

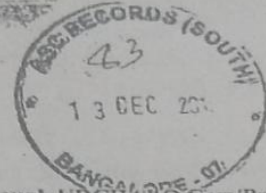


No. ORs/1614/TADA/LTC/ Luggage

Dated: 08-11-2019

To

The Officer i/c
 PAO (ORs) ASC (S)
 Bengaluru



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Sub: Booking of Air Tickets through UDCHATO.Com/Private Agencies - req

Ref: ASC (S) Records letter No. 4100/ER/ Coord dated 05-09-2019.

This has reference to ASC (S) Records letter cited under reference addressed to the Controller General of Defence Accounts, New Delhi with copy endorsed to this office amongst others. On a perusal of the contents of ibid letter it transpires that the points conveyed by your office vide letter No. T/Gen/Corr/2019 dated 03-07-2019 have not been taken into its correct sense which has ultimately lead to certain ambiguities over the laid down instructions. In order to eliminate the ambiguities and to prevent undue hardship to the troops, the following guide lines may be noted for adherence:-

(a) On Official Tour. Army personnel having Grade Pay of 4200 and above (in the pre-revised scale) are entitled to travel by Air while they are on TD or Permanent move. As per extant orders for air travel on account of TD and permanent move, entitled personnel must travel by Air India only and the tickets are to be purchased either directly from the Air lines (booking counters, website of air lines) or by utilizing the service of the authorised travel agents viz., M/s Balmer & Lawrie and company, M/s Ashok Travels & Tours and IRCTC (to the extent IRCTC is authorized as per DoPT's OM No. 31011/6/2002-Estt.(A) dated 02-12-2009). Booking of tickets through other agencies is not permitted.

Note:

R (Code) For entitled personnel to travel by Air lines other than Air India because of operational or other reasons on account of non availability of Air India flights, individual cases for relaxation to be referred to the IFA concerned.

2. In the case of non entitled personnel (having Grade Pay of less than 4200/- in the pre-revised scale) travelling by air and claiming entitled rail fare, the condition of booking the air tickets through authorized travel agents is NOT mandatory and will not be insisted upon.

2. As regards the status of UDCHALO.Com it is clarified that the ibid agency is not an authorized travel agent for purchasing air/rail tickets for journeys where the cost of passage is borne by the Govt. of India.

PCDA has seen.

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Please ref. your office letter cited under ref. and O/o the CGDA letter No. AT/IV/Dct Rep/PCDA Bangalore dt. 14-10-2019.

2. The guidelines may please be disseminated amongst the environment to remove ambiguities and to avoid undue hardship.

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