

## Higher allowance proposal

New Delhi: The Union government has dropped higher allowances proposal under the 7th Pay Commission from its today's cabinet meeting agenda at the last minute, the Finance Ministry officials involved with the process of higher allowances told The Sen Times on condition of anonymity.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley is on an official visit to South Korea.

The officials said recommendation of the Empowered Committee of Secretaries (E-CoS) headed by Cabinet Secretary P K Sinha on higher allowances, was due to come before the Union cabinet at its meeting today for formal approval.

However, the item was dropped from the agenda at the last minute, as Finance Minister Arun Jaitley is on an official visit to South Korea, they added.

However, they said that the Cabinet may decide on 7th pay commission allowances this month.