

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYA)
(RAILWAY BOARD)

RBE No. 52/2013

No. F(E)I/2013/AL-4/4

New Delhi, Dated 31/05/2013

The General Managers,
All Indian Railways & Production Units
(AS per Mailing List)
Sub: Tribal Area Allowance

The issue of payment of tribal area allowance to railway employees was examined recently in context of a parliament question and it was found that the position with regard to payment of Tribal Area Allowance varies widely on different Zonal railways. While some Zonal Railways have been paying Tribal areas in some scheduled/Tribal areas, other Railways have discontinued the allowance. This may be in some case due to State governments having discontinued the payment of such allowance to their employees in some areas, or due to non-availability of updated list of Scheduled/Tribal areas where State governments are paying it to their employees, with the Railways, Railway Board etc.

2. It is, therefore, advised that payment of Tribal Area Allowance to Railway employees, especially during the last 10 years may be reviewed on your Railway and it may be checked whether it has been paid in those areas where State Governments have been paying the same to their employees. In case it has been discontinued, even though admissible under the rules, corrective steps may be taken in this regard, at your end under intimation to this office. Also, Board may be advised of the reasons for discontinuance of Tribal Area Allowance in these areas falling under jurisdiction of your Railways where payment of these allowance by Railways has been discontinued in the past.

3. It has also been decided by the Board that henceforth General Managers of Zonal Railways may ascertain the areas from State Governments where the

Tribal Area Allowance is being paid by the State Governments and sanction Tribal Area Allowance to eligible employees on their Railways subject to fulfillment of conditions for payment of the Allowance as laid down in Board's letter no. PC-IV/87/Imp/AL-1 dated 30.07.1987 and No. F(E)I/89/AL-4/2 dated 24.06.1991

4. A complete review may be sent to Board within 15 days .

Hindi version will follow.

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Railway Board