



ABSTRACT

NEWSPAPERS – Newspaper Allowances towards purchase of daily newspapers / e-magazines including Weekly / Fortnightly / Monthly magazines for Government Officers as per their eligibility criteria – Revised Orders – Issued.

Finance (Salaries) Department

G.O.Ms.No.177

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Read:

1. Government Letter No. 105752/Finance (Salaries)/96-1, dated 11.02.1997.
2. G.O.Ms.No.18, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated 11.01.2012.

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ORDER:-

Under Serial No. 8 B (2) (1) (b) of Appendix-5 of Tamil Nadu Financial Code Volume – II, the Secretaries to Government and other Officers viz., the Heads of Department, Inspector General of Police having independent offices, Joint Secretaries, Additional Secretaries to Government etc., are authorized to purchase newspapers for the purpose of news scrutiny and follow up, from the list of newspapers provided in the Tamil Nadu Financial Code. The eligibility to purchase newspapers as well as the list of newspapers to be supplied was revised subsequently by various orders issued from time to time by the Government.

2. In the Government Letter first read above, instructions were issued to the effect that 15% of monthly cost of newspapers shall be deducted towards the sale value of old newspapers in the subsequent month in respect of those officials who are not returning the old newspapers to the concerned offices supplying newspapers.

3. In the Government order second read above, orders were issued earlier specifying the list of Officers eligible for supply of newspapers as

detailed below:-

Officers	Number of Newspaper eligible	Eligibility amount per annum
The Secretaries to Government / The Special Secretaries to Government.	Any Five	Rs.12,000/- to Rs.15,000/-
Heads of Departments, Collectors, Superintendents of Police, Inspector General of Police, Zonal Inspector General of Police and Deputy Inspector General of Police having independent offices.	Any Four	Rs.9,600/- to Rs.12,000/-
The Joint Secretaries and Additional Secretaries to Government.	Any Two	Rs.4,800/- to Rs.6,000/-

4. The Human Resources Management Department has brought to notice that due to COVID-19 it is considered that instead of purchasing daily newspapers / magazines, subscribing and reading it through online / e-magazines from website like 'magzter.com' etc., will be a good option to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

5. The Human Resources Management Department has also furnished a comparative statement of the cost of present system of reimbursement for purchase of regular newspapers and the cost towards subscription of e-magazine is detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Officers	No. of Newspapers / Magazines	Cost range per month for one newspaper	Amount for the year	Cost of e-Magazine (Approx)
1.	Secretaries to Government and Special Secretary to Government	5 (Five)	Rs.200 to Rs.250/- (per month)	Rs.12000/- to Rs.15000/-	Rs.3,999/-
2.	The Joint Secretaries and Additional Secretaries to Government	2 (Two)	Rs.200 to Rs.250/- (per month)	Rs.4800/- to Rs.6000/-	Rs.3,999/-

6. The Human Resources Management Department has therefore proposed that all eligible officers may be authorized to subscribe for e-magazines, for the purpose of news scrutiny, take follow up action and get reimbursement for any one, either for purchase of daily newspapers or for subscribing e-magazines by giving option in a year.

7. The Government after careful consideration has decided to issue revised rate of Daily Newspaper Allowance towards purchase of Daily Newspapers and e-magazines as per the choice of the Officers subject to

adhering the conditions stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.18, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated 11.01.2012. Accordingly, Government issues the revised rate of newspaper allowance and guidelines as detailed below:-

Officers	Allowance Amount per annum Rs.	Allowance Amount per month Rs.
Chief Secretary and officers drawing Apex Scale (Level 17 in the pay matrix Rs.2,25,000/-)	15,000/-	1,250/-
The Principal Secretaries to Government and Additional Director General of Police (Level 15 Rs.1,82,200 - 2,24,100)	12,000/-	1,000/-
The Secretaries to Government, The Special Secretaries to Government (Level 14 Rs.1,44,200 - 2,18,200)		
Heads of Departments, Collectors, Superintendents of Police, Inspector General of Police, Zonal Inspector General of Police and Deputy Inspector General of Police having independent offices	10,000/-	834/-
Additional Secretaries to Government	8,000/-	666/-
Joint Secretaries to Government	6,000/-	500/-

- ii) A self declaration by the Officer will suffice to claim the above allowance;
- iii) To do away with the existing practice of producing bills and deduction of 15% of monthly cost of newspapers as sale value;
- iv) Purchase of any Newspaper / digital paper within the limit of eligibility may be left to the discretion of the Officer concerned;
- v) Officers shall also be permitted to opt for purchasing Dailies / Magazines and prescribing for digital papers on either quarterly/Half-yearly/annually at their choice.
- vi) The above orders shall take effect from 01.04.2022.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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