

**O.M. No. 20015/7/98-OL (P-II), dated 2.6.1998**

**Subject:—** Grant of to-and-fro air fare to non-official members of Hindi Salahkar Samitis.

It was intimated by the Akhil Bharatiya Hindi Sanstha Sangh, New Delhi that non-official members specially the members of over-sixty years of age, who come from far-off places to Delhi to take part in the meetings of Hindi Salahkar Samitis face many difficulties while travelling by train and to avoid such difficulties they resort to air travel. Under these circumstances the Sanstha Sangh have requested for grant of air-fare to all such non-official members who take part in the meetings.

2. In this connection, it is stated that as per the provisions made in the Ministry of Finance O.M. No. F. 19024/7/82-E.IV, dated 8-10-82, the powers have already been delegated to the Secretaries of the Ministries/Departments to grant air fare to the following categories of non-official members:—

- (i) Retired Government Servants, who before their retirement were entitled to travel by air on official duty.
- (ii) Salaried employees of Universities Institutions, Autonomous Bodies, etc., who are entitled to travel by air.
- (iii) Private individuals, who are reputed experts in their own disciplines.

Non-official members of Hindi Salahkar Samitis fall under the category (iii) of the above sub-para. It is clear from the above that provision to grant air fare to such non-official members with the permission of the concerned Secretary already exists. All Ministries/Departments may, with the permission of concerned Secretary, grant facilities of air journey to the expert non-official members on merits and keeping in mind the preconditions contained in the above order.