

(28.4)TA for Sponsored Project

(28.4.1) Sub: Air-travel by non-entitled category in respect of Journey undertaken on account of consultancy and sponsored project work.

The guidelines for "Consultancy" and "Sponsored research" approved by the Governing Body of the CSIR Interalia provide that the expenditure on travel, boarding and lodging of the staff deputed for consultancy work/sponsored research projects be borne by the party concerned according to the status of the staff and the requirement of the situation. The guidelines for consultancy also provide that whenever necessary, the Director may permit air travel to any scientist/staff working on a consultancy service, the expenditure being borne by the party concerned.

The question of air-travel by non-entitled category of staff in respect of journey undertaken on account of consultancy and sponsored project work has been reconsidered in view of the economy instructions issued by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure OM No.F 7 (18) - E (Coord)179 dated the 7th Sept., 1979 and circulated by CSIR Vide OM No.4(18 1)-Bud/74 dated 19th Sept., 1979 which provides for a total ban on air-travel to non-entitled categories. It has been decided that:

- (a) the charges are to be borne by the party concerned. Therefore, for consultancy work for private parties, there is no objection to air travel provided the party is prepared to pay for it.
- (b) in the case of government consultancy work, this may not be allowed unless the Department concerned specifically requests for it, in which case they take responsibility for paying for air travel. The above conditions will also be applicable in case of Sponsored research Projects.

(CSIR Letter No: 1 1/26/79-L (Part File), dated 22/12/1979.)

(28.4.2) Sub:Payment of TA/DA to staff deputed for work connected with sponsored research Projects/consultancy assignment.

Please refer to this office letter of even number dated 1st January, 1982 on the above subject. The DA rates specified for the staff deputed for sponsored research/consultancy projects prescribed there in were higher than those payable to such staff otherwise. Also then Airtravel could be permitted by the Director in the interest and expediency for such work.

The Governing Body of CSIR in its 109th meeting held on 8th August, 1986 reviewed the question of payment of TA/DA to scientists deputed for work related to sponsored research/consultancy projects. It has been decided as follows:-

- i) All employees of the same status should be treated equally in the matter of TA/DA, irrespective of the source of the funds. Thus, TA/DA at CSIR rates only shall apply.
- ii) Sponsor's hospitality, where available, may be accepted by the employees at their discretion subject to the DA being limited to 25% in the event of both boarding and lodging being provided free, or 25% if only either boarding or lodging is provided free.
- iii) Air-travel may be allowed by the Director on functional basis in the case of sponsored projects and consultancy assignments. The extant guidelines may kindly be treated as amended to this effect. These directions for payments of TA/DA become applicable with effect from 1st November, 1986. TA/DA become applicable with effect from 1st November, 1986.

(CSIR Letter No: 11/67/77.L.11, Dated:7/10/1986.)

(28.4.3) Sub: Grant of Air Travel

The question regarding grant of air travel in respect of the officers borne on sponsored project financed by Government Departments has been under consideration of the CSIR for some time past. The DGSIR in consultation with Finance has been pleased to empower the Director/Head of National Labs./Instts. To sanction air travel in the case of Sponsored Project financed by the Govt. Departments provided the sponsoring authority has no objection and funds are provided by them for the said purpose.

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