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National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency
5th Floor, 15, NBCC Tower
Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi

Circular

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Subject: Honorarium and Travelling Allowance Bye Laws 2006 for National Quality Monitors-issue of consolidated and updated guidelines.

In partial modification of clauses 1 (iv) and (vi) NRIDA's circular of even no. dated 6.10.2020 regarding booking of air tickets of National Quality Monitors (NQMs), the following guidelines are issued, in consonance with the instructions contained in Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure O.M no.19024/03/2021-E.IV dated 31.12.2021.

In view of the decision of the Government for disinvestment of Air India, it has been decided that in all cases of air travel where the Government of India bears the cost of air passage, air tickets shall be purchased from the three Authorized Travel Agents viz.

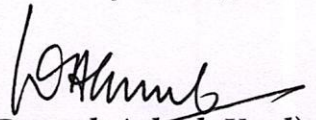
- i. M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL)
- ii. M/s Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT)
- iii. Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC)

The travel agents are expected to provide the '**Best available fare**' on the date of booking on the basis of tour programme.

Accordingly, all NQMs should ensure that air tickets are booked by them ONLY from any of the three approved travel agents as given above. Please DO NOT use even airlines' websites, as was done earlier.

In case of unavoidable circumstances, where booking of air tickets is required to be done from unauthorized travel agents/ websites, the NQM shall inform Director (P-III) of the circumstances, *who upon his satisfaction of the circumstances, will then grant interim permission on the exigency of the situation. P-III division will then obtain the approval of DG, NRIDA to grant relaxation, and furnish it to the F&A division along with the NQM TA bill.*

These orders come into force with immediate effect. All other instructions as contained in Circular dated 6.10.2020 will hold good and shall be followed by the NQMs.


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Director (F&A)

To

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