

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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Copy of Board's letter No.E[P&A]II-2015/HRA-7 dated 24.09.2015 is forwarded for information, guidance and necessary action. Board's letters dated 16.10.1997, 17.05.2005, 12.09.2008, and 16.05.2011 quoted therein were circulated under SC Nos. 172/97, 95/2005, 115/2008, 66/2011, respectively.

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13/10/15

(P.RADHA KRISHNA)
Secretary to CPO
for Chief Personnel Officer.

Board's letter No. E[P&A]II-2015/HRA-7 dated 24.09.2015 [RBE No.116/2015]

Sub: Re-classification of cities /towns on the basis of 2011 Census-grant of House Rent Allowance to Railway employees.

Attention is invited to Board's letter No.E[P&A]II-2008/HRA-10 dated 12.09.2008 relating to grant of House Rent Allowance [HRA] to Railway employees on the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission whereby a list of cities/towns classified as 'X', 'Y', and 'Z' for the purpose of grant of HRA was enclosed as Annexure. The matter relating to re-classification of cities/towns on the basis of Census-2011 for the purpose of grant of HRA to Central Government employees has been considered by the Government.

2. The President is pleased to decide that in supersession of all the existing orders relating to classification of cities/towns for the purposes of grant of HRA to Railway employees, cities/towns shall now be re-classified as 'X', 'Y' and 'Z', for the purpose of HRA as enumerated in the Annexure to these orders.

3. Consequent upon implementation of the recommendations of the 5th Central Pay Commission, certain cities/town were placed in a lower classification as compared to their existing classification for CCA/HRA purpose, vide Board's letter No. PC-V/97/II/7/13 dated 16.10.1997. However, these cities/towns were allowed to retain their existing higher classification, vide para 3 thereof; and further extended vide Board's letter No. E[P&A]II-2004/HRA-16 dated 17.05.2005 & Board's letter No. E[P&A]II-2008/HRA-10 dated 20.03.2009. As other cities/towns to which protection of retaining earlier higher classification was allowed, got upgraded during the intervening period, as on date only two cities i.e. Ajmer in Rajasthan and Durgapur in West Bengal were retaining such protection. Consequent upon upgradation of these two cities also on the basis of their population as per Census-2011, provisions contained in Para 3 of Board's letter No. PC-V/97/II/7/13 dated 16.10.1997 which were allowed to further continue vide Board's letter No. E[P&A]II-2004/HRA-16 dated 17.05.2005 & Board's letter No. E[P&A]II-2008/HRA-10 dated 20.03.2009 stand withdrawn / discontinued.

4. Special orders allowing continuance of HRA [a] at Delhi ['X' class city] rates to Railway employees posted at Faridabad, Ghaziabad, NOIDA, Gurgaon and [b] at Jalandhar ['Y' class city] rates to Jalandhar Cantt. and [c] at 'Y' class city rates to Shillong, Goa, Port Blair, vide Board's letter No. E[P&A]II-2008/HRA-10 dated 12.09.2008 and [d] continuance of HRA at par with Chandigarh ['Y' class city] to Panchkula vide Board's letter No. E[P&A]II-2008/HRA-10 dated 16.05.2011, shall continue to be applicable till the recommendations of 7th CPC are considered by the Government.

5. These orders shall be effective from 01.04.2015.

6. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

Sd/-
(Salim Md.Ahmed)/DDE[P&A]II

ANNEXURE to Board's letter No.EIP&A/II-2015/HRA-7 dated 24.09.2015
**LIST OF CITIES /TOWNS CLASSIFIED FOR GRANT OF HOUSE RENT ALLOWANCE TO
RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.**

