. 'M/s Balmer Lawrie and Co. Ltd.', 'M/s.Ashok Travels and Tours Ltd.' And 'IRCTC'**. Relaxation on account of ignorance/unawareness of these guidelines will not be considered.
- (ii) Travel must be in **Air India only** for air journey (Except where the cost of air passage is not borne by Government of India).
- (iii) In respect of Non-officials of Committees/Boards/Panels, the concerned Department has to mention in the meeting notice that the Non-official member has to contact IIT Palakkad Travel Section or purchase the ticket from authorized travel agent.
- (iv) Tour approval in standard format must be obtained from competent authority before proceeding for the outward journey. Prior approval of Competent Authority is also required for travel by Taxi/Own Car etc. for official tours as well as travel of external experts/examiners/official invitees etc. Permission for use of Taxi/hired car will be obtained from the Competent Authority in the approved format [Format enclosed in Annexure A].

(b) Submission of TA Claim Bill

- (i) When air ticket booking is done by this office, TA claim is to be submitted **within 30 days of completion of journey** and if tickets have been booked under own arrangements, then claim is to be submitted **within 60 days** from the date of completion of journey. Otherwise claim will be forfeited (Ticket cost charged to the Traveller). TA Bill is required to be submitted as per approved format even when tickets are arranged by this office and there happens to be nil claim, to regularize the official travel.
- (ii) Travelling Allowance Claim bill has to be submitted in the prescribed format (Enclosed in Annexure B) within time limit enclosing all original documents like tickets, boarding pass, lodging bill, conveyance bill etc

2. Above instructions are basically related to Travel allowance claims. Other conditions as per FR/SR- TA Rules will continue to apply.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Copy to:

1. Faculty
2. Staff
3. Web Admin – For publishing in IITPKD website.

**Registrar
IIT Palakkad**

Annexure A

(Ref. Para (iii) of 1 (a) in

Office Memorandum No. IITPKD/RO/OM/2019-20

dated Dec 2019)

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY PALAKKAD

APPROVAL FOR OFFICIAL TOUR

1. Name and Designation :
2. Employee Code :
3. Purpose of Visit :
4. Place(s) of Visit :
5. Date of Journey :
6. Likely duration of Stay :
7. Date of return :
8. Travel details
 - (a) Mode of Travel : Air/Train/Road
 - (b) Journey commencing from : PKD/CBE/Kochi/Others (Please Specify)
 - (c) Permission for Taxi / Hired car :
9. Additional information(if any) :

Date:

Signature

Tour programme Approved/ Note approved

Signature of Approving Authority

Designation:

9. Local journey performed at Visiting place (Also mention details of transport provide by Host Institute/IIT Palakkad)

SL No.	Date	Name of Hotel / Place of stay / Airport	Name of the Institute / office attended	Distance in KM	Mode of conveyance	Fare paid Rs.	Remarks
Total							

10. Accommodation: Details of stay in Hotel / Guest house (Details of accommodation provided by Host institute / IIT Pkd may also be indicated)

Period of stay		Name of Hotel	Daily Rent(Rs.)	Total amount paid(Rs.)
From	To			

11. **Bank Account details**

a.	Bank Account No	
b.	Bank Name & Branch	
c.	IFSC Code	

12. **Claim Details**

a.	Total Fare (onward & return)	Rs.
b.	Local Journey performed at visiting place	Rs.
c.*	Food Allowance : (No. of Days x Amount) _____ x _____	Rs.
d.	Any other expenses (Please specify) _____	Rs.
e.	Honorarium (if any)	Rs.
	Total Claim Amount (a) + (b) +(c) + (d) + (e)	Rs.

13. Amount of TA Advance, if any drawn: Rs. _____

CERTIFICATE

1. Claims in this bill have not been claimed or will not be claimed in any other bill from any other source.
2. I was not provided with free boarding or lodging facilities.

Date :

Signature of claimant

Countersigned by

Name and Designation

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

Institute Account

Project Account

Passed for Rs. _____ (Rupees _____

_____ only)

JR. ASST

Jr.Supt.

Asst. Registrar(F&A)

*To be filled in by the office



SELF DECLARATION FORM FOR TOUR CLAIMS

I Designation:
IIT Palakkad, hereby certify that during my tour to for the purpose of
..... from to I have

Hotel Stay

Actually stayed at Hotel (name of Hotel) for Days
from to and incurred Rs as Hotel charges.

Taxi Bills

Use of Taxi

I have used Taxi No from (place of stay)
to (place of visit) and incurred Rs as Taxi charges which was
paid by me/arranged by the Institute.

