

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
FINANCE (PAY REVISION) DEPARTMENT**

No. F(PR) – 54/2017/18

Dated Shillong, the 1st December, 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- HOUSE RENT ALLOWANCE.

The undersigned is directed to say that consequent upon the decision of the Government on the recommendation of the Fifth Meghalaya Pay Commission at Item 3.3 of its Resolution, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to sanction the grant of House Rent Allowance to all State Government employees at the rates indicated below:-

Classification of cities/towns and other areas	Rate of House Rent Allowance
(i) Greater Shillong Area	15% of basic pay subject to a maximum of ₹ 8,000/- p.m.
(ii) District Headquarters	12½ % of basic pay subject to a maximum of ₹ 6,000/- p.m.
(iii) Other Areas	10% of basic pay subject to a maximum of ₹ 5,000/- p.m.

Note: *Rates prescribed for Shillong will be applicable for Shillong and Urban Agglomeration as per areas notified by the State Urban Affairs Department.

2. The Governor of Meghalaya is also pleased to order that payment of House Rent Allowance herein sanctioned shall not be authorized in the following cases:
 - a. Employees who have been offered suitable accommodation but have refused the same.
 - b. Employees who have been allotted with Government accommodation but have failed to occupy the same.
 - c. Government employees provided with Government owned/hired accommodation.
 - d. Female government employees residing in Working Women's Hostel, Shillong or elsewhere in Government run hostels.
 - e. Government employee who shares Government accommodation allotted rent free to another Government employee.
 - f. Government employee who resides in accommodation allotted to his wife/her husband or to his/her parents/son/daughter by the State Government, an Autonomous Public Sector undertaking or Semi-Government Organisation, such as Municipality, etc
3. Drawal of House Rent Allowance at the above revised rates shall be subject to the following conditions :-

- (a) Employees drawing pay not exceeding ₹ 71,600/- p.m. shall not be required to produce rent receipts. They shall however be required to furnish a certificate to the effect that they are incurring same expenditure on rent/contributing towards rent.
- (b) For employees drawing pay above ₹ 71,600/- p.m. drawal of House Rent Allowance will be subject to production of Certificate to the effect that expenditure not less than the quantum of House Rent Allowance is being incurred on rent.
- (c) For those living in their own houses drawal of House Rent Allowance will be subject to production of Certificate to the effect that expenditure not less than the quantum of House Rent Allowance is being incurred on Municipal Taxes/Rates repairs, etc.
4. The expenditure on the payment of the House Rent Allowance at the revised rates herein sanctioned shall be debited to the Head of account from which the employees draw their salaries.
5. This order shall take effect from 1st December, 2017.

Sd/- R. V. Suchiang
Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Finance Department.

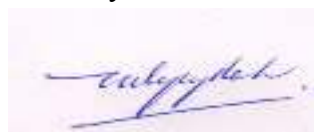
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1. Principal Accountant General (Audit), Meghalaya, Shillong for information (Attention CASS Section).
2. Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya, Shillong for information and necessary action.
3. All Administrative Departments.
4. All Heads of Departments.
5. All Deputy Commissioners/Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil).
6. All Financial Advisers/Finance & Accounts Officers/Treasury Officers.
7. Secretary, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly.
8. Secretary, Meghalaya Public Service Commission.
9. Director of Printing and Stationery with a request that the Office Memorandum be published in the Gazette of Meghalaya Extraordinary and supply 300 copies to this Department.
10. State Informatics Officer, NIC, Shillong with a request to upload a copy of the Office Memorandum on the website of Finance Department.

By Order etc



Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
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