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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
(Department of Personnel & Training
North Block, New Delhi.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: LTC - Travel by State Tourism buses -
clarification regarding.

As the Ministry of Finance etc. are aware Central Government employees are entitled for Home Town LTC once in a block of two years and All-India LTC once in a block of 4 years. The Leave Travel Concession is not admissible for journey by a private car (owned, borrowed or hired) or a bus, van or other vehicle owned or operated or chartered by private operators. However, travel by private buses operating as regular service from point to point at regular intervals on fixed fare rates, with the approval of Regional Transport Authority/State Government concerned, is admissible. Similarly, journeys by chartered buses are admissible for LTC only in those cases, where the tour is wholly operated and conducted by the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)/State Tourism Development Corporations (STDCs) either by their own buses or buses taken on hire from outside. In such cases, it is to be clearly certified by the ITDC/State Tourism Development Corporations concerned that the tour was actually conducted/operated by them and not by any private party/person. Rule 12(2) (iii) of the CCS (LTC) Rule, 1988 provides as under:-

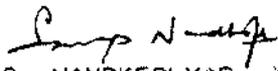
"Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1) or clauses (i) and (ii) of sub-rule (2), where a Government servant travelling by road takes a seat or seats in a bus, van or other vehicle operated by Tourism Development Corporations in the Public Sector, State Transport Corporations and Transport Services run by other Government or local bodies to visit any place in India, the reimbursement shall be either the actual hire charges or the amount reimbursable on the journey to the declared place of visit had the journey been undertaken by entitled class by rail by the shortest direct route, whichever is less. Reimbursement shall not be admissible for journey by a private car (owned, borrowed or hired), or a bus, van or other vehicle owned by private operators."

2. It has come to the notice of this Department that Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam Limited, Kumayun Mandal Vikas Nigam Limited, Manipur Tourism and Nagaland Tourism etc. are conducting LTC tours for the Government employees. Though the certificates are issued by the respective organisations but in

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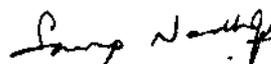
fact the tours are being conducted by their agents. Certain irregularities committed by Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam, Khushnuma Complex, 7 RF, Bahadur Marg, Lucknow-226 001 have also come to the notice of this Department. The matter has been examined in detail in this Department and it is hereby clarified that in future journey on LTC by chartered buses on tours conducted by ITDC/State Tourism Development Corporations or local bodies like Garhwal/Kumayun Mandal Vikas Nigam Limited etc. would be permissible only if the tour is wholly conducted/operated by the above bodies in buses owned by them and registered with the Regional Transport Authorities in the name of the ITDC/STDCs or local bodies, etc. LTC would not be admissible for tours conducted by ITDC/State Tourism Development Corporations, Nagaland Tourism or Manipur Tourism or local bodies like Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam or Kumayun Mandal Vikas Nigam if the same is conducted in a bus leased, hired or chartered from private parties/persons by the ITDC/STDCs/local bodies.

3. Journey on LTC by private airlines shall also not be admissible.


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3. U.P.S.O., New Delhi.
4. Central Vigilance Commission, New Delhi.
5. Central Bureau of Investigation.
6. All Union Territory Administrations.
7. Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha Secretariat.
8. All attached and subordinate offices of the MHA and Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
9. All Officers and Sections of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions and MHA.
10. Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam, Khushnuma Complex, 7 R.F., Bahadur Marg, Lucknow-226 001.
11. Kumayun Mandal Vikas Nigam, Lucknow.
12. Manipur Tourism, Government of Manipur, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi.
13. Nagaland Tourism, Government of Nagaland, Aurangzeb Marg, New Delhi.
14. Copy to Deputy Press Information Officer, Department of Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi with the request that this may be given wide publicity.
15. The Editor, Civil Services News, Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi.


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