Copy of Government Circular No.73/65/Fin. Exp. 3 dated 9th Nov. 1965 Finance Department to all Heads of Department and Accountant General etc.

Sub: Travelling Allowance- Journey from Ernakulam to Fort Cochin and Mattancherry and vice versa –orders – reiterated.

Read: 1. G.O.Ms. 117/64/Fin dated 16-3-1964

- 2. Circular No.92/64/EB.4/Fin. Dated 24-10-64.
- 3. G.O. (P) 129/65 /Fin. Dated 8-4-1965.

In the G.O. first cited, Government have declared that the shortest distance from Ernakulam to Mattancherry and Fort Cochin for purposes of T.A would be the distance by road.

In clarification of the above orders, it has been laid down in the circular second cited that in the case of an officer having his headquarters at Ernakulam no daily allowance is admissible for journey to Mattancherry /Fort Cochin and Vice Versa and that other claims will be regulated with reference to the mode of actual travel. This clarification has been incorporated as a Government decision under Rule 57 Kerala Service Rules Part II (Vide G.O. Third cited).

Pointing out that the above restriction regarding drawal of the daily allowance is not in accordance with the ordinary rules in Kerala Service Rules which would permit drawal of daily allowance for journeys exceeding 8 kilometres, some of the Heads of Departments have requested Government to lift the restriction imposed. Doubts have also been raised by other Heads of Departments regarding the implication of these orders after considering the whole question, Government are pleased to issue the following further clarification.

But for the order in G.O. MS. NO.117/64/Fin. Dated 16-3-1964 officers traveling from Ernakulam to Mattancherry/Fort Cochin would not have been eligible for any traveling allowance, since the place within a radius of 8 Kms. Vide Rule 57, Kerala Service Rules-Part III. According to Rule 55 read with Rule 57, daily allowance is admissible for journeys beyond 8 Kms. The right to exchange daily allowance for mileage allowance can be exercised only when an Officer travels more tha 32 kms. by road- vide Rle 62(a) Kerala Service Rules Part II. In the case the distance by road exceeds 8 kms. but is less than 32 kms. Therefore, with the issue of the G.O. dated 16-3-1964 declaring that the shortest distance between Ernakulam and Mattancheery/Fort Cochin the distance by road, daily allowance would have become admissible fro journeys between these places if the Government had not made any restriction. In this case, Government have specifically ordered in Circular Memorandum No.92/64/EB4/Fin dated 24-10-1964 that no daily allowance would be admitted for the above journeys, other claims being regulated with reference to the mode of actual travel. The intention is that the claim should be limited to the mileage admissible. Such a restriction can be imposed under Rule 40 Kerala Service Rules, Part II. It is considered that the drawal of full daily allowance for journeys between the places mentioned above would a source profit and it was for this reason that the restriction was imposed. The Government do not consider it necessary to modify therefore already issued.

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