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To

All heads of Telecom Circles.
All heads of Administrative units.

Sub: Clarification regarding relaxation for travel by Air to visit NER- CCS (LTC) Rules, 1988.

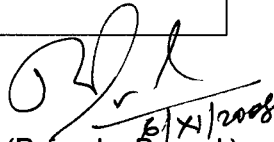
Sir,

DOT Circular No. 209 dated 23.05.2008 forwarding the DOP&T O.M. No. 31011/4/2007-Estt(A) dated 02.05.2008 was endorsed by BSNL vide this office circular no. 93 dated 27.5.2008 to all field units wherein BSNL employees are allowed to travel by air to North Eastern Region on LTC. Subsequently some field units have raised certain query / doubts for clarifications which has been examined and clarified as under.

No	Query / doubts raised	Clarification
1.	Whether employees posted in NE Region can travel by Air while availing All India LTC / Home Town LTC from one station to another station within NE Region	Travel by Air within NE Region is not permissible.
2.	Whether the employee whose headquarters and home-town are same, are entitled for home-town LTC on conversion of home-town LTC into LTC for NER.	No.
3.	Whether the Officers who are posted to NE Region from out side the region and their families are residing at the last station of posting are eligible for yearly Home Town LTC as part of concession admissible to personnel posted in NE Region and to convert one Home Town LTC into LTC for destination to NER once in two years in respect of self / family.	No.
4.	Whether the City of Guwahati may be considered as out side of jurisdiction of NE Region for granting of LTC by Air.	No.
5.	Since Indian Airlines etc. are offering Package Tours, whether package Tours in economy class 'Y' inclusive of all Boarding / Lodging charged by Airlines which has been included and shown as fare in the Ticket can be reimbursed or whether the lowest normal fare prevailing on the date of Journey is to be reimbursed.	In LTC, the fare at the cheapest entitled class (fare on the date of drawal of advance or on the date of performance of journey whichever is higher) between headquarters and place of visit by shortest route or cost actually paid whichever is less is reimbursable. Boarding & Lodging charges are not to be reimbursed.
6.	Whether Sikkim is included in NER?	Yes NER includes Arunanchal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.
7.	Whether Government employees can travel by Helicopter?	No.

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8.	Whether a Government servant visiting Sikkim can travel by air upto Bagdogra which is not situated in NER?	Yes, BSNL employee is entitled to travel by air from their place of posting (or nearest airport) to a city in the NER (or nearest airport).
9.	Whether air fare of children whose full fare is charged by the airlines is reimbursed?	In LTC, fare at the cheapest entitled class (fare on the date of drawal of advance or on the date of performance of journey whichever is higher) between headquarters and place of visit by shortest route or cost actually paid whichever is less is reimbursable. Boarding & Lodging charges are not to be reimbursed. However, if no other fare is available and full fare has been charged by the airlines and paid by the Govt. servant the same will be reimbursed.
10	Whether Non Gazetted Group 'B' officers are entitled to travel by air to NER	Yes. Group 'A' & 'B' employees working on deputation/ deemed deputation in BSNL will be entitled to travel by air from their place of posting (or nearest airport) to a city in the NER (or nearest airport) to a city in NER (or nearest air port).
11	The extent to which these rules would be applicable to BSNL employees.	Yes. This is applicable to all employees who are working in BSNL
12	Which categories of employees working in BSNL (either on absorbed basis or deemed deputation basis) would be eligible as per clause (i) of the DOP&T OM dated 05.05.2008 being classified as "Group 'A' and Group 'B' Central Government employees.	All Group 'A' & 'B' officers on deemed deputation and Executives of BSNL (absorbed in BSNL or appointed by BSNL) will be entitled to travel by air from their place of posting or nearest air port to a city in the NER or nearest airport as per DOP & T O.M. No. 31011/4/2007-Estt.(A) dated 02.05.2008.
13	Which would be 'other categories' of employees as falling under other categories" referred in Clause (ii) of the DOP&T OM dated 05.05.2008 being classified as "Group 'A' and Group 'B' Central Government employees.	'Other categories' of the employees means Group 'C' & 'D' employees on deemed deputation and non-executives of BSNL (absorbed or appointed by BSNL) .


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