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Office Memorandum

Subject: Allowing air travel by airlines other than Air India- dealing with cases for which journey has been performed prior to 1st 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. 1st 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. 1st April, 2016, this Ministry is receiving a number of requests for journeys performed prior to 31st March, 2016 where Financial advisors are not attending to the cases prior to 1st April, 2016 on the ground that the cases are prior to 1st April, 2016 whereas the delegation of powers is w.e.f. 1st 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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