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To  
The Chairman,  
Coal India Ltd.,  
Kolkata.

Sub: Request for Amendments in TA rules to permit travel, in case of medical referral, in entitled class as being permitted in case of official tour

Dear Sir,

Coal India Ltd. is providing best of medical facilities to its serving and retired employees and their dependent family members through company hospitals and dispensaries along with around 400 empanelled hospitals spread across the country.

The company refers the working executives and employees to other centres of excellence for better medical treatment for which the patients and their attendants are also allowed travel allowances (TA) for inward and outward journeys.

TA reimbursements to such journeys for medical purposes are allowed in different classes of RAIL journeys only as provided in MAR rules which were framed decades ago. At that time, Air travel cost was sky-rocketing and a luxury on the part of travellers. Hence, rules permitted only rail journeys.

However, with the passage of time, air travel has become cheaper and nearly equal to rail travel in many cases. The travel by flight ensures saving in journey time as trains are almost running late. The assured punctuality of time in air travel leads to overall savings and can be stated to be cost-effective. This also enables the accompanying attendant, who is mostly the working executive/employees to avail reduced number of leave for the period of absence.

It is requested to initiate amendment in relevant rules to allow air travel for both patient and attendants as per entitlement of the executive to travel on official duty.

Thanking You,

(P. K. SINGH RATHOR)  
Principal General Secretary

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