Use of a Personal Conveyance

Used my personal Car bearing Regn. No and covered Km in the
journey from to

Signature

***Strike out whichever is not applicable.**

New Delhi, the 13th July 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Travelling Allowance Rules - Implementation of the Seventh Central Pay Commission.

Consequent upon the decisions taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission relating to Travelling Allowance entitlements to civilian employees of Central Government, President is pleased to decide the revision in the rates of Travelling Allowance as set out in the Annexure to this Office Memorandum.

2. The 'Pay Level' for determining the TA/DA entitlement is as indicated in Central Civil Service (Revised Pay) Rules 2016.
3. The term 'Pay in the Level' for the purpose of these orders refer to Basic Pay drawn in appropriate Pay level in the Pay Matrix as defined in Rule 3(8) of Central Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2016 and does not include Non-Practising Allowance (NPA), Military Service Pay (MSP) or any other type of pay like special pay, etc
4. However, if the Travelling Allowance entitlements in terms of the revised entitlements now prescribed result in a lowering of the existing entitlements in the case of any individual, groups or classes of employees, the entitlements, particularly in respect of mode of travel, class of accommodation, etc., shall not be lowered. They will instead continue to be governed by the earlier orders on the subject till such time as they become eligible, in the normal course, for the higher entitlements.
5. The claims submitted in respect of journey made on or after 1st July, 2017, may be regulated in accordance with these orders. In respect of journeys performed prior to 1st July, 2017, the claims may be regulated in accordance with the previous orders dated 23.09.2008.
6. It may be noted that no additional funds will be provided on account of revision in TA/DA entitlements. It may therefore be ensured that permission to official travel is given judiciously and restricted only to absolutely essential official requirements.
7. **These orders shall take effect from 01st July, 2017**
8. Separate orders will be issued by Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Railways in respect of Armed Forces personnel and Railway employees, respectively.
9. In so far as the persons serving in the Indian Audit & Accounts Department are concerned, these orders issue in consultation with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India

Hindi version is attached.



(Nirmala Dev)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

To,

All Ministries and Departments of the Govt. of India etc. as per standard distribution list.

Copy to: C&AG and U.P.S.C., etc. as per standard endorsement list.

E(i). Daily Allowance on Tour

Pay level in pay matrix	Entitlement
14 and above	Reimbursement for hotel accommodation/guest house of up to ₹7,500/- per day, Reimbursement of AC taxi charges as per actual expenditure commensurate with official engagements for travel within the city and Reimbursement of food bills not exceeding ₹1200/- per day.
12 and 13	Reimbursement for hotel accommodation/guest house of up to ₹4,500/- per day, Reimbursement of AC taxi charges of up to 50 km per day for travel within the city, Reimbursement of food bills not exceeding ₹1000/- per day.
9 to 11	Reimbursement for hotel accommodation/guest house of up to ₹2,250/- per day, Reimbursement of non-AC taxi charges of up to ₹338/- per day for travel within the city, Reimbursement of food bills not exceeding ₹900/- per day.
6 to 8	Reimbursement for hotel accommodation/guest house of up to ₹750 per day, Reimbursement of non-AC taxi charges of up to ₹225/- per day for travel within the city, Reimbursement of food bills not exceeding ₹800/- per day.
5 and below	Reimbursement for hotel accommodation/guest house of up to ₹450 per day, Reimbursement of non-AC taxi charges of up to ₹113/- per day for travel within the city, Reimbursement of food bills not exceeding ₹500/- per day.

(ii) **Reimbursement of Hotel charges** :- For levels 8 and below, the amount of claim (up to the ceiling) may be paid without production of vouchers against self-certified claim only. The self-certified claim should clearly indicate the period of stay, name of dwelling, etc. Additionally, for stay in Class 'X' cities, the ceiling for all employees up to Level 8 would be ₹1,000 per day, but it will only be in the form of reimbursement upon production of relevant vouchers. The ceiling for reimbursement of hotel charges will further rise by 25 percent whenever DA increases by 50 percent

(iii) **Reimbursement of Travelling charges** :- Similar to Reimbursement of staying accommodation charges, for levels 8 and below, the claim (up to the ceiling) may be paid without production of vouchers against self-certified claim only. The self-certified claim should clearly indicate the period of travel, vehicle number, etc. The ceiling for levels 11 and below will further rise by 25 percent whenever DA increases by 50 percent. For journeys on foot, an allowance of Rs.12/- per kilometer travelled on foot shall be payable additionally. This rate will further increase by 25% whenever DA increases by 50%.

(iv) **Reimbursement of Food charges** :- There will be no separate reimbursement of food bills. Instead, the lump sum amount payable will be as per Table E(i) above and, depending on the length of absence from headquarters, would be regulated as per Table (v) below. Since the concept of reimbursement has been done away with, no vouchers will be required. This methodology is in line with that followed by Indian Railways at present (with suitable enhancement of rates). i.e. Lump sum amount payable. The lump sum amount will increase by 25 percent whenever DA increase by 50 percent.

