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CLOSURE OF L2 OFFICES

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Sub : Closure of L2 offices.

We came to know that some Circles have started closure of L2 offices under the pretext that the offices do not receive 10000 mails for the processing.

The decision of the Heads of Circles in this regard is wrong. Service unions have made an agreement with the Department that a mail office which deals with less than 10000 mails would be closed prior to 2012. Based on that Circles closed down more than 50 mail offices during 2011-2012 through out the country. Bihar and Andhra Pradesh Circles have been badly affected by way of closure of mail offices.

Thereafter the Department appointed consultancy viz., Mckency & Co by paying 12.66 crores for reviewing the mail network. Based on the report of the Mckenzie & Co, the Department implemented MNOP. The concept of the MNOP is that mail offices will be identified as L1 and L2. Consequently, the mail arrangements were changed resulting

in lesser flow of mails in L2 offices. Therefore the Department had agreed not to close down any L2 office for three years. Now the Head of Circles started closing down the mail offices in the old norms which was in vogue prior to introduction of L1 & L2 concepts. 10000 norms is fixed in the old mail arrangement prior to the year 2012. It was assured by the Department that review would take place after three years. Without conducting review meeting at the Directorate level, closing down the mail office in the circle is unjustified.

In view of the above, it is requested that necessary instructions may kindly be issued to all Heads of Circles not to close down any mail office under the old norm of 10000 mails.

Yours Sincerely

(D. THEAGARAJAN), General Secretary

Note : Circle Secretaries are requested to approach the Heads of Circls not to close down L2 offices under the old norm. If any Heads of Circles close the mail office citing the old norm, go for an agitation without any hesitation to save the mail office.

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AIC CIRCULAR II

Ref : AIC/2/2015

Date : 16-6-2015

To

All Branch / Division / Circle Secretaries

I hope and trust you would have received our earlier circular about the 20th AIC. I visited Thiruvananthapuram on 8th June 2015 and met Kerala RMS colleagues and discussed AIC related matters. After discussion, the Reception Committee met District congress President of Thiruvananthapuram Sri Karakulam Krishna Pilla. He has consented to be the chairman, Reception Committee. Sri D. Christudoss will be the Secretary, Reception Committee. Our conference will be inaugurated by Sri Oommen Chandy, the Chief Minister of Kerala. Other eminent persons such as KPCC President Sri V.M. Sudheeran, Sri Ramesh Chennithala, Sri V.S. Sivakumar and Sri Sasi Tharoor, M.P. will participate in the Conference.

Budget of the Conference

Conference Budget will be around Rs. 10 lakhs.

Details

Lodge	For one bed Rs. 150 x 600 x 3 days =	Rs. 2,70,000
Food	Rs. 300 x 600 x 3 days =	Rs. 5,40,000
Conference arrangements such as decoration, Flag, chairs and miscellaneous		Rs. 1,90,000
Total		Rs. 10,00,000
The source of income		
We expect 500 delegates	500 x Rs. 1000	Rs. 5,00,000
Donation from the Circles		Rs. 3,00,000
Share of the Kerala Circle		Rs. 2,00,000
Total Receipt		Rs. 10,00,000

You are aware that Kerala Circle is conducting the Conference in a short notice. They are unable all the expenditure on their own. It is our duty to collect Rs. 100/- per member as donation and handover to the Reception Committee. Now-a-days Rs. 100/- from member is not much. It is not equal even to the cost of one time lunch. Therefore I request my Divisional Secretaries to ensure for collecting Rs. 100/- from each member and handover to the Reception committee.

Appeal to circle Secretaries

Donation books are sent to all Circle Secretaries under registered post. Circle Secretaries are requested to distribute the same to the Divisional Secretaries and collect the money from the Divisions and handover to Reception Committee of the Kerala Circle.

The Reception Committee of the Conference has decided to maintain accounts in a transparent way. Therefore they demand donation books with donation at the time of the Conference. Hence, Circle Secretaries are requested to bring counter-foils of the Donation Book at the time of the Conference.

We cannot oppose the system which the Kerala Circle follows. Therefore I request the Circle Secretaries to co-operate with the Reception Committee.

Accommodation :

As I mentioned in circular No. 1, there is no choultry (Dharmasala) type of accommodation in Kerala State. The accommodation will be totally of dormitory type in Christian Institutions and Government Institutions. Therefore the delegates are requested to follow discipline during their stay. Further the accommodation arranged is situated in and around the Auditorium within Half kilometers and maximum one kilometers. Delegates are requested to co-operate with the Reception Committee.

Rally :

Reception Committee proposed to hold rally on first day or second day of the conference

in Kerala traditional manner. Therefore Divisional/ Circle Secretaries are requested to bring their banners for displaying in the Rally.

Souvenir :

The Advertisement Tariff is sent to all Circle Secretaries. Circle Secretaries are requested to collect maximum advertisement for publishing in the Souvenir. I request the Circle Secretaries to ensure to get atleast one advertisement from your Circle.

Conference greetings.

