

No.2/5/2014-E.II(B)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
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New Delhi, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2015.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:- Re-classification/Upgradation of Cities/Towns on the basis of Census-2011 for the purpose of grant of House Rent Allowance (HRA) to Central Government employees.**  
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Reference is invited to this Department's O.M. No. 2(13)/2008-E.II(B) dated 29.08.2008 relating to grant of House Rent Allowance (HRA) to Central Government employees on the recommendations of the 6<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission (CPC) whereby a list of cities/towns classified as "X", "Y" and "Z" for the purpose of grant of HRA was enclosed as Annexure. The matter relating to re-classification of cities/towns on the basis of Census-2011 for the purpose of grant of HRA to Central Government employees has been considered by the Government.

2. The President is pleased to decide that in supersession of all the existing orders relating to classification of cities/towns for the purpose of grant of HRA to Central Government employees, cities/towns shall now be re-classified as "X", "Y" and "Z" for the purpose of HRA as enumerated in the Annexure to these orders.

3. Consequent upon implementation of the recommendations of the 5<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission, certain cities/towns were placed in a lower classification as compared to their existing classification for HRA purpose, vide this Department's O.M. No. 2(30)/97-E.II(B) dated 03.10.97. However, these cities/towns were allowed to retain their existing higher classification, vide Para 3 thereof; and further extended vide O.M. No. 2(21)/E.II(B)/2004 dated 16.03.2005 & O.M. No. 2(13)/2008-E.II(B) dated 07.01.2009. As other cities/towns to which protection of retaining earlier higher classification was allowed, got upgraded during the intervening period and as on date only two cities i.e. Ajmer in Rajasthan and Durgapur in West Bengal were retaining such protection. Consequent upon upgradation of these two cities also on the basis of their population as per Census-2011, provisions contained in Para 3 of this Department's O.M. No. 2(30)/97-E.II(B) dated 03.10.97 which were allowed to further continue vide O.M. dated 16.03.2005 & 07.01.2009, stand withdrawn/discontinued.

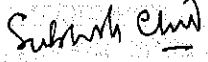
4. Special orders allowing continuance of HRA at Delhi ("X" class city) rates to Central Government employees posted at Faridabad, Ghaziabad, NOIDA and Gurgaon, at Jalandhar ("Y" class city) rates to Jalandhar Cantt., at "Y" class city rates to Shillong, Goa & Port Blair vide this Department's O.M. No.2(13)/2008-E.II(B) dated 29.08.2008, and continuance of HRA at par with Chandigarh ("Y" class city) to Panchkula vide this Department's O.M. No.2(13)/2008-E.II(B) dated 04.03.2011, shall continue to be applicable till the recommendations of 7<sup>th</sup> CPC are considered by the Government.

5. These orders shall take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015.

6. The orders will apply to all civilian employees of the Central Government. The orders will also be applicable to the civilian employees paid from the Defence Services Estimates. In respect of Armed Forces personnel and Railway employees, separate orders will be issued by the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Railways, respectively.

7. In so far as the persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders issue in consultation with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India.

8. Hindi version is attached.

  
(Subhash Chand)  
Director

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**ANNEXURE**

to O.M. No.2/5/2014-E.II(B) dated 21.07.2015.

**LIST OF CITIES/TOWNS CLASSIFIED FOR GRANT OF HOUSE RENT ALLOWANCE TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

Sl. No.	STATES/ UNION TERRITORIES	CITIES CLASSIFIED AS "X"	CITIES CLASSIFIED AS "Y"
1.	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	—	—
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH/ TELANGANA	Hyderabad (UA)	Vijayawada (UA), Warangal (UA), Greater Visakhapatnam (M.Corpn.), Guntur (UA), Nellore (UA)
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	—	—
4.	ASSAM	---	Guwahati (UA)
5.	BIHAR	---	Patna (UA)
6.	CHANDIGARH	---	Chandigarh (UA)
7.	CHHATTISGARH	—	Durg-Bhilai Nagar (UA), Raipur (UA)
8.	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	—	—
9.	DAMAN & DIU	---	---
10.	DELHI	Delhi (UA)	
11.	GOA	---	---
12.	GUJARAT	Ahmadabad (UA)	Rajkot (UA), Jamnagar (UA), Bhavnagar (UA), Vadodara (UA), Surat (UA)
13.	HARYANA	---	Faridabad*(M.Corpn.), Gurgaon*(UA)
14.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	---	---
15.	JAMMU & KASHMIR	---	Srinagar (UA), Jammu (UA)
16.	JHARKHAND	—	Jamshedpur (UA), Dhanbad (UA), Ranchi (UA), Bokaro Steel City (UA)
17.	KARNATAKA	Bengalure/Bengaluru (UA)	Belgaum (UA), Hubli-Dharwad (M.Corpn.), Mangalore (UA), Mysore (UA), Gulbarga (UA)
18.	KERALA	—	Kozhikode (UA), Kochi (UA), Thiruvananthapuram (UA), Thrissur (UA), Malappuram (UA), Kannur (UA), Kollam (UA)
19.	LAKSHADWEEP	---	---
20.	MADHYA PRADESH	—	Gwalior (UA), Indore (UA), Bhopal (UA), Jabalpur (UA), Ujjain (M. Corpn.)

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21.	MAHARASHTRA	Greater Mumbai (UA), Pune (UA)	Amravati (M.Corpn.), Nagpur (UA), Aurangabad (UA), Nashik (UA), Bhiwandi (UA), Solapur (M.Corpn.), Kolhapur (UA), Vasai-Virar City (M. Corpn.), Malegaon (UA), Nanded-Waghala (M. Corpn.), Sangli (UA)
22.	MANIPUR	---	---
23.	MEGHALAYA	---	---
24.	MIZORAM	---	---
25.	NAGALAND	---	---
26.	ODISHA	---	Cuttack (UA), Bhubaneswar (UA), Raurkela (UA)
27.	PUDUCHERRY (PONDICHERRY)	---	Puducherry/Pondicherry (UA)
28.	PUNJAB	---	Amritsar (UA), Jalandhar (UA), Ludhiana (M. Coprn.)
29.	RAJASTHAN	---	Bikaner (M.Corpn.), Jaipur (M.Corpn.), Jodhpur (UA), Kota (M.Corpn.), Ajmer (UA)
30.	SIKKIM	---	---
31.	TAMIL NADU	Chennai (UA)	Salem (UA), Tiruppur (UA), Coimbatore (UA), Tiruchirappalli (UA), Madurai (UA), Erode (UA)
32.	TRIPURA	---	---
33.	UTTAR PRADESH	---	Moradabad (M.Corpn.), Meerut (UA), Ghaziabad*(UA), Aligarh(UA), Agra (UA), Bareilly (UA), Lucknow (UA), Kanpur (UA), Allahabad (UA), Gorakhpur (UA), Varanasi (UA), Saharanpur (M.Corpn.), Noida* (CT), Firozabad (NPP), Jhansi (UA)
34.	UTTARAKHAND	---	Dehradun (UA)
35.	WEST BENGAL	Kolkata (UA)	Asansol (UA), Siliguri (UA), Durgapur (UA)

\* Only for the purpose of extending HRA on the basis of dependency.

#### NOTE

The remaining cities/towns in various States/UTs which are not covered by classification as "X" or "Y", are classified as "Z" for the purpose of HRA.

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