(v) Timing restrictions

Length of absence	Amount Payable
If absence from headquarters is <6 hours	30% of Lump sum amount
If absence from headquarters is between 6-12 hours	70% of Lump sum amount
If absence from headquarters is >12 hours	100% of Lump sum amount

Absence from Head Quarter will be reckoned from midnight to midnight and will be calculated on a per day basis.

Transportation of personal effects by road is as per kilometer basis only. The classification of cities /towns for the purpose of transportation of personal effects is done away with.

(iv) **Transportation of Conveyance.**

Level	Reimbursement
6 and above	1 motor car etc. or 1 motor cycle/scooter
5 and below	1 motorcycle/scooter/moped/bicycle

The general conditions of admissibility of TA on Transfer as prescribed in S.R. 116 will, however, continue to be applicable.

4 T.A. Entitlement of Retiring Employees

TA on Retirement includes 4 components : - (i) Travel entitlement for self and family (ii) Composite Transfer and packing grant (CTG) (iii) Reimbursement of charges on transportation of personal effects (iv) Reimbursement of charges on transportation of conveyance.

(i) **Travel Entitlements**

Travel entitlements as prescribed for tour/transfer in Para 2 above, except for International Travel, will be applicable in case of journeys on retirement. The general conditions of admissibility prescribed in S.R.147 will, however, continue to be applicable.

(ii) **Composite Transfer Grant(CTG)**

(a) The Composite Transfer Grant shall be paid at the rate of 80% of the last month's basic pay in case of those employees, who on retirement, settled down at places other than last station(s) of their duty located at a distance of or more than 20 km. However, in case of settlement to and from the Island territories of Andaman, Nicobar & Lakshadweep, CTG shall be paid at the rate of 100% of last month's basic pay. Further, NPA and MSP shall not be included as part of basic pay while determining entitlement for CTG. The transfer incidentals and road mileage for journeys between the residence and the railway station/bus stand, etc., at the old and new station, are already subsumed in the composite transfer grant and will not be separately admissible.

(b) As in the case of serving employees, Government servants who, on retirement, settle at the last station of duty itself or within a distance of less than 20 kms may be paid one third of the CTG subject to the condition that a change of residence is actually involved.

(iii) **Transportation of Personal Effects** :- Same as Para 3(iii) above.

(iv) **Transportation of Conveyance** :- Same as Para 3(iv) above.

The general conditions of admissibility of TA on Retirement as prescribed in S.R. 147 will, however, continue to be applicable.

No. 19024/22/2017-E.IV
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure

North Block, New Delhi

Dated the 19th July, 2017

Office Memorandum

Subject: - Guidelines on Air Travel on Official Tours – Purchase of air ticket from authorized agent.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Departments' O.M. No. 19024/1/2005-E.IV dated 24.03.2006, O.M. No. 19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 16.09.2010 and O.M. No. 19024/1/2012-E.IV dated 09.07.2013 regarding guidelines on Air travel. As per these guidelines, in all cases of Air Travel where the Government of India bears the cost of air passage, Air Tickets may be purchased directly from Airlines (at Booking counters/office/Website of Airlines) and if needed, by utilizing the services of three Authorized Travel Agents viz. M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL), M/s Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT) and Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC).

2. This Department is receiving a large number of proposals from various Ministries/Departments seeking ex-post-facto relaxation of the prescribed procedure for purchase of air tickets from authorized travel agents only.

3. The matter has been reconsidered in this Department. All Ministries/Departments are again directed to:

(i) Ensure strict compliance of extant guidelines for purchase of air ticket directly from Airlines (at Booking counters/office/Website of Airlines) or from three authorized Travel Agents viz. M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited, M/s Ashok Travels & Tours and IRCTC only by all officials/offices under their control. Henceforth relaxation on account of ignorance/unawareness of these guidelines will not be considered by this Department.

ii) In case of non-availability of authorized agent at a particular place, ticket may be booked from website of Airlines or web portal of Balmer Lawrie & Company Ltd., M/s Ashok Travels & Tours and IRCTC.

iii) In respect of Non-officials of Committees/Boards/Panels, the concerned Ministry/Department have to mention in the meeting notice that the Non-official Member has to purchase the ticket from authorized travel agent only otherwise his claim will not be settled by that Ministry/Department.

iv) All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, etc. have to widely circulate this O.M. in all offices including attached/subordinate offices/ autonomous bodies under their control with specific instructions to Heads of Departments concerned for strict compliance of these guidelines. Non-compliance of these guidelines by Ministries/Departments will be treated as lapse on the part of the concerned Ministry/Department.



