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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Sub: One-time relaxation to the allottees of General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) in view of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

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Ministry has been receiving calls from various allottees of Government accommodations, who were / are due to vacate their flats / houses and are not able to do so in the light of the advisories regarding social distancing issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) under the current global Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). Further, Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) has issued Guidelines with do's & don'ts for government personnel vide their O.M. dated 17.03.2020 to contain the spread of this virus. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) vide its Order dated 24.03.2020 has issued directions for nation-wide complete lockdown to contain the fast spreading infection.

2. This extraordinary situation has been considered by the Ministry and it has been decided by the Competent Authority to allow suo-moto retention for the period from 17.03.2020 to 31.05.2020 for all such allottees under the Central Government General Pool Residential Accommodation (CGGPRA) Rules, 2017. This relaxation will be applicable to the following categories:

- i. Rule 24(2) – where two allottees, who are in occupation of separate accommodation allotted under these rules marry each other, and are directed to surrender one of the accommodation within one month of their marriage;
- ii. Rule 40 – which provides for concessional period of retention of GPRA under different cases; and
- iii. Rule 44 (7 & 8) – which provides for change of accommodation.

2. The suo-moto retention period will be on the payment of licence fees as applicable to the allottee under these rules. No damage will be charged for this period.

3. These relaxations will be given to such allottees also where she/he has become unauthorized occupant of government accommodation before 17.03.2020. However, in such cases, after the retention period of 75 days i.e. upto 31.05.2020, the damage charges at telescopic rates, as was continuing prior to this period, will be resumed.

4. D.D.(Computers) will flash this message on the website for giving wide publicity.



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