

No.22(02)/11/US(WE)/D(res)
Government of India
Ministry of Defence
Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

New Delhi, the 10th May, 2013

To,

The Chief of Army Staff
The Chief of Naval Staff
The Chief of Air Staff

Subject : Travelling Allowances for Medical Treatment.

Sir,

With reference to Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence letter No.24(8)/03/US(WE)/D(Res) Dated 19th December, 2003, I am directed to convey the sanction of the President to amend and include following sub-paragraphs 2 under Heading "Travelling Allowance" as under :

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE

12. The following procedure will govern the movement of patient to referred clinics :-
 - (a) Admissibility
 - (i) No change.
 - (ii) No Change
 - (iii) Air Travel Reimbursement for air travel in emergency cases will be considered on merits of individual case by the Ministry in consultation with MoD (Finance) provided the Medical officer of Polyclinic or the Specialist at Service Hospital certifies in writing that the air travel was absolutely essential and that travel by other means i.e. by rail or road etc., would have definitely endangered the life of the patient or involved the risk of serious aggravation of the condition of the patient.

- (iv) **Kidney Donor** : Reimbursement of traveling allowance to the kidney Donor in connection with the journeys undertaken for donation of kidney is admissible at the following rates :
- (aa) If the donor is a non-ECHS beneficiary.- Will be admissible at the rates applicable to the recipient ECHS beneficiary.
- (ab) If the Donor is another ECHS beneficiary- Will be admissible at the rate applicable to the donor.

(b) **Ambulance Charges** : Ambulance services authorised in Polyclinics/Military Hospitals may be utilized for patients when being referred to Service/Empanelled Hospitals in the same city. However, if Ambulance is not provided and Medical Authority (Medical Officer of Polyclinic or the Specialist at Service Hospital) certifies in writing that conveyance of the patient by any other mode would definitely endanger the life of the patient or involve the risk of serious aggravation of his/her condition, expenditure incurred on engagement of ambulance used to convey the patient will be reimbursed provided that the journey is undertaken within the same city.

2. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Defence (Finance) vide their U.O. No.1224/13.Fin..Pen dated 9th May, 2013.

Yours faithfully



(H.K. Mallick)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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