

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS DEPARTMENT**

No.261/SPAR(IAS)/4A-14/2011

Date: December 26, 2011

**ORDER**

The Government of India vide their O.M. No. 31011/4/2008-Estt.(A) dt. 23/9/2008, has accepted the recommendation of the 6<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission relating to LTC. As per above recommendation under Rule-8 Type of LTC, fresh recruits to Central Government may be allowed to travel to their home town alongwith their families on three occasions in a Block Year of four years and to anyplace in India on the fourth occasion. The facility shall be available to the Government officers only for the first two Blocks of four years applicable after joining the Government for the first time. The Block of four years shall apply with reference to the initial date of joining the Government even though the employee changes the job within Government subsequently. The existing Blocks will remain the same but the entitlements of the new recruit will be different in the first 8 years of service. All other provisions concerning frequency of travel under LTC are required.

Questions were raised by the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications & IT seeking clarification on the 'Rule-8 Type of LTC'. Accordingly, the Department of Personnel & Training was requested to clarify the following points:

Whether a Government servant appointed before issue of this O.M., i.e. before 23/9/2008 but not completed first 8 years of service is eligible for four LTC as mentioned in the 6<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission.

The Department of Personnel & Training in their reply have stated in the following lines:

“The Government servants who have not completed 8 years of service as on 01.09.2008 are entitled for this concession as per their entitlement. There is no change in Block Year. Current Block is 2006-2009”.

The question was further reiterated by the Department of Personnel & Training to all the Chief Secretaries of the States vide their No. 11022/2/2008-AIS(II) dt. 7.10.2008. The said letter clearly stated that the Department's original O.M. dated 23.09.2008 alongwith clarifications will also be applicable to AIS officers.

It is therefore clarified from the above facts that all the fresh recruits/existing officers of AIS who had not completed 8 years of total service in any Central Government/AIS as on 1.9.2008 would be eligible for grant of LTC to home town on three occasions in a Block of four years and to anywhere in India on the fourth occasion. However, such facility will only be available for the first 8(eight) years of service and thereafter, the usual LTC Rules will apply.

Sd/-  
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Government of West Bengal  
P&AR Department