



आरोग्यं सुखसम्पदा

**The National Institute of Health and Family Welfare  
(Accounts Section)**

No.NIHFV/Acctts./LTC/19-10/2018-21

Dated:- 17th June, 2022

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

This is to bring to the notice of all concerned of the Institute that Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure vide O.M. No. 19024/03/2021-E.IV dated.16.06.2022 has issued modification of instruction regarding Booking of Air Travel on Government account.

2. The above O.M dated 16/06/2022 is attached herewith for information and strict compliance.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority, NIHFV.

  
(L. Haqip)

Section Officer(Accounts)

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1. All HODs & Sectional Heads.
2. PA to Director/Dean/DD(A)
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21/06/22

Sh. Harsh Kumar

No. 19024/03/2021-E.IV  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure

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North Block, New Delhi.  
Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Modification of instructions regarding Booking of Air Tickets on Government account.**

In view of the decision of the Government for disinvestment of Air India, it has already been decided that in all cases of air travel where the Government of India bears the cost of air passage, air tickets shall be purchased only from the three Authorized Travel Agents viz.

- (i) M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Limited (BLCL),
- (ii) M/s Ashok Travels & Tours (ATT)
- (iii) Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC),

2. The choice of the travel agent for booking of ticket for tour and LTC from those in Para 1 is left open to the Ministry/Department and to the official in case of self booking, based on convenience and service quality. Tickets for all employees for a single tour should be done through one selected travel agent only. No agency charges/convenience fees will be paid to these three booking agencies.

3. Employees are to choose flight having the **Best Available Fare** on their entitled travel class which is the **Cheapest Fare** available, preferably for Non-stop flight in a given slot at the time of booking :-

(a) On the day of travel in the desired 3 hours slot of following time band - 00.00 to 03.00, 03.00 to 06.00, 06.00 to 09.00, 09.00 to 12.00, 12.00 to 15.00, 15.00 to 18.00, 18.00 to 21.00, 21.00 to 24.00

(b) With provision of optimizing within a 10% price band, for convenience and comfort.

4. Employees are encouraged to book flight tickets at least 21 days prior to the intended date of travel on tour and LTC, to avail the most competitive fares and minimize burden on the exchequer. Bookings may be made even if the approval of the tour programme is still under process.

5. Any bookings made within less than 72 hours of intended travel on Tour, will require the submission of self-declared justification by the employee.

6. Employees are also encouraged to avoid unnecessary cancellations. Cancellations made less than 24 hours before intended travel, will require the submission of a self-declared justification by the employee.

7. Employees should preferably book only one ticket for each leg of intended travel. Holding of more than one ticket is not allowed. However, in case of special exigencies or exceptional circumstances, a maximum of two tickets for the alternative flights for different time-slot may be booked for same leg of travel with the self-declared justification for the same.

