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To

The Directors/Project Directors/ Project Coordinators/Zonal Coordinators/National Bureaus of ICAR Institute

Sub: Loss of revenue on account of residential quarters remaining vacant and irregular payment of HRA to officers eligible for allotment of quarters lying vacant- reg.

Sir,

The issue of granting House Rent Allowance to those entitled persons who have refused to occupy allotted accommodation has been under consideration for some time now. In this regard, instructions/clarifications issued vide Council's letter dated 14.1.2009 refer. In continuation of the above, it is further clarified as follows:-

- (i) Every entitled person should apply for residential accommodation at his/her place of posting.
- (ii) If accommodation is refused to him/her by the office, or till such time as the accommodation is allotted, the person concerned would be entitled to HRA.
- (iii) Once the allotment is made, the person concerned is no longer entitled to HRA. If he/she refuses to accept the allotment, till such time as that accommodation is allotted and occupied by someone else, no HRA can be paid to him/her. In other words, the person who refuses official accommodation will not be entitled to HRA for the period during which that accommodation remains vacant and unoccupied.
- (iv) Once the accommodation is allotted to some other entitled person and occupied by him/her, then naturally the person, who had refused the accommodation initially, is entitled to apply for accommodation once again; and till such time as accommodation is again offered to him/her, he/she can draw HRA. In other words, in the above arrangement, every entitled employee of ICAR is either occupying government accommodation, or is in the waiting list, having a pending application for allotment, to qualify for HRA.

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- (v) The provision according to which those who do not accept an allotment are not eligible to apply for one year is dispensed with in such cases to avoid undue hardship to the concerned employees.

It is hoped that the above clarifies the position. In case of any doubts, either further clarification can be sought from Hqrs., or individual case can be referred with full facts for a decision.

This issues with the approval of the Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR.

Yours' faithfully,



(V.K. Sharma)

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