## No. 31011/5/2014-Estt (A.IV) Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Department of Personnel and Training Establishment A-IV Desk

North Block, New Delhi-110 001 Dated: September 23, 2015

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Procedure for booking of air-tickets on LTC- Clarification reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.M. No. 31011/4/2014-Estt.(A-IV) dated 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 which lays down that the Government employees are required to book the air tickets directly from the airlines (Booking counters, website of airlines) or by utilizing the service of Authorized Travel Agents viz. 'M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company', 'M/s Ashok Travels & Tours' and 'IRCTC' (to the extent IRCTC is authorized as per DoPT O.M. No. 31011/6/2002-Estt.(A) dated 02.12.2009) while undertaking LTC journey(s). Vide DoPT's O.M. 31011/5/2014-Estt.(A-IV) dated 24.09.2014, the web-portal of these authorized travel agents will also be treated as an acceptable mode for purchase of air tickets on LTC subject to the conditions stated vide Department of Expenditure's O.M. No. 19024/1/2012-E-IV dated 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

- 2. It has been observed that various Ministries/Departments continue to send references to DoPT seeking relaxation regarding the booking of air tickets for the purpose of LTC from the travel agents not authorised by the aforesaid O.M.. In most of the cases, the common reason stated by the LTC beneficiaries is that they were not aware of the guidelines and inadvertently booked the tickets from other travel agents.
- 3. All the Ministries/ Departments are advised to ensure a wide circulation of the guidelines as stated in para 1 of this O.M.. This point may also be emphasized by the Administration whenever any advance is sought or intention to avail LTC is conveyed by the Government servant.

(M.P. Rama Rao)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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