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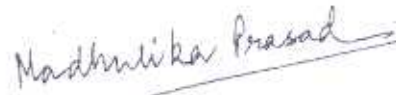
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Scheduled/Tribal Area Allowance – Recommendation of the Sixth Central Pay Commission – Revision of rates.

The undersigned is directed to say that consequent upon the decisions taken by the Government on the recommendations of the 6th Central Pay Commission, the President is pleased to decide that in modification of this Ministry's O.M. No.19(14)-E.IV(B)/70-Vol I dated 19.2.1972 read with O.M. No.17(1)/98-E.II(B) dt. 17.7.1998, the Scheduled/Tribal Area Allowance to the Central Government employees shall be admissible at the following rates:-

Grade Pay	Rate per month(Rs.)
Employees drawing grade pay of Rs.5400/- and above and pay scale of HAG+ and above	400
For posts in the grade pay of less than Rs. 5400/-	240

2. In the case of those employees who opt to retain the pre-revised scale of pay, corresponding Grade Pay of the pay scale/ corresponding pay scale of the post occupied on 1.1.2006, as indicated in CCS (Revised Pay) Rules, 2008 would determine the allowance under these orders.
3. All other terms and conditions governing the grant of Scheduled/Tribal Area Allowance shall continue to be applicable.
4. **These orders shall take effect from September 1, 2008.**
5. The rates of this allowance shall automatically increase by 25%, whenever the Dearness Allowance payable on the revised pay structure goes up by 50%.
6. In places where more than one Special Compensatory Allowance is admissible, the Central Government employees posted in such stations will have the option to choose the allowance which benefits them the most.
7. The orders shall also apply to the civilian employees paid from the Defence Services Estimates and the expenditure will be chargeable to the relevant Head of the Defence Service Estimates. In regard to Armed Forces personnel and Railway employees, separate orders will be issued by the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Railways, respectively.
8. In so far as the persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders issue after consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
9. Hindi version will follow.



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