

**THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (REMUNERATION
AND ALLOWANCES) ORDER, 1973**

PRESIDENT'S ORDER NO. 28 OF 1973

[4th April, 1973]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the ¹[remuneration] and allowances of the Members of Parliament;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of Article 68 of the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make the following Order:-

- | | |
|---|--------------|
| <p>1. (1) This Order may be called the Members of Parliament ²[Remuneration] and Allowances) Order, 1973.</p> | Short title |
| <p>(2) It shall come into force at once.</p> | Commencement |
| <p>2. In this Order, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-</p> <p>(a) "Committee" means a Standing Committee or a Select Committee of Parliament or any other committee set up by or under the authority of Parliament and includes a sub-committee set up by any such committee;</p> <p>(b) "Member" means a Member of Parliament but does not include the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker or the Prime Minister or a Minister or a Minister of State or a Deputy Minister;</p> <p>(c) "Parliament" means the Parliament for Bangladesh;</p> <p>(d) "term of office" means the period beginning with the date on which a Member enters upon his office and ending with the date on which he ceases to be a Member;</p> | Definitions |

¹ The word "remuneration" was substituted for the word "salaries" by section 2 of the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXXV of 1988).

² The word "Remuneration" was substituted for the word "Salaries" by section 3 of the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXXV of 1988).

- (e) “year” means a year commencing on the date of the first meeting of Parliament after a general election and ending on the expiry of three hundred sixty-five days therefrom.

Remuneration **3.** A Member shall be entitled to receive a ¹[remuneration] at the rate of ²[fifteen thousand] taka *per mensem* ³[free of income-tax] and to the privileges and amenities provided in this Order during the whole of his term of office.

Constituency allowance ⁴⁵**3A.** A Member shall be entitled to receive a constituency allowance at the rate of five thousand taka *per mensem*.

Explanation.- In this Article, “Member” shall include the Prime Minister, the Speaker, the Ministers, the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the House, the Deputy Speaker, the Chief Whip, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Ministers of State, the Whips and Deputy Ministers who are Members of Parliament.]

Sumptuary allowance **3B.** A Member shall be entitled to receive a sumptuary allowance at the rate of ⁶[two thousand] taka *per mensem*.]

Tax and duty free car or jeep ⁷**3C.** A Member shall be entitled to import free of customs duty, sales tax, development surcharge and import permit fee

¹ The word “remuneration” was substituted for the word “salary” by section 4 of the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXXV of 1988).

² The words “fifteen thousand” were substituted for the words “ten thousand” by section 2 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 2005 (Act No. XXIV of 2005).

³ The words “free of income-tax” were inserted by section 2 of the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 1974 (Act No. XXII of 1974).

⁴ Article 3A and 3B were inserted by section 3 of the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 1987 (Act No. IV of 1987).

⁵ Article 3A was substituted by section 2 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No. XXIII of 2003).

⁶ The words “two thousand” were substituted for the words “one thousand” by section 3 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No. XXIII of 2003).

⁷ Article 3C was inserted by section 2 of the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances)(Second Amendment) Act, 1987 (Act No. XXXVII of 1987).

during the whole of his term of office, one car or jeep of such specification, and on such conditions, as the Government may specify in this behalf.

¹[**Explanation.-** In this Article, “Member” shall include the Prime Minister, the Speaker, the Ministers, the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the House, the Deputy Speaker, the Chief Whip, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Ministers of State, the Whips and Deputy Ministers who are Members of Parliament.]]

²[**3D.** A Member shall be entitled to receive office expenses allowance at the rate of ³[six thousand] taka *per mensem* for maintaining an office in his constituency. Office expenses allowance

Explanation.- In this Article, “Member” shall include the Prime Minister, the Speaker, the Ministers, the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Leader of the House, the Deputy Speaker, the Chief Whip, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Ministers of State, the Whips and Deputy Ministers who are Members of Parliament.]

4. For every journey performed for the purpose of attending a session of Parliament or a meeting of a Committee or for attending to any other business connected with his duties as Member from his usual place of residence to the place where the session or the meeting is held or other business is transacted and for the return journey from such place to his usual place of residence, a Member shall be entitled to receive travelling allowance at the following rates, namely:- Journey performed for the purpose of attending a session

- (a) where a journey is performed by rail, air, steamer or launch, an amount equal to one and one-half of the fare for the highest class by the shortest route;

¹ The *Explanation* was substituted by section 4 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 1992 (Act No. XVIII of 1992).

