Deputy Registrar(M)

May kindly see below placed letter dated 15.11.16 of the District Judge, Jhansi vide which he has sought guidelines in the matter of payment of TA claim of Sri Narendra Pal Rana, Additional Civil Judge(Senior Division)/ACJM, Jhansi and his wife, Smt. Manisha, Additional District & Sessions Judge, Jhansi, on account of their concurrent transfer from Lucknow to Jhansi.

Vide aforesaid letter, the District Judge, Jhansi has informed that Sri Narendra Pal Rana presently posted in Jhansi Judgeship as Additional Civil Judge(Senior Division)/ACJM has submitted application dated 18.08.16 regarding sanction of TA claim on account of his transfer from Lucknow to Jhansi.

Further, he has informed that Smt. Manisha, W/o Sri Narendra Pal Rana is also posted in Jhansi Judgeship as Additional District & Sessions Judge, Jhansi. Prior to this, both husband and wife were posted in Lucknow Judgeship and have been concurrently transferred to Jhansi Judgeship, under order of Hon'ble High Court. Besides, it has been informed that Smt. Manisha, Additional District & Sessions Judge, Jhansi also has submitted a separate TA claim, claiming therein expense of four passengers(herself, husband and two kids).

Going further, the District Judge, Jhansi has informed that when they were asked to submit any specific order/rule that has been issued regarding payment of TA to both man and wife working as judicial officers, they explained that they don't have any knowledge of any such rule/order and that earlier also they have separately availed Travel Allowance in their previous posting station.

Thereafter, the District Judge, Jhansi referred U.P. Travelling Allowance Rule book and other applicable rules/Government Orders and the finding is as follows here under as well as **placed at flag 'A'**:

In a scenario where the Man and wife both are Judicial Officers, posted in same Judgeship, and have been concurrently transferred to a new posting station, then both cannot separately claim Travel Allowance. Only one person out of them can claim TA and the other person shall be considered as family member in such a manner as if he/she is not a Government Employee. Besides, a certificate to same intent shall be submitted along with TA claim.

In this context it is submitted that all matters of payment of TA claims are supposed to be dealt in accordance with provisions contained in Travelling Allowance Rule-book, Financial Hand Book, Volume-III. Besides, when the District Judge himself has annexed relevant rule(placed at flag 'A') which is very clear about given scenario, there seems no need of issuance of any other guideline.

In the view of above submissions, if approved by Learned Registrar(Judicial) (Budget), the District Judge, Jhansi may be informed that annexed rule is in itself very clear about given scenario thus further necessary action may be taken in the light of provisions contained in U.P. Travelling Allowance Rule-book, Financial Hand Book, Volume-III? Additionally, the District Judge, Jhansi may be asked to furnish report to this Court covering all details regarding the claim that has been doubly drawn by Sri Narendra Pal Rana, Additional Civil Judge(Senior Division)/ACJM, Jhansi and his wife, Smt. Manisha, Additional District & Sessions Judge, Jhansi, on account of their concurrent transfer?

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