

## CHAPTER - I

### INTRODUCTORY AND DEFINITIONS

#### 1. Short Title and commencement:

- (1) These Rules may be called the "Sikkim Travelling Allowance (5<sup>th</sup> Amendment) Rules 2006",
- (2) These rules shall come into force with immediate effect.
- (3) In the Sikkim Travelling Allowance Rules, 1980 (hereinafter referred to as the said Rules),

#### 2. Extent of Application:

These rules apply to all members of service and holders of posts whose conditions of service the Government of Sikkim are competent to prescribe. Subject as aforesaid they also apply to.

- a) any person in respect of whose service, pay and allowances or pension or any of them special provisions has been made by an agreement made with him;
- b) members of All India Services subject to the provisions contained in Rules 3 and 4 of All India Service (Travelling Allowance) Rules, 1954.

#### 3. Definitions:

Unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context, the terms defined in this rule are used in the sense here explained.

- (1) **Camp equipment** means tents and the requisites for pitching and furnishing them, or where tents are not carried, such articles of camp furniture as it may be necessary, in the interest of public service, for a Government servant to take with him on tour.
- (2) **Competent authority** in relation to the exercise of any power, means the Governor or any authority to which the power is delegated by or under these rules.
- (3) **Controlling Officer** means a head of department or other departmental officer who is entrusted with the responsibility of signing or counter signing Travelling allowance bills of a Government servant or class of Govt. servant.
- (4) **Family** means a Government servant's wife or husband, as the case may be residing with the Government servant and legitimate children and step children residing with and wholly dependent upon the Government servant. For transfer it

also includes parents, unmarried sisters, minor brothers residing with and wholly dependent upon the Government servant.

(5) *Hill station* means any place which Government may declare to be a hill station.

(6) *Pay* means basic pay and includes any special pay or personal pay which may be sanctioned to a Government servant.

(7) *Public Conveyance* means a train, steamer or other conveyance which may be sanctioned to a Government servant.

(8) *Transfer* means the movement of a Government servant from one headquarters station in which he is employed to another such station, either -

(a) to take up duties of a new post; or

(b) in consequence of a change of his headquarters.

(9) Travelling allowance is a compensatory allowance granted to a Government servant to cover the expenses which he incurs in travelling in the interest of public service.

**4. Removal of doubts:** Where a doubt arises as to be the interpretation of any of the provisions of these or when a particular case is not covered by the provisions of these rules, the matter shall be transferred to the Finance Department for decision.

**5. Repeal:** All rules, orders or notification which were in force immediately before the commencement of these rules and applicable to Government servants to whom these rules apply are hereby repealed.