² Article 3D was inserted by section 5 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 1992 (Act No. XVIII of 1992).

³ The words “six thousand” were substituted for the words “one thousand and five hundred” by section 4 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No. XXIII of 2003).

- (b) where a journey or any part thereof cannot be performed by rail, air, steamer or launch and is performed by road, a mileage allowance at the rate of ¹[six taka per kilometre] by the shortest route;
- (c) where a journey or any part thereof can be performed by rail, air, steamer or launch but is performed by road, a mileage allowance at the rate of ²[six taka per kilometre] not exceeding in the aggregate the travelling allowance which he would have been entitled to receive had he travelled by air, rail, steamer, or launch:

Provided that a Member who performs a journey between the place of duty and a place which is not his usual place of residence may draw travelling allowance either for the actual journey or for a journey between the place of duty and his usual place of residence whichever is less.

Period of
residence on
duty

5. (1) For each day during any period of residence on duty, a Member shall be entitled to receive a daily allowance at the rate of ³[⁴[two hundred] taka] and a conveyance allowance at the rate of ⁵[⁶[fifty] taka].

Explanation.- In this Article, “period of residence on duty” means the period during which a Member, for the purpose of attending a session of Parliament or a meeting of a Committee

¹ The words “six taka per kilometre” were substituted for the words “one taka per mile” by section 5 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No. XXIII of 2003).

² The words “six taka per kilometre” were substituted for the words “one taka per mile” by section 5 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No. XXIII of 2003).

³ The words “seventy-five taka” were substituted for the words “fifty takas” by section 2 of the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 1980 (Act No. XXV of 1980).

⁴ The words “two hundred ” were substituted for the words “one hundred fifty” by section 6 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 1992 (Act No. XVIII of 1992).

⁵ The words “twenty-five taka” were substituted for the words “fifteen takas” by section 2 of the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 1980 (Act No. XXV of 1980).

⁶ The word “fifty” was substituted for the words “twenty five” by section 4 of the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 1987 (Act No. IV of 1987).

or for attending to any other business connected with his duties as Member, resides at the place, including his usual place of residence, where the session or the meeting is held or other business is transacted and includes,-

- (a) in the case of a session of Parliament, a period of such residence, not exceeding three days, immediately preceding the commencement of the session and the period of such residence, not exceeding three days, immediately following the end of the session; and
- (b) in the case of a sitting of a Committee or transaction of any other business, the period of such residence, not exceeding two days, immediately preceding the commencement of the business of the Committee or of the other business and the period of such residence, not exceeding two days, immediately following the conclusion of the business of the Committee or of the other business.

¹[(1A) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (1), a Member shall be entitled to receive a daily allowance at the rate of four hundred Taka and a conveyance allowance at the rate of one hundred Taka for each day he attends the sitting of Parliament or the meeting of Committee or any other official duties in Parliament and the allowances prescribed under this clause shall only be admissible where the presence of Member is supported by record.]

(2) If a Member arrives in the forenoon at the place of duty or departs from such place in the afternoon, he shall be entitled to draw daily allowance and conveyance allowance at the full rates for the day of arrival or the day of departure, as the case may be, and if he arrives at such place in the afternoon or departs therefrom in the forenoon, the daily allowance and the conveyance allowance drawn shall be at half such rate:

Provided that not more than one daily allowance and one conveyance allowance at the full rate shall be claimed in respect of any one day.

¹ Clause (1A) was inserted by section 3 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 2000 (Act No. IV of 2000).

(3) Where the interval between the termination of one session of Parliament or, as the case may be, one sitting of a Committee and the commencement of another session or sitting at the same place does not exceed seven days and, during such interval, a Member,-

- (a) remains at such place, he shall be entitled to receive for each day of residence at such place a daily allowance and a conveyance allowance at the rate specified in clause (1);
- (b) leaves such place for another place, he shall be entitled to receive travelling allowance under the provisions of Article 4 but such travelling allowance shall not exceed the total amount of daily allowance and conveyance allowance to which he would have been entitled had he not left the place.

