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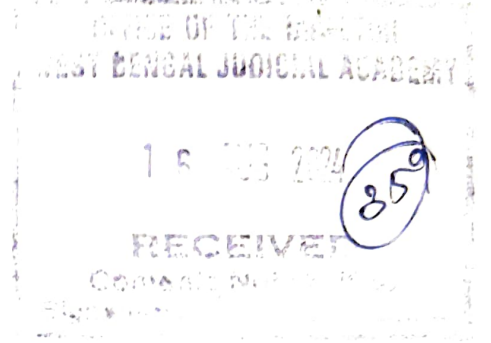
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Dated, Kolkata, the 8th August, 2024.

From: The Deputy Secretary,
to the Government of West Bengal

To:

1. Ld. District Judge, (All Districts)
2. Ld. Chief Judge, Small Causes Court, Kolkata.
3. Ld. Chief Judge, City Civil Court, Kolkata.
4. Ld. Chief Judge, City Sessions Court, Kolkata.
- ✓ 5. Director, West Bengal Judicial Academy.
6. AGOT, West Bengal.
7. Member Secretary, SLSA
8. Office of _____
9. Sri Subhendu saha, Judge, Spl. CBI Court No. 3, & 2nd Spl. NIA Court, Calcutta.
10. Smt. Rupma Banerjee, Civil Judge, Jr. Div. & Judicial Magistrate, Mirik.
11. Mr. Salim sahi, Adj. 6th Court Paschim Medinipur.
12. Smt. Debarati Roy, MM, 9th Court Calcutta.



Sub: Clarification regarding queries raised relating to House Rent Allowance of Judicial Officers as per this Department's Order No. 1123J, 1124-J dated 03.04.2024.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to queries raised by some Judicial Officers regarding entitlement to HRA, I am directed to inform you of the following:

1. Judicial Officers residing in their own/spouse's/parent's house:

These officers are entitled to HRA benefits at the revised rate, based on their respective ceiling on the basis of pay effect under SNJPC, effective from 01.01.2016.

2. Judicial Officers residing in hired/private accommodation:

These officers are entitled to the recommended HRA at the revised rate, if the actual rent paid is less than the admissible ceiling, effective from 01.01.2020. In cases where the difference between the permissible house rent allowance and the rent assessed exceeds 15%, the District Judge may seek approval from the High Court for payment of said amount unless the officer is ready to pay the differential cost. The office of the District Judge or equivalent shall pay rent directly to the landlord from the respective Head of Account of HRA, in which case, the Judicial Officers are not eligible to draw HRA.

Furthermore, for any issues or queries that may arise, please refer to this Department's orders No. 1123-J, 1124-J dated 03.04.24.

Yours faithfully

Koushik Kundu

Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal