GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR Finance Department(Codes Division), Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar

O.M No:-FD-Code/271/2021-02-1006 Dated: **0 4** .04.2024

Subject: Clarification regarding Grant of Children Education Allowance (CEA) and Hostel Subsidy to the Employees of Union Territory of J&K.

Vide G.O No. 473-F of 2019 dated 28.11.2019, sanction has been accorded to the grant of Children Education Allowance and Hostel Subsidy in favour of Employees of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, at par with the Central Government Employees.

The admissibility and procedure for grant of the allowance has been explained in the ibid Govt. Order at Para 2 (i) of the G.O dated 28.11.2019, as under:

"i. The reimbursement of Children Education Allowance/Hostel subsidy can be claimed only for the two eldest surviving children with the exception in case the second child birth results in twins/multiple birth. In case of failure of sterilization operation, the CEA/Hostel Subsidy would be admissible in respect of children born out of the first instance of such failure beyond the usual two children norm".

References have been received seeking clarification regarding the admissibility of Children Education Allowance in case of multiple births in first child birth event.

The matter was taken up with Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, P.G and Pensions, Government of India for clarification, Vide letter No. A-27012/02/2022-Estt.(AL) dated 12.02.2024, the DoPT has clarified as under:

"Para 2(a) of O.M dated 17.07.2018, is in accordance with two child policy of the Central Government for Central Government employees. 'Multiple Birth in first child birth' is out of human control, accordingly, in case of multiple birth (more than 02) in first birth, reimbursement of CEA may be allowed for all children born in first child birth, in a similar way as mentioned in para 2(a) of O.M dated 17.07.2018."

Accordingly, it is hereby clarified that in the event of multiple births (more than 02) in first child birth, reimbursement of Children Education Allowance may be allowed for all children born in first child birth.

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2. All Financial Commissioners (Additional Chief Secretaries).

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- 7. Principal Resident Commissioner, 5-Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi.
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- 17. Director General, Accounts and Treasuries.
- 18. Director General, Local Fund Audit & Pensions, J&K.
- 19. Director General, Funds Organization.
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- 25. Secretary, J&K Legislative Assembly.
- 26. Director, Accounts & Treasuries, Jammu/Kashmir.
- 27. Director/Principal, Northern Zonal Accountancy Training Institute, Jammu.
- 28. All Director(s) Finance/Financial Advisors & CAOs.
- 29. Principal, Accountancy Training Institute, Srinagar.
- 30. Joint Director, J&K Funds Organization, Jammu/Srinagar.
- 31. All Treasury Officers.
- 32. General Manager, Government Press, Jammu/Srinagar for publication in Government Gazette.
- 33. Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Advisor (B)
- 34. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary.
- 35. Private Secretary to the Principal Secretary to Government, Finance department.
- 36. I/C website, Finance Department (<u>www.jakfinance.nic.in</u>).

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- 37. I/C website, GAD (www.jkgad.nicin).
- 38. Government Order File (W2scs).

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