Yours Sincerely,



(D. THEAGARAJAN)
General Secretary

AIC CIRCULAR III

Ref : AIC/3/2015

Date : 13-7-2015

To

All Branch / Division / Circle Secretaries

Dear Colleagues,

You would have received AIC Circular I & II and Donation Receipt Books. Donation Books were sent through registered post/Speed Post to all Circle Secretaries except Tamilnadu. For Tamilnadu, Donation Books were handed over in person. I hope our Circle Secretaries would have distributed Donation Books to their Divisional/ Branch Secretaries. I visited Thiruvananthapuram on 9th and 10th July 2015. Four dormitories have been booked by paying two lakhs rupees as advance. Dormitories belong to Christian Association, Youth International Forum, Teacher's Association and Scout Movement. The above-said four Associations have clearly stated that consumption of Alcohol by inmates is strictly prohibited. If any one is found processing alcohol, he will be summarily sent out and the permission

for staying in dormitories by other members will be cancelled. The Circle Secretaries are requested to inform all delegates of their circles about above condition.

The open session will be held on 28th July 2015 under the Chairman, Reception Committee in the evening at Bhagyamala Auditorium (inside Chandrasekaran Nair Stadium), Palayam, Thiruvananthapuram. The delegates are requested to meet the Reception Committee members at Thiruvananthapuram RMS on arrival. The Reception committee members will guide you properly. Any doubt in the case of accommodation, you can contact the convenor, Accommodation an Mobile 9447384861 or D. Christudoss, Mobile 9446368435 or D. Theagarajan, Mobile : 9444841440

On the evening of 28-7-2015, before commencement of open session, there will be a rally. The rally will be led by Kerala INTUC leader with Kerala traditional drums.

Branch/Division/Circle Secretaries are requested to bring with them their banners for displaying in the rally.

FOOD:

On first day and the last day vegetarian food will be served. Non-vegetarian food will be served on second day.

WEATHER

During conference days, there may be rainy season. Delegates are requested to bring with them umbrellas or rain-coats.

SOUVENIR

The Reception Committee proposes to release a Souvenir after the Conference. Circle Secretaries/Divisional Secretaries are requested to procure maximum advertisement for publication in the souvenir.

DONATION

Reception Committee wholly depends on the donation to conduct the conference. Therefore

Circle Secretaries are requested to collect donation from the Members and deposit the same with the Reception committee along with Receipt Books.

OUR THANKS

Our sincere thanks to Sri D. Christudas and his team for their elaborate arrangement to conduct the All India Conference in Thiruvananthapuram successfully. Let us hold another historic conference in Kerala at GKP Auditorium, K.V. Narayanan Nagar after 1986.

For all purpose please contact
Sri D. Christudoss
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With regards,

Conference greetings.

Yours Sincerely,

(D. THEAGARAJAN)
General Secretary

GOVERNMENT ORDER

1) Revised Bio-data / Curriculum Vitae (CV) proforma for submission by the candidate for appointment by deputation – Dopt Instructions

G.I., Dept. of Per. & Trg., O.M.F.No.AB.14017/28/2014-Estt.(RR), dated 2.7.2015

Subject: Revised Bio-data / Curriculum Vitae (CV) proforma for submission by the candidate for appointment by deputation — issue of instructions — regarding.

The consolidated instructions on the procedure to be followed in cases where appointment is to be made by transfer on deputation / transfer basis (now termed as deputation / absorption) issued by this Department vide OM No. AB-14017/71/89 — Estt. (RR) dated 3.10.89. In terms of para 4.8 of the instruction, while calling for application for appointment on deputation/absorption basis, Ministries/ Departments are required to call for Bio-data / Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the candidates in the proforma at Annexure A of the OM dated 3.10.89.

2. The revised Bio-data / Curriculum Vitae (CV) proforma was issued by this Department vide OM No. AB-14017/10/2000 — Estt. (RR) dated 29.8.2005. The proforma has been reviewed by UPSC, keeping in view the changes took place due to implementation of 6th Pay Commission recommendation and with the objective to reflect the complete profile of the candidate. The revised proforma suggested by the Commission is at Annexure-I.

3. The modified Bio-data / Curriculum Vitae (CV) proforma is enclosed with the request that this modified proforma may be utilized while calling for applications for appointment on deputation / absorption basis. The administrative Ministries / Departments are also advised to pay attention towards the points indicated in Annexure-II at the time of inviting application and preparation of the deputation proposal before sending the same for the consideration of the Commission.

4. It is requested that these instructions may be circulated to all the subordinate formations of the Ministries / Departments.

DEPARTMENTAL ORDERS

Cash handling allowance payable to the SPMS of single handed and double handed Post Office

File No. 5-06/2011-PAP Dated 22nd June 2015

Government of India
Ministry of Communication & IT
Department of Posts
(Establishment Division)
Dak Bhawan New Delhi

To,
All Chief Postmasters General,
All Postmasters General,
All Regional Postmasters General

Subject : Cash handling allowance payable to the SPMS of single handed and double handed Post Offices.

