

## CHAPTER X : MINISTRY OF FINANCE

### 10.1 Irregular payment of Tribal Area Allowance in Jharkhand

#### Central Government offices in Jharkhand irregularly paid ₹ 4.38 crore as Tribal Area Allowance (TAA) to it employees

Ministry of Finance, Government of India had stipulated<sup>1</sup> that Tribal Area Allowance (TAA) is not admissible in those States where it has been dis-continued for State Government employees. Since TAA is not admissible to State Government employees in Jharkhand, employees of Central Government offices located in that State are also not entitled to TAA. Audit examination revealed that the employees of the following Central Government offices located in Jharkhand, drew TAA amounting to ₹ 4.38 crore as under:

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Ministry	Office	TAA paid
1.	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare	CGHS, Ranchi	4.99
		Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi	105.61
2.	Ministry of Home Affairs	CBI, Ranchi	12.25
		CTC (T&IT) CRPF, Ranchi	47.64
3.	Ministry of Human Resource Development	IGNOU, Ranchi	4.03
		JNV <sup>2</sup> , Ranchi	12.72
		JNV, Jamtara	4.08
		JNV, Simdega	3.66
		JNV, Lohardaga	10.58
		JNV, Gumla	8.96
		JNV, Latehar	7.85
		JNV, Dumka	9.97
		JNV, Pakur	4.39
		JNV- II, Pakur	1.38
		JNV, Saraikela	9.34
JNV, Sahibganj	8.68		

<sup>1</sup> Department of Expenditure OM No. 17 (1)/98-EII (B) dated 17 July 1998

<sup>2</sup> Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya

		JNV, East Singhbhum	6.13
4.		JNV, West Singhbhum	6.20
		NIFFT, Ranchi	12.03
		NIT, Jamshedpur	86.97
5.	Ministry of Information & Broadcasting	All India Radio, Ranchi	27.56
		All India Radio, Jamshedpur	16.55
		Doordarshan Kendra, Ranchi	4.96
6.	Ministry of Labour & Employment	ESIC Hospital, Jamshedpur	14.39
7.	Ministry of Urban Development	CPWD, Project Division, Ranchi	0.69
		CPWD, Hinoo, Ranchi	6.01
<b>Total</b>			<b>437.62</b>

Ministry of Finance accepted (March 2016) the audit observation and issued directions<sup>3</sup> to Financial Advisers of all Ministries and Departments to take appropriate action immediately.

<sup>3</sup> Department of Expenditure OM No. 17 (1)/ 2008-E II (B) dated 21 December 2016