## Payment of SDA prior to 01/09/2008

It is brought to our notice that some stations are recovering SDA paid to staff served in North East Zone prior to 01/09/2008. We took up the issue with concerned Authority and discussed the issue in detail.

Authority informed that this order nowhere says that SDA granted as per DOPT eligibility criteria has to be recovered. After discussion two things clearly emerged.

- [1]. Who are eligible as per DOP&T criteria will get SDA and are not in any way effected from DG(AIR) letter dated 08<sup>th</sup> Sep 2015.
- [2]. whosoever is not eligible, but applicant in any favorable verdict will also get it. The 08/09/2015 DG (AIR) letter is for those who are neither eligible nor applicant of any favorable court verdict.

Concerned Authority is assured to examine the matter and to resolve the issue. It may take one week or more. Meanwhile All Unit Secretaries are advised to approach their Administrative staff not to initiate any Recovery till a clarification is issued. Any Station if wants to get it clarified may write to DG (AIR) for the same.

ARTEE Central Office will also consult the legal experts for filing litigation for extending the benefits to those who have not approached Court of Law.

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