OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Grant of Hard Area Allowance to the Central Government employees posted in the Islands of UT of Lakshadweep other than Kavarati & Agati.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry’s O.M. No.12(1)/E-II(B)/03 dt. 01-03-2004 on grant of Hard Area allowance to Central Govt. employees posted in Nicobar Group of Islands w.e.f. 01-04-2004 and subsequent O.M. No.12(4)/2008-E.II(B), dated 29th August 2008, extending this allowance to all central Government employees posted in Minicoy in Lakshadweep @ 25% of (basic pay + NPA, where applicable), w.e.f. 01-09-2008 which was accepted by the Govt. based on the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission and to say that the proposal to also extend Hard Area Allowance in Islands other than Minicoy of UT of Lakshadweep has been under consideration of the Government for some time.

2. The President is now pleased to decide that Central Government employees posted in Kiltan, Andrott, Kalpeni, Chetlat, Kadmat, Amini and Bithra Islands of Lakshadweep shall be paid Hard Area Allowance @ 15% of (basic pay + NPA, where applicable), on the existing terms & conditions.

3. These order shall take effect from the date of issue.

4. In so far as the persons serving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders issue in consultation with Comptroller & Auditor General of India.

5. Hindi version is attached.

(Madhulika P.Sukul)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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