

No.AV.18011/05/2012-AI  
Government of India  
Ministry of Civil Aviation  
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Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, Safdarjung Airport  
New Delhi-110003,  
Dated: 20.05.2016

Office Memorandum

**Subject:** **Allowing air travel by airlines other than Air India- dealing with cases for which journey has been performed prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's D.O. No. AV.18011/05/2012-AI dated 7.3.2016 addressed to all Secretaries to the Govt. of India whereby the powers to grant relaxation to travel by airlines other than Air India were delegated to the Financial Advisors of Ministries/Departments w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016.

2. In connection with the delegation of powers referred to above, this Ministry has been receiving suggestions to the effect that if a Govt. organization has its own FA, then it leads to unnecessary delay if the matter is referred to FA of the Ministry because often the officers have to travel at short notice. Accordingly, it has been decided to authorize the FAs of organizations concerned to decide these cases without referring them to their administrative Ministry, provided the FA of the Organization is equivalent in rank to a Joint Secretary. However, in case the FA of any organizations is lower in rank than a Joint Secretary, then the proposal from that organization may be sent to the FA of the administrative Ministry/Department concerned.

3. Though the powers to grant relaxation to travel by airlines other than air India has been delegated w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016, this Ministry is receiving a number of requests for journeys performed prior to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 where Financial advisors are not attending to the cases prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016 on the ground that the cases are prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016 whereas the delegation of powers is w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016.

4. The delegation of power to grant relaxation was carried out with the view to streamline the process and avoid delays in processing the cases. Exercising the authority at dual level i.e. in the MoCA as well as in the respective Ministry/Department at the same time may result in avoidable confusion and may not be advisable. In view of the above, it has been decided that FAs concerned shall process even those cases where the journey has been performed prior to 01.04.2016.



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To,

All Secretaries to the Govt. of India.

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SECRETARY  
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D.O.No.18011/05/2012-AI

March 7, 2016

Dear Secretary,

As you are aware, the Department of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance vide their OMs No.F.No.19024/1/2009-E.IV dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2009, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 and 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2011, had decided that in all cases of official air travel (both domestic and international) including air travel for the purpose of LTC, where the Government of India bears the cost of air passage, the officials concerned shall travel only by Air India. The DoE had also given mandate to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) to grant permission to travel by airlines other than Air India, in case of operational or other reasons or on account of non-availability of Air India flights on any route.

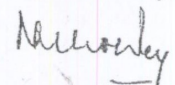
2. Keeping in view the inconvenience faced by the officials in seeking exemption from MoCA, this Ministry had taken up the matter with DoE regarding delegation of powers to the Financial Advisors (FAs) of the Ministries to grant permission to travel by airlines other than Air India. The DoE has now agreed to the said proposal and has asked MoCA to guide the FAs on various aspects of granting exemption in individual cases pertaining to their respective Ministries.

3. You are requested to instruct the FAs in your Ministry to start exercising the power to grant the said permissions w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2016 in accordance with the instructions contained in the DoE OMs referred to above. I am enclosing a copy each of the three DoE OMs referred to above for the guidance of FAs. Apart from these three basic instructions relating to issue of permission to travel by airlines other than Air India, DoE and DoP&T have issued other related instructions from time to time and the same are available on their respective websites.

4. I look forward to your co-operation for successful implementation of this new arrangement.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(R.N. Choubey)

Encl(s): as above.

To:

All Secretaries to the Govt. of India (as per list).