Pass for travel

¹[6. (1) Subject to the provisions of clause (2), a Member shall be provided with such a non-transferable pass as would enable him to travel within Bangladesh at any time without payment of any fare by air or railway or steamer in the highest class or by bus owned by the Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation and, if the travel is by railway or steamer, with an attendant to travel in the lowest class.

(2) If a Member opts not to accept a pass provided under clause(1), he shall, in lieu thereof, be provided with such voucher in order to enable him to draw as travelling allowance a sum of ²[fifty thousand] taka per annum:

Provided that where a person becomes a Member in the middle of a year, the value of the voucher with which he shall be provided during the year shall not exceed the value which bears the same proportion to ³[fifty thousand] taka as the unexpired portion of the year bears to a year.

¹ Article 6 was substituted by section 3 of the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 1980 (Act No. XXV of 1980).

² The words "fifty thousand" were substituted for the words "thirty thousand" by section 6 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No. XXIII of 2003).

³ The words "fifty thousand" were substituted for the words "thirty thousand" by section 6 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No. XXIII of 2003).

(3) The utilization by a Member of a pass or the voucher with which he is provided under clauses (1) and (2) for the purpose of any journey for which he is entitled to any travelling allowances under this Order shall not in any way affect his right to receive such allowances.]

¹[6A. A Member shall be provided with an insurance cover for ²[five lakh] taka at Government expense against death or permanent disablement caused by accident during his term of office. Insurance cover

Explanation.- In this Article, “permanent disablement” shall, unless otherwise provided in the insurance policy mean such disablement as permanently incapacitates a person for earning his livelihood.]

³[6B. (1) There shall be placed at the disposal of a Member as discretionary grant an amount not exceeding taka ⁴[One lakh] per annum, Discretionary grant

(2) The expenditure from the discretionary grant shall be subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by rules made under Article 9.]

7. A Member and the members of his family shall be entitled to the same medical facilities as are admissible to a gazetted officer (Class I) of the Government and the members of the family of such officer under the Government Servants (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1963: Medical facilities for family members

¹ Article 6A was substituted by section 5 of the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 1988 (Act No. XXXV of 1988).

² The words “five lakh” were substituted for the words “three lakh ” by section 8 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 1992 (Act No. XVIII of 1992).

³ Article 6B was inserted by section 9 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 1992 (Act No. XVIII of 1992).

⁴ The words “One lakh” were substituted for the words “seventy-five thousand” by section 7 of the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No. XXIII of 2003).

¹[Provided that, notwithstanding anything contained in the said Rules, a Member shall be entitled to a sum of two hundred taka *per mensem* as medical allowance, but shall not be entitled to reimbursement of any expenses incurred by him for his treatment or for the treatment of the members of his family.]

Telephone at residence

²**8.** (1) A Member shall be entitled to have one telephone installed at his residence at Government expense where facilities for such installation are available.

(2) A Member shall be entitled to receive a sum of ³[six thousand] taka *per mensem* in respect of the rental of such telephone and the calls made therefrom.]

8A. [Omitted by section 2 of the *Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 1993 (Act No. XI of 1993)*.]

Rule making power

9. (1) A Committee consisting of the Leader of the House, the Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, the Minister for Finance, ⁴[and four other members], including Ministers, to be nominated by the Leader of the House may, by notification in the *official Gazette*, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Order.

(2) The Committee constituted under clause (1) shall have power to regulate its own procedure.

Repeal.

10. The Members of the Constituent Assembly (Salaries and Allowances) Order, 1972 (P.O. No. 24 of 1972), is hereby repealed.

¹ The proviso was substituted by section 4 of the *Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 1975 (Act No. XXXIX of 1975)*.

² Article 8 was substituted by section 10 of the *Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 1992 (Act No. XVIII of 1992)*.

³ The words “six thousand” were substituted for the words “four thousand” by section 8 of the *Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 2003 (Act No. XXIII of 2003)*.

⁴ The words “and four other members” were substituted for the words and commas “one Member of the Opposition to be nominated by the Leader of the House or the Leader of the Opposition, if any, and three other Members” by section 6 of the *Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances)(Amendment) Act, 1975 (Act No. XXXIX of 1975)*.