

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

No. 8745 /F., Dated 31.03.2017
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: **Revision of norm for sanction of House Rent Allowance within the limits of Municipal Corporation of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar.**

1. Pursuant to Memo No.12129/GA Dt.04.09.2000 of General Administration Department, the Government employees who are in occupation of Government Quarters at Bhubaneswar and Cuttack if transferred to Cuttack and Bhubaneswar respectively and if they are allowed by the concerned Administrative Department to make journey from their previous place of posting to present place of posting to attend their duties, they can retain their quarters on payment of normal rent.
2. However, present norms do not allow for drawl of House Rent Allowance by Government employee who stays in a hired accommodation/own house and commutes to and from his/her place of posting on transfer between Cuttack and Bhubaneswar if he/she is allowed by the concerned authority for such commuting. Representations have been received to address this anomaly.
3. Now, the State Government after careful consideration, have been pleased to decide that Government employees staying in a hired accommodation/own house while posted in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, if transferred to Cuttack and Bhubaneswar respectively and are allowed by the concerned Head of Office/ Head of Department to commute between the two cities to attend office will be eligible for House Kent Allowance.
4. This shall come into force with effect from 1st April 2017 and would be deemed to form a part of the O.M. No. 55376/F., dated 26.12.2008 w.e.f. 01.04.2017.

Sd/-
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