No.5-2/2017-PAP Government of India Ministry of Communications Department of Posts (Establishment Division) P.A.P. Section

> Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi - 110001 Dated 22October, 2019.

To

The Chief Postmaster General, J & K Circle, Srinagar 190001.

Sub: Special concession to Central Government employees working in Kashmir Valley in attached/subordinate offices or PSUs falling under the Control of Central Government[•] Clarification.

Kindly refer to your office letters no. 22-6/A&P/2016 dated 26.04.2019 and 22-6/A&P/2014/KW dated 29.04.2019 regarding admissibility of additional HRA for the employees who are residing their families outside Kashmir valley and payment of per diem allowance and messing allowance in addition to their TA entitlements during tour and training respectively.

2. The matter has been referred to Department of Personnel & Training. The Department further forwarded the cases to Department of Jammu & Kashmir Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs. The clarification / comments given by the Deptt. of J&K Affairs are reproduced as under:

According to DoPT's OM dated 08.01.2019, additional HRA and other concessions are given to civilian employees posted to Kashmir Valley on the conditions given at para I(A)(i) to (iv) in the Annexure to DoPT's OM dated 08.01.2019. Similarly, entitlements to per diem allowance and messing allowance are given at para I (B) and para II in the Annexure to DoPT's OM dated 08.01.2019.

As per the conditions for additional HRA and other concessions, per diem allowance and messing allowance etc. issued vide DoPT's OM dated 08.01.2019, the issue of payment of diem allowance and messing allowance in addition to the TA entitlements during tour and training are not allowed.

3. Accordingly, I am directed to convey that the Competent Authority has <u>not</u> approved the proposal of payment of diem allowance and messing allowance in addition to the TA entitlements during tour and training in Kashmir Valley and additional HRA is given as per fulfilment of conditions given above.

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