(Nirmala Dev)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

To,

All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India as per standard distribution list

Copy O/o C&AG, UPSC etc. as per standard endorsement list.

No. 19024/1/2009-E.IV
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure

New Delhi , dated the 7th June, 2016.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub:- Delegation of powers to Financial Advisers to accord exemption for air travel in airlines other than Air India in individual cases-reg.

Reference is invited to Department of Expenditure's O.M. of even number dated 13th July, 2009 which provides that in all cases of air travel, both domestic and international, wherein the Government of India bears the cost of air passage, officials have to travel in Air India only. For cases of air travel by Airlines other than Air India because of operational or other reasons or on account of non-availability, **the powers were vested with Ministry of Civil Aviation to accord exemption in individual cases.**

2. The matter has been examined in consultation with the Ministry of Civil Aviation. Accordingly, powers are hereby delegated to the Financial Advisors of the Ministries/Departments to accord exemption for air travel, both Domestic and International, by airlines other than Air India. In respect of individual cases of Autonomous Bodies, the Financial Advisors of the concerned Ministry/ Department will accord exemption for Air travel by Airlines other than Air India. The individual cases of Financial Advisers for air travel in airlines other than Air India, will be approved by the administrative Secretary of the concerned Ministry.

3. To regulate the individual claims, **guidelines and proforma** for seeking relaxation for travel by airlines other than Air India, are enclosed at **Annexure -A & B.**


07/06/2016
(Nirmala Dev)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
Tel.23093276

To
All Financial Advisors (as per list)

Copy to: Secretary, All Ministries/Departments(As per list)

GUIDELINES FOR RELAXATION TO TRAVEL BY AIRLINES OTHER THAN AIR INDIA

1. Request for seeking relaxation is required to be submitted in the Proforma (Annex. B)
2. The request for relaxation must be submitted to Integrated Finance Division at least 7 working days in advance from date of travel.
3. There is no requirement to seek relaxation for those Sectors on which General/blanket relaxation has been accorded by Ministry of Civil Aviation.
4. Those seeking relaxation on ground of Non-Availability of Seats (NAS) must enclose NAS Certificate issued by authorized travel agents or a copy of the sector specific snapshot of Air India website.
5. As per Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure OM No. 19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 13th July, 2009 for sectors which are not connected directly by any of the airlines, an employee must travel by Air India upto the nearest hub. Relaxation will be granted for the remaining segment.
6. Relaxation to travel by airlines other than Air India while availing LTC will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. Non availability of AI flight/seats on a particular day/time would not be considered as a valid ground for seeking relaxation.
7. Availability of lower fare is no criteria for seeking relaxation.
8. Those seeking relaxation on the ground of attending meeting at a particular time, must attach meeting notice and approved tour programme.
9. For foreign travel cases, where full or partial grants are received, journey has to be performed on Air India upto the place upto which Air India is available and seek relaxation for the remaining sector. On international routes where Air India has code-share partner, the same must be utilised.
10. For invitees from abroad travelling on Government of India funding, efforts should be made to book them on Air India and Air India code share flights to the extent possible.
11. Non-receipt of approval by the stipulated date does not entitle one to claim relaxation as a matter of right.

Annexure-B

PROFORMA FOR RELAXATION TO TRAVEL BY AIRLINES OTHER THAN AIR INDIA

Sl. No.	Item of Information	Remarks
1.	Name	
2.	Designation	
3.	Name of the organization/Division	
4.	Date of visit	
5.	Whether Foreign travel / Domestic travel / LTC	
6.	In case of official visit, copy of approved tour programme.	
7.	Whether entitled for Air travel as per rules If not, copy of approval of competent authority for air travel	
8.	Detailed reasons for seeking permission to travel in airlines other than Air India (Foreign/Domestic):	
9.	Attach print out of communication with official website of Air India and Govt. authorized travel agents viz. Ashok Travels & Tours, Balmer Lawrie & Co. and IRCTC regarding the above reasons or official communication from Air India and these agencies.	
10.	In case of foreign travel, whether full or part journey is proposed through alliance partner of Air India	
11.	Undertaking from the travelling official that in case permission is granted for air journey other than by Air India, he/she will avail the cheapest available ticket in the entitled category among the options of various private airlines operating in that sector.	

(Signature of the individual travelling)*

(Signature of the Head of the Office)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION / MINISTRY

***(Signature of Joint Secretary)**

***Note:** In case the individual travelling is holding the appointment of JS or above in the Ministry, no separate approval of Head of the Organization and approval of the Administrative Division/Ministry is required. In such cases, self-certification by the travelling officer (JS & above) will be sufficient for submitting their proposal for grant of the said permission.
