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To

The Director General of Income Tax  
Kochi

Sir,

Sub : Pending Travelling Allowance Bills of Officials of Surveillance Team for  
Assembly Election 2021- reg.

Kind attention of the Director General of Income Tax (Inv.), Kochi is invited to the objection raised by the ZAO, Kochi in passing the Travelling Allowance Bills of the officers and officials posted in Special Surveillance Team created by the department during the Kerala Assembly Election in 2021 and such bills are pending even after the lapse of more than a year. Many of the officers and officials posted outside the headquarters and stayed at different stations had incurred expenses to perform the duty. Those who were posted at the same station also have incurred incidental expenses in connection with the same.


2. The orders of creating such surveillance teams issued by the Director Generals of Income Tax in other states clearly mentioned the eligibility of the Travelling Allowances to the officers and officials and also encouraged availing of TA advances to meet the expenses with a direction to submit the bills in time. For the ready reference, the copy of order issued by the DGIT, Chennai is attached herewith. All the official and officers posted for surveillance duty had also claimed their eligible TA/DA in the earlier elections held in Kerala also.


3. The ZAO has raised objection with regard to the eligibility of TA/DA to the members of such surveillance team in the absence of a direction on claim of TA/DA in the posting order issued by the DGIT(Inv.), Kochi. The ZAO has raised the issue whether these officials are eligible for TA/DA as per Central Government TA Rules or to be allowed as per the eligible TA allowed by the Election Commission. In most of the cases the Election Commission have not given any expenses at all and in some cases, they allowed it to the extent of the eligibility computed as per their rules.

4. Kindly note that the officers and posted in Surveillance Team were not deputed to work under the Election Commission but were created to work independently under the direct control of the DGIT. Hence, they are eligible for Travelling Allowance as per the Central Government Rules.

5. As the issue is long pending and non-reimbursement of the expenses met by them in performing duty, is demoralizing to the employees. Therefore it is requested that the DGIT(Inv) may kindly intervene in this matter and an order clarifying the eligibility of Travelling Allowance to the Surveillance Team under the Central Government TA Rules may be issued at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

  
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