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(Encl.: (As above) 1. OM/Letter No. A1710/0/5/717)
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Implementation on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission regarding grant of Hard Area Allowance to Defence Forces personnel posted in Nicobar Group of Islands and Islands of Union Territory of Lakshadweep other than Kavaratti & Agatti.

I am directed to refer to Ministry of Finance OM No. 13/1/2017-E.II(B) dated 14.07.2017 on the subject cited above and to say that consequent upon the acceptance of the recommendations of Seventh Central Pay Commission by the Government, the President, in supersession of all existing orders issued on the subject from time to time, is pleased to decide that Defence Forces personnel posted in Nicobar Group of Islands and Minicoy, Kiltan, Andrott, Kalpeni, Chetlat, Kadmat, Amini and Bithra Islands of Lakshadweep shall be paid Hard Area Allowance at the following rates:-

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<td>(i) Nicobar Group of Islands and Minicoy in Lakshadweep Islands</td>
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2. The term 'Basic Pay' for the purpose of this order refers to basic pay as defined in relevant Army/Air Force Pay Rules and Navy Pay Regulations.

3. In places where more than one Special Compensatory Allowances are admissible, the Defence Forces personnel posted in such stations will have the option to choose one allowance which benefits them the most, i.e. Hard Area Allowance or one of the Special Compensatory Allowances subsumed under Tough Location Allowance Category III.

4. If Post Service Concessions are admissible in such areas, the Defence Forces personnel will have the option of receiving the higher of the two allowances.

5. The Hard Area Allowance shall be admissible in addition to the Island Special Duty Allowance, where admissible.
6. With the coming into effect of these orders, the provisions regarding revised rates of Area Allowance at Sl. No. 11 under the heading 'Revised rates of allowances other than risk and hardship in respect of Officers/JCOs/ORs of the Army and equivalent ranks of Navy & Air Force in Appendix-'B' of this Ministry's letter No. AAG/2017/D(Pay/Services) dated 18.09.2017 stands deleted w.e.f. 1st July, 2017 itself the date of effect of the ibid letter.


8. The orders with the concurrence of the Ministry of Defence (Finance) vide their Diary No. 2016-AG/02-PA dated 12.02.2018.

Yours faithfully

(Prasanth Rastog) Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To:

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