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No E/II/161/R&A
To

☑ All AOs GE/AAOs BSO

Date 18/02/2020

Sub: - Recovery of rent & allied charges in respect of Army Public Schools.

In the above context, it is informed that various references in this matter are being received in Main office for exemption of rent & allied charges in respect of Army Public Schools despite clarification issued vide Main office DO letter No. E/II/161/R&A dated 18/07/2018.

Further, this issue has again been examined in detail and decided that as per AHQ letter dated 22 May 2006, all-in-cost rate is to be charged with regard to Army Public Schools located under Audit jurisdiction of Western Command. In this connection, your attention is also invited to point (iv) & (v) of ibid DO letter wherein it was already clarified that recovery of rent of APS is to be regulated as per GOI, MOD letter dt. 06/04/1993 whereas recovery of water/electricity is required to be recovered at all-in-cost rates as per AHQ letter No. 93268/10/Policy (Qtr) dated 22 May 2006.

In view of the above, it is enjoined upon all concerned under whose Audit jurisdiction the Army Public Schools is/are situated, the recovery of electricity/water may be ensured at all-in-cost rate basis as per AHQ’s ibid letter 22 May 2006 without fail. The rent bills may be raised at the earliest for recovery action. Further if the amount could not be recovered by the executive authorities and not deposited by the concerned schools in time then the same may be projected for inclusion in MFAI calculating the loss to State as per all-in-cost rate basis.

A copy of latest DO from Pr. CDA (WC) to Chief of Staff is also enclosed for your necessary action & reference.

Encl. - As stated above.

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Dy. CDA (E)
This is regarding recovery of Rent & Allied charges of Army Public Schools under AOR of HQrs. Western Command.

Since various references for exemption of Electricity/Water charges on the basis of GOI, MOD letter No. 10(17)/93/D(Q&C) dated 06.04.1993 are being received in this office, it is felt that this issue needs to be examined in detail. Therefore, a study has been carried out by this office with regard to Army Public Schools falling under the Audit Jurisdiction of Western Command.

After taking into consideration the reports received from various sub-offices, it is evident that almost 50% offices are charging Electricity/Water at all-in-cost rate/normal rate basis. Further, remaining Army Public Schools are not depositing the electricity/water charges at all-in-cost rates and in turn have stated that their schools are exempted as per ibid GOI authority causing huge loss to Govt. exchequer.

It is also pertinent to mention here that this issue has already been clarified by this office vide DO letter No. E/II/161/R&A dated 18.07.2018 (Copy enclosed) that the recovery of rent is to be regulated as per GOI, MOD letter No. 10(17)/93/D(Q&C) dated 06.04.1993. However, recovery of Electricity/Water charges are required to be recovered at all-in-cost rates as per AHQ letter No. 93268/10/Policy (Qtr) dated 22 May 2006.

In view of the above, I would request you to please issue necessary directions to all concerned under AOR of Western Command that the Electricity/Water amount may be recovered from concerned Army Public Schools as per AHQ letter dated 22 May 2006 at all in-cost rates & deposit the same in Govt. Treasury through MRO to avoid further loss to the Govt. exchequer. Also information as sought for under DO letter dated 18.07.2018 has not been received from HQ (WC), same may kindly be expedited for determination of rent aspect also.

With warm regards

Yours sincerely

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Copy to:
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For kind information and necessary action w.r.t. above alongwith a copy of DO letter dated 18/07/2018.
Dear Gen. Sandhu,

This is regarding recovery of Rent and Allied Charges of Army Public Schools in response to your DO. NO. 5776/1/3/QJ(B) dated 11 June 2018.

In this connection, it is intimated that:

i) Schools which were opened between 11.2.49 and 1955 and were not in accordance with Army HQrs letter dated 11.2.49 are exempted from rent and allied charges under Ministry of Defence letter No. 11258/G/IB/II/6(n), 917, D/AG&1 dated 20.1.58.

ii) In respect of schools opened after 1955 with the approval of Army HQrs/Naval HQrs/Air Force HQrs, no rent and allied charges may be recovered.

iii) In respect of schools opened after 1955 without the approval of Army HQrs/Naval HQrs/Air Force HQrs rent of the building and allied charges with regard to furniture, water and electricity should be charged. The rent and other charges should also be recovered as per scales laid down by MES. In this regard, this office has already issued directions to all AOGEs under the jurisdiction of PCDAWG Chandigarh vide this office letter No. H/111/10/12R&B dated 27-12-2017. Here, it is also mentioned that recovery of Rent & Allied Charges in all Army Public Schools pertains to AOGEs and not LAOs.

iv) As regards recovery of rent, the same is to be regulated as per GOI letter, No. 10(17)/73/DQ&C dated 06.04.1993 (copy enclosed).

v) As regards, recovery of Water/ Electricity Charges, they are required to be recovered at All-India rates as per HQrs letter No. 61268/HQ/policy(Quin) dated 29 May 2000, as per need.

I would like to request you to kindly arrange to provide the re-delegation of all Army Public Schools whether these are opened before 1955 or after 1955. If opened after 1955 then copy of sanction of Army HQ may be provided. So that necessary action may be taken at this end please.

With warm regards,

[Signature]

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