S.No.	NAME OF THE STATE / UNION TERRITORIES	CITIES CLASSIFIED AS 'X'	CITIES CLASSIFIED AS 'Y'
1.	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	-	-
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH / TELANGANA	Hyderabad [UA]	Vijayawada [UA], Warangal [UA], Greater Visakhapatnam[M.Corpn.], Guntur [UA], Nellore [UA]
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	-	----
4.	ASSAM	-	Guwahati [UA]
5.	BIHAR	-	Patna [UA]
6.	CHANDIGARH	-	Chandigarh [UA]
7.	CHHATISGARH	-	Durg –Bhilai Nagar [UA], Raipur [UA]
8.	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	-	---
9.	DAMAN & DIU	-	----
10.	DELHI	Delhi [UA]	---
11.	GOA	-	----
12.	GUJARAT	Ahmadabad [UA];	Rajkot [UA], Jamnagar [UA], Bhavnagar [UA], Vadodara [UA], Surat [UA],
13.	HARYANA	-	Faridabad * [M.Corpn], Gurgaon*[UA].
14.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	-	--
15.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	-	Srinagar [UA], Jammu [UA]
16.	JHARKAND	-	Jamshedpur [UA], Dhanbad[UA], Ranchi [UA], Bokaro Steel City [UA]
17.	KARNATAKA	Bangalore /Bengaluru [UA]	Belgaum[UA], Hubli-Dharwad [M.Corpn], Mangalore [UA], Mysore [UA], Gulbarga[UA]
18.	KERALA		Kozhikode [UA], Kochi[UA], Thiruvananthapuram[UA], Thrissur [UA], Malappuram [UA], Kannur [UA], Kollam [UA]
19.	LAKSHWADEEP ISLANDS	-	----
20.	MADHYA PRADESH	-	Gwalior [UA], Indore [UA], Bhopal [UA], Jabalpur [UA], Ujjain [M.Corpn]
21.	MAHARASHTRA	Greater Mumbai [UA]; Nagpur [UA], Pune [UA]	Amaravati [M.Corpn], Nagpur [UA], Aurangabad [UA], Nashik [UA], Bhiwandi [UA], Solapur [M.Corpn], Kolhapur [UA] Vasai –Virar City [M.Corpn], Malegaon [UA], Nanded-Waghala[M.Corpn], Sangli [UA].
22.	MANIPUR	-	-
23.	MEGHALAYA	-	-
24.	MIZORAM	-	-
25.	NAGALAND	-	---
26.	ODISHA	-	Cuttack[UA], Bhubaneswar [UA], Raurkela [UA]
27.	PUDUCHERRY [PONDICHERY]	-	Puducherry /Pondicherry [UA]

28.	PUNJAB	-	Amritsar [UA], Jalandhar [UA], Ludhiana [M.Corpn]
29.	RAJASTHAN	---	Bikaner [M.Corpn], Jaipur [M.Corpn], Jodhpur [UA], Kota[M.Corpn], Ajmer [UA]
30.	SIKKIM	---	---
31.	TAMIL NADU	Chennai [UA]	Salem[UA], Tiruppur [UA], Coimbatore [UA]; Tiruchirappali [UA], Madurai [UA], Erode [UA]
32.	TRIPURA	--	--
33.	UTTAR PRADESH		Moradabad [M.Corpn], Meerut [UA], Ghaziabad* [UA]; Aligarh [UA], Agra[UA], Bareilly [UA], Lucknow [UA], Kanpur [UA], Allahabad [UA], Gorakhpur [UA], Varnasi [UA], Saharanpur [M.Corpn], Noida*[CT], Firozabad[NPP], Jhansi [UA]
34.	UTTARAKHAND	-	Dehradun [UA]
35.	WEST BENGAL	Kolkata [UA]	Asansol[UA], Siliguri [UA], Durgapur [UA].

*only for the purpose of extending HRA on the basis of dependency.

NOTE:

The remaining cities /towns in various States /UTs which are not covered by classification as 'X' or 'Y', are classified as 'Z' for the purpose of HRA.

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Board have issued instructions regarding re-classification of cities / towns on the basis of 2011 Census grant of House Rent Allowance to Railway employees.	108/2015