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95350/Q/DDGCS/Advisory

As per Distribution list

PURCHASE OF GROCERY AND LIQUOR FROM ANY CANTEEN

1. Refer CS Dte Letter No 95350/Q/DDGCS/Policy dated 01 Jun 2018.
2. As per the above letter, instrs for purchase of grocery & /or liquor from any canteen are as under :-

(a) **Grocery.** All authorized beneficiaries, Serving, ESM or Civ Def employees can collect grocery from any Canteen. No URC will deny purchase of grocery to an authorised beneficiary. However, ESM should preferably collect grocery from the dependent canteen.

(b) **Liquor .**

(i) **Serving Pers.** All serving pers can purchase liquor from any canteen even during temp duty/leave. No canteen will deny purchase of liquor to a serving pers irrespective of dependency. As a serving pers mostly draws liquor from his unit canteen while he is on parade, during lve/TD he can draw from another canteen or from a canteen at home station. This can be catered from the existing dependency of the URCs since the Nos will be very small.

(ii) **ESM.** All ESM are authorized to purchase liquor only from their dependent URC. This had been decided due to fwg reasons :-

(aa) All ESM give their choice of Dependent URC to Stn HQ and accordingly, they are allotted to a dependent URC.

(ab) The URCs cater for this authorized dependency & demand liquor for all the ESM dependent on them.

(ac) In addn, distr of ESM is done equitably by the Stn HQ/ LMA to ensure that URCs having larger infrastructure & capital get more ESM & vice versa.

(ad) ESM generally remain in their home town & prefer to collect liquor from dependent URC.

(ae) Due to excise restrictions, liquor is to be bought & consumed in the same state.

3. Of late, a No of requests have been received from ESM that they should be permitted to buy liquor from any URC across the country. This is not possible due to the reasons mentioned at Para 2 (b) (ii) above. While ESM should purchase liquor from dependent URC only, to help ESM who are out of station to visit their children/family or any other reason, a dispensation is hereby given that ESM can collect not more than one month quota in one year from any URC other than parent URC. All URCs will henceforth allow non dependent ESM to purchase one month quota, for genuine/exceptional cases.

4. Guidelines to URCs to Iden Genuine Cases. While not all sits necessitating 'exceptional considerations' may be enumerated, certain sits qualifying for such consideration are as follows:-

- (a) ESM vis relatives/ dependents in different cities.
- (b) Marriage of children in a different city.
- (c) Repeat requests (more than once a yr for the same reason) be denied.

5. In case an ESM has changed his address or is out for a longer period, he/she should submit application to nearest Stn HQ for change of dependency to URC from where he wants to collect liquor for that duration. The URC will then include him in its dependency based on authority of the Stn HQ and permit purchase of liquor for that duration.

6. The contents of this letter may please be disseminated to all fmns/Unit/ URCs for info and compliance .



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