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Jt. CDA (AF), Nagpur

**Sub: Regulation of Journey by Air while availing Leave Travel Concession.**

GOI, Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) conveyed the decision of the Govt. vide its OM No. F.No.19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 23rd November 2005 that "...the Air travel both domestic and overseas, on official account would now be permissible on airlines other than Air India/ Indian Airlines also, provided the criteria for selecting the alternative airline for official travel are based on better and more competitive prices being offered by the other airlines. Various incentive schemes and concessional fares offered by Air India/ Indian Airlines will also be fully utilized to ensure utmost economy in air travel..."

1.1 Further, Min. of Finance (Dept. of Expenditure) issued revised guidelines vide its OM No. 19024/1/E.IV/2005 dated 24.3.2006, "...to take advantage of the increasing competition and the air travel schemes of various airlines offering significant discount on normal fares, in order to enable economy in undertaking air travel without in any way taking away the existing entitlements..."

1.2 GOI, Min. of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Dept. of Personnel and Training) OM No. 31011/2/2006-Estt.(A) dated 24 April 2006 also conveyed that "...It has been decided that the officers entitled to air travel by National Carrier under existing orders may be permitted to travel by private airlines also while availing LTC..."

1.3 However, GOI, Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) vide its OM No. 19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 13th July 2009 (circulated vide this HQrs. office letter No. AN/XIV/14162/VI CPC/Circular vol. II dt. 28/8/2009) in partial modification to OM No. F.No.19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 23rd November 2005 and in supersession of OM No. 19024/1/E.IV/2005 dated 24.3.2006 conveyed that **"...it has been decided that in all cases of air travel, both domestic and international, where the Government of India bears the cost of air passage, the officials concerned may travel only by Air India..."**. These provisions were later on extended to Journey by Air while availing Leave Travel Concession vide GOI, Min. of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, Department of Personnel & Training OM No. 31011/2/2006-Estt.(A) dated 27th July 2009.

2. Of late, this HQrs. office has been receiving cases requesting for relaxation of the rules for travel by Private Airlines while availing Leave Travel Concession due to ignorance of rules/ non-availability of tickets etc. It is therefore, stressed upon all concerned that Leave Travel Concession being a concession admissible to Government servants is planned well in advance and since there is no element of operational necessity in LTC, the journey can be postponed/preponed in case of non-availability of Air tickets in Air India.

3. It is therefore, requested that the instructions contained in Ministry of Finance OM dated 13 July 2009 and DoP&T OM dated 27 July 2009 should be adhered to and scrupulously followed.

4. Suitable instructions in this regard may be issued to all concerned.

This issues with the approval of Jt.CGDA(AN).

Please acknowledge receipt.

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(R.K. Bhatt)  
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