

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Tour Advance – Drawal of Tour Advance and delayed Refund of unutilized portion – Levy of Interest – Revised orders issued –reg.

FINANCE (EXPENDITURE - B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(P) No.197/13/Fin

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 30 .04.2013.

Read:-G.O.(P) No. 51/93/Fin dated 20.01.1993.

ORDER

As per Government order read above, when tour advance is not utilized fully, but the adjustment bill is submitted in time, interest at rate of 12.5% per annum will be charged on the unutilized portion of the advance from the date of drawal to refund of advance.

2. It has come to the notice of Government that officers of various departments who have drawn tour advance are not settling the same even though the advance drawn is not fully utilized. Drawing advance more than actually required and keeping the same in hand without remitting back unutilized portion of advance to the treasury and delayed presentation of final Bills are serious irregularities.

3. Imposing interest at the rate of 12.5% per annum as penalty is not a punishment rate. Hence Government feel that a higher rate of interest has to be fixed as penalty in cases where there is violation of Government instructions.

4. In order to avoid the chance of misusing the Government money, the following orders are issued.

- (1) A time limit of 3 months is fixed for the presentation of final bill.
- (2) In cases where tour advance is not utilized fully but the adjustment bill is submitted in time, interest at the rate of 18% per annum will be charged on the unutilized portion of the advance from the date of drawal to the date of refund of the advance.
- (3) In cases where the adjustment bill is not submitted within the prescribed time, the entire amount of advance may be recovered in one lump immediately on the expiry of such time limit. Interest at the rate prescribed at (2) above will be charged in the entire amount of advance from the date of drawal to the date of recovery of the amount.

(4) This shall take effect from the date of issue of this order.

5. The Amendment to Note (ii) of Article 53 (e) Kerala Financial Code Vol. I will be issued separately.

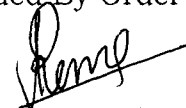
By order of the Governor,

RAJESH KUMAR SINHA
SECRETARY (FINANCE -EXPENDITURE)

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