

GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Memo No. CS-IV-23/88- 1 6 8 7 5 (46)/F.,

Bhubaneswar, the 20.4.1988. ✓

To

All Departments of Government.

Sub:- Grant of House Rent Allowance-Clarification thereof.

The undersigned is directed to invite reference to this Department O.M.No.9/F., dated 1.1.86 regarding payment of House rent allowance to Government servants not provided with Government accommodation as well as to those staying in their own house and not provided with Government accommodation. A clarification to this provision has also been issued in Finance Department Office Order No.35922/F. dated 3.7.86 to the effect that, if both the husband and wife are Government servants and are posted at the same headquarters, house rent allowance will be payable to only one of them. It has come to the notice of the Government that in some cases husband and wife, though, posted at the same headquarters both of them are getting house rent allowance because Government accommodation has not been provided to them. In some other cases also husband and wife both posted at the same headquarters and remaining in their own house both of them are getting house rent allowance. In such cases the concerned authorities who are paying the house rent allowance have either ~~misinterpreted~~ misinterpreted the orders or orders have not been brought to their notice.

To obviate the above difficulties, the following clarifications are issued for guidance of all concerned :-

1. If husband and wife have been posted at the same headquarters and have not been provided with Government accommodation one of them will get house rent allowance and similarly if they are residing in their own house, one of them will get house rent allowance in terms of the Finance Department orders referred to above.
2. If house rent allowance has been paid in any case to both husband and wife posted at the same headquarters, steps should be taken immediately for recovery and persons responsible for such irregularity should be taken to task under intimation to this Department.

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