

भारत सरकार/ GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
रेल मंत्रालय/ MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(रेलवे बोर्ड) / (RAILWAY BOARD)

No.2020/E(LL)/APW/4

New Delhi dated: 16.10.2020

The General Managers,  
All Zonal Railways,  
Metro Railway, Kolkata and PUs


**Sub: Grant of Advance—Special Festival Package to Government Servants.**

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A copy of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance's OM No.12(2)/2020-EII(A) dated 12.10.2020 on the above mentioned subject for information/necessary action.

2. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.
3. Please acknowledge the receipt.

DA: As above.

  
(Ms. Manju)  
Director Estt.(LL)  
Railway Board

No. 2020/E(LL)/APW/4

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Copy to: 1. PFA, All Indian Railway/PUs.  
2. The Principal Director of Railway Audit, Indian Railways/PUs  
3. The Dy. Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Railways),  
Room No.224, Railway Board, New Delhi.

  
For Member Finance (Railways)

Copy to: F (E)-II Br., Railway Board.

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F.No.12(2)/2020-EII(A)  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
EII(A) Branch

North Block, New Delhi  
12<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

Office Memorandum

**Sub: Grant of Advance - Special Festival Package to Government Servants.**

The undersigned is directed to say that with a view to enable Government servants to meet expenses relating to festivals and to encourage spending thereby giving a boost to economic activities, in pursuance of decision taken by the Government, it has been decided that a special festival package of advance will be accorded to all Government servants for any important festivals upto 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.

2. A Head of Office may sanction this special package on the eve of any important festival to any Central Government Servant under his administrative control. The term "important festival" is clarified as such festivals or one of such festivals as Head of Department may declare in respect of establishments under his/her administrative control.
3. The amount of the package is Rs. 10,000/- to be paid as advance to Government servant. This amount is interest free. The amount would be released through pre-loaded Rupay Card from SBI. DDOs, on receipt of application from Government servants for this package may process and acquire the prepaid cards from SBI for issue among the applicants. A detailed SOP for DDOs for obtaining these cards would be separately issued.
4. The festival package may be granted to a Government servant if he/she is on Government duty or on leave excluding leave preparatory to retirement, on the date on which the advance is disbursed. The amount paid under this package is recoverable in not more than ten (10) instalments.
5. These orders will take effect from the date of issuance of this Office Memorandum and will be in force during the current financial year till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.
6. All the Ministries/Departments are requested to bring the contents of this OM to the notice of all its Attached and Subordinate offices for their information/necessary action.

*B. M. Singh*

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