F. No.-FIN/POL/3/2025/ 1574-1580 GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI FINANCE DEPARTMENT (POLICY DIVISION) COMP NO. 248236

4TH Level, A-Wing, Delhi Secretariat, I.P. Estate, New Delhi- 110002.

Dated: 2507/2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Attention is invited to the endorsement of even number dated 27/06/2022 whereby O.M. dated 16/06/2022 of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India containing modification of instructions regarding booking of air tickets on Government Account were forwarded/circulated amongst all the departments/autonomous organisations under GNCTD. In the above context, the following decisions have been taken by the Competent Authority:-

- 1. In case of unavoidable circumstances where booking of air tickets on account of Tour/LTC is done from unauthorized travel agents/websites, relaxation applicable as stipulated at para 10 of the above said O.M. of DoE, M/o Finance, Govt. of India, may be considered at the level of Administrative Secretaries in consultation with the concerned IFAs.
- 2. In partial modification to the above said endorsement dated 27/06/2022, the stipulation regarding DTTDC as the only authorized travel agent in case of booking of air tickets for tour (both domestic and international travel), stands withdrawn with immediate effect. However, DTTDC will remain as an authorised travel agency for booking of air tickets in addition to the three authorised travel agents mentioned at para 1 of O.M. dated 16/06/2022 of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India viz., (i) M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL) (ii) M/s Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT) and (iii) Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC).

Rest of the contents of endorsement dated 27/06/2022 shall remain unchanged

(S.S. Parihar, IAS) Special Secretary (Finance)

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

- 1. All ACSs/Pr. Secretaries/Secretaries/HoDs under GNCTD.
- 2. Commissioner, MCD.
- 3. Chairperson, NDMC.
- 4. Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Cantonment Board.
- 5. All Heads of Autonomous Organizations under GNCTD.
- 6. All Pay & Accounts Offices through Pr. Accounts Office, GNCTD.
- System Analyst with the request to upload on the website of the Finance Department.

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI FINANCE (POLICY) DEPARTMENT 4TH LEVEL, 'A WING' DELHI SECRETARIAT I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI 110002 CD No.012674965

No. F. 20/25/2021/Finance (Policy)/2/91-2200 Dated: 24/06 /2022

ENDORSEMENT

The copy of under mentioned paper is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action to the following with a stipulation that DTTDC is the only authorised travel agent in case of booking of air tickets for tour (both domestic and international travel) and in case of LTC, DTTDC is also an authorised travel agency in addition to three authorised travel agents mentioned below para-1 of OM dated 16/06/2022 for booking of air tickets for employees of Govt. of NCT of Delhi and Autonomous bodies under GNCTD control: -

All Heads of Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

 All Pay & Accounts Officers through Principal Accounts Office, Vikas Bhawan, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

3. All Heads of Autonomous Bodies, Govt of NCT of Delhi.

4. Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation & South Delhi Municipal Corporation, Civic Centre, Minto Road, New Delhi.

 Commissioner, East Delhi Municipal Corporation, Udyog Sadan, Patparganj, Delhi.

6. Chairperson, NDMC, Palika Kendra, New Delhi.

7. Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Cantonment Board, Delhi.

8. CEO, Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.

9. Sy. Analyst with the request to upload the same on Website of Finance Department and all the Departments are requested to download the same dispatched to any Organisation/Deptt.)

10. Guard File.

(P.V.S.S. Subba Rao)

Jt. Secy.(Finance/Policy)

List of paper forwarded

S.No	Ministry/ Deptt	OM No. and dated	Subject
1	Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance,	O.M. No. 19024/03/ 2021.E.IV dated	Modification of Instructions regarding Booking of Air Tickets on Government Account.

No. 19024/03/2021-E.IV Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Expenditure

> North Block, New Delhi. Dated the 16th June, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Modification of instructions regarding Booking of Air Tickets on Government account.

In view of the decision of the Government for disinvestment of Air India, it has already been decided that in all cases of air travel where the Government of India bears the cost of air pu sage, air tickets shall be purchased only from the three Authorized Travel Agents viz.

- M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL),
- (ii) M/s Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT)
- (iii) Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC),
- 2. The choice of the travel agent for booking of ticket for tour and LTC from those in Para 1 is left open to the Ministry/Department and to the official in case of self booking, based on convenience and service quality. Tickets for all employees for a single tour should be done through one selected travel agent only. No agency charges/convenience fees will be paid to these three booking agencies.
- 3. Employees are to choose flight having the Best Available Fare on their entitled travel class which is the Cheapest Fare available, preferably for Non-stop flight in a given slot at the time of booking:
 - (a) On the day of travel in the desired 3 hours slot of following time band 00.00 to 03.00, 03.00 to 06.00, 06.00 to 09.00, 09.00 to 12.00, 12.00 to 15.00, 15.00 to 18.00, 18.00 to 21.00, 21.00 to 24.00
 - (b) With provision of optimizing within a 10% price band, for convenience and comfort.
- 4. Employees are encouraged to book flight tickets at least 21 days prior to the intended date of travel on tour and LTC, to avail the most competitive fares and minimize burden on the exchequer. Bookings may be made even if the approval of the tour programme is still under process.
- 5. Any bookings made within less than 72 hours of intended travel on Tour, will require the submission of self-declared justification by the employee.
- 6. Employees are also encouraged to avoid unnecessary cancellations. Cancellations made less than 24 hours before intended travel, will require the submission of a self-declared justification by the employee.
- 7. Employees should preferably book only one ticket for each leg of intended travel. Holding of more than one ticket is not allowed. However, in case of special exigencies or exceptional circumstances, a maximum of two tickets for the alternative flights for different time-slot may be booked for same leg of travel with the self-declared justification for the same.

- 8. (a) While tickets may be arranged by the office through the travel agent, employees are encouraged to make ticket booking digitally through the Self Booking Tool/online booking website/portal of these 3 authorized agencies only.
 - (b) Employees must register their official Government Email-Id with these 3 agencies to book their air tickets digitally through above modes for travel by any airlines
- 9. Ministries/Departments should ensure the availability of sanctioned Budget for Domestic and Foreign travel for their employees.
- 10. In case of unavoidable circumstances, where the booking of ticket is done from unauthorized travel agent/website, the Financial Advisors of the Ministry/Department and Head of Department not below the rank of Joint Secretary in subordinate /attached offices are authorized to grant relaxation.
- 11. All Ministries/Departments are to clear their dues on account of air ticket to the concerned travel agent within a maximum of 30 days from completion of journey.
- 12. To ensure timely payment of air ticket to the travel agents, to confirm the performance of journey, the employee has to submit a certificate/undertaking in prescribed proforma (enclosed as Annexure-1) within 72 hours of completion of journey. TA bill may be submitted later as per the existing rules.
- 13. Ministries/Departments must clear all previous outstanding dues to the travel agents by 31st August, 2022.
- 14. No Mileage Points will be generated against travel on Government account.
- 15. All Ministries/Departments are directed to ensure strict compliance of the order and to widely circulate this O.M. in all offices including Attached/Subordinate Offices/Autonomous Bodies under their control.
- 16. This O.M. is issued in supersession of all existing instructions on the subject.
- This is issued with the approval of the Finance Secretary & Secretary (Expenditure).

(Nirmala Dev)

To.

All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India as per standard distribution list.

Copy: O/o C&AG, UPSC etc. as per standard endorsement list.