

Section III – Travelling Allowances, Travel Grant and Refund of Travelling Expenses

- 18.2.65 Travelling allowances including travel grant, mileage rates and refund of travelling expenses payable to public officers as from 1 January 2013 were computed on the basis of the price of petrol, average car price and related fixed costs prior to that date. These allowances and mileage rates were subsequently reviewed in the 2013 EOAC Report.
- 18.2.66 Staff Unions have always made representations to index the travelling allowances and rates of mileage to the prevailing price of petrol on the local market. However, considering that (a) the price of petrol on the local market may fluctuate every month; (b) indexing would mean either an upward or downward adjustment; and (c) the administrative inconvenience of adjusting such allowance on a monthly basis, it is not considered advisable to change the present system of ensuring an increase whenever the price exceeds a certain level.
- 18.2.67 In this Report, we are re-computing the various travelling allowances. These rates would be subject to revision, as and when necessary.

Recommendation 25

- 18.2.68 We recommend that the monthly travelling allowances and mileage rates payable to beneficiaries be revised as per table below:

No.	Categories of Officers	Travelling Allowances/Mileage Rates
1.	Officers drawing a monthly basic salary of Rs 89000 or more and eligible for 100% duty exemption on a car of up to 1850 cc excluding beneficiaries of self/chauffeur driven car.	A monthly fixed cost allowance of Rs 2390 and a monthly travelling allowance of Rs 11500 OR refund of mileage, subject to the approval of the Supervising Officer, at the rate specified at (No. 5) (ii) below together with a monthly commuted allowance of Rs 3165 in case officers perform official travelling during the month.

