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**UDCHALO TICKETS CAN BE CLAIMED BY JCOs/OR**

Dear Sir,

1. Refer the following: -

(a) Govt of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training, Establishment A-IV Desk, New Delhi, letter No 31011/5/2014-Estt/A.IV dated 21 Aug 2017.

(b) Standing Army Pay Commission Section, Addl Dte Gen Personnel Services, Integrated HQ of MoD (Army) Room No-1, Plot No 108 (West), Brassy Avenue, Church Road, New Delhi letter No C/7036/Allowances/SAPCS/x/2018 dated 27 Apr 2018.

(c) AG's Branch, ADG MP / MP -8 (I of R) letter No A/ 20038/P&A/MP 8(I of R)(iii) dt 04 Nov 2019.

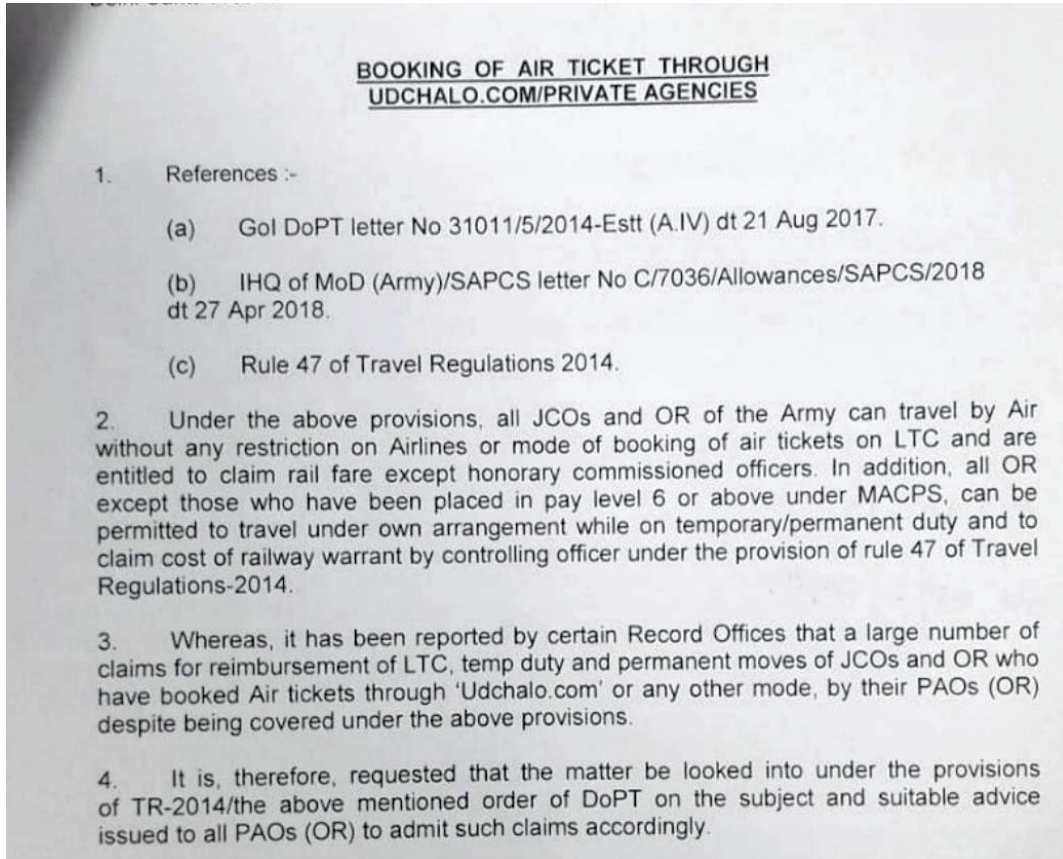
(d) Govt of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training letter No 31011/12/2022-Estt/A.IV dated 29 Aug 2022.

(e) Govt of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training Pers. Policy letter No 31011/17/2023 Estt/A.IV dated 10 Aug 2023.

2. Persons not entitled to fly were permitted to perform journey by air and claim cost of warrant. They were free to book from any agency vide letter referred at para 1 (a) & (b). The viability of tickets booked through udChalo was specifically clarified by AG's Branch, ADG MP / MP -8 (I of R) letter No A/ 20038/P&A/MP 8(I of R)(iii) dt 04 Nov 2019.

3. However as part of policy adjustments post privatisation of Air India, it was stipulated by DOPT vide letter at para 1 (d) that even non entitled persons must purchase tickets only through the Authorised Travel Agencies (ATA). This had forced the non-entitled persons to bear the high difference of fare between entitled train fare and ATA fare as the airfare at ATA is normally high.

4. Now DOPT vide their letter at para 1 (e) has modified the policy that personnel not entitled to fly and want to perform air travel can book the tickets without any restrictions and can claim the cost of entitled train fare. This reinstating the provisions of AG's Branch, ADG MP / MP -8 (I of R) letter No A/ 20038/P&A/MP 8(I of R)(iii) dt 04 Nov 2019. (Screenshot below)



5. This is a very welcome move and udChalo is very happy to offer tickets as closely priced as the entitled train fare and top it up with addition benefits on ICICI, BOB cards and various discount coupons, exclusively for our armed forces.

Always happy to be of use to our forces.

Yours faithfully,



(Col DB Tingre, Retd)  
for udChalo