Cash handling allowance to the Sub Postmasters in single and double handed Post Offices responsible for handling/custody of cash is being paid with effect from 13.05.1989 at the rates given as below:-

Amount of cash handled on an average per day

Special pay/allowance payable per month

Rs.10001 to 20000	20
Rs. 20001 to 50000	25
Rs. 50001 to 100000	30
Above 1 Lakh	35

2. On recommendations of the Vth Pay Commission, these rates were doubled with effect from 01-08-1997. On recommendations of the VIth Pay Commission, these rates were again doubled with effect from 01-09-2008 and further increased @ 25% with effect from 01-01-2011 & with effect from 01-01-2014 as per recommendations of the VIth Pay commission on an increase of D.A @ 50% each time. Current rates with effect from 01-01-2014 are given as below:-

Amount of cash handled on an average per day

Special pay/allowance payable per month

Rs.10001 to 20000	120
Rs.20001 to 50000	150
Rs.50001 to 100000	180
Above 1 Lakh	210

3. The other terms and conditions will be same as laid down in this Directorate letter No. 6-4/80-PAP dated 25-02-1992 and other instructions issued from time to time on the subject.

This has the approval of the competent authority.

Sd/-
(Maj S. N. Dave)
Asst. Director General (Estt.)

Annual Postal Sports Calendar 2015-16

Sl.No.	Name of the Circle	Event	Tentative period
01	Uttar Pradesh	Carrom	August 2015
02	Rajasthan	Cricket	September 2015
03	Himachal Pradesh	Volleyball	15-09-2015 to 18-09-2015
04	Uttarakhand	Cultural	October 2015
05	Bihar	Chess	November 2015
06	West Bengal	Basketball	23-11-2015 to 26-11-2015
07	Andhra Pradesh	WL/PL/BP	November 2015
08	Gujarat	Kabaddi	December 2015
09	Maharashtra	Table Tennis	December 2015
10	Tamil Nadu	Badminton	December 2015
11	Delhi	Athletic & Cycling	December 2015

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

Instructions regarding timely issue of Charge-sheet regarding.

F. No. 11012/17/2013-Fstt.(A) July 3rd 2015

Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances
and Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training
Establishment A-III Desk
North Block, New Delhi — 110001

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 — Instructions regarding timely issue of Charge-sheet regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to DoP&T O.M. of even no. dated 2nd January, 2014 regarding consolidated instructions on suspension and to say that in a recent case, Ajay Kumar Choudhary vs Union of India Civil Appeal No. 1912 of 2015 dated 16/02/2015 the Apex Court has directed as follows:

We, therefore, direct that the currency of Suspension Order should not extend beyond three months if within this period the Memorandum of Charges/ Chargesheet is not served on the delinquent officer/ employee;

2. It is noted that in many cases charge sheets are not issued despite clear prima facie evidence of misconduct on the ground that the matter is under investigation by an investigating agency like Central Bureau of Investigation etc. In the aforesaid judgement the Hon'ble Supreme Court has superseded the direction of the Central Vigilance Commission that pending a criminal investigation departmental proceedings are to be held in abeyance.

3. In this connection, attention is invited to this Department G.M. No. 35014/1/81- Estt.A dated 9.11.1982 which contained the guidelines for timely issue of charge-sheet to Charged officer and to say that these instructions lay down, inter-alia, that where a Government servant is placed under suspension on the ground of "Contemplated" disciplinary proceedings, the existing instructions provide that every effort would be made to finalise the charges, against

the Government servant within three months of the date of suspension. If these instructions are strictly adhered to, a Government servant who is placed under suspension on the ground of contemplated disciplinary proceedings will become aware of the reasons for his suspension without much loss of time. The reasons for suspension should be communicated to the Government servant concerned at the earliest, so that he may be in a position to effectively exercise the right of appeal available to him under Rule 23 (i) of the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965, if he so desires. The time-limit of forty five days for submission of appeal should be counted from the date on which the reasons for suspension are communicated.

4. All Ministries/ Departments are requested to bring the above guidelines to the notice of all concerned officials for compliance.

(Mukesh Chaturvedi), Director (E)



F. No. 11013/8/2015-Estt.A-III June 29th, 2015

Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances
and Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training
Establishment A-III Desk
North Block, New Delhi — 110001

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Requirement of taking prior permission for leaving station/ headquarters from going abroad while on leave. Undersigned is directed to say that a need for further streamlining the procedure for grant of permission for going abroad on private visit has been felt. A draft of instructions and the formats for grant of permission are attached. Comments/ views, if any, in this regard may be sent to the e-mail address mp.ramarao a nic.inlatest by oth July, 2015.

(M. P. Rama Rao)

Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tel: 23040264

To
All Ministries/ Department of the Government of India.

Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Department of Health and Family Welfare
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Revision of rate and guideline for reimbursement of expenses on purchase of Hearing AIDS under CS(MA) Rules, 1944 and CGHS-Regarding.

With reference to the above mentioned subject the undersigned is directed to refer to the Office Memorandum of even no dated 21.03.2012, 17.11.2006 and 28.10.2002 and OM No S.14025/36/93/MS dated 26.03.94 and 17.08.99 and to state that on the basis of recommendation of an Expert Committee, it has been decided to revise the rates and guidelines for hearing aids to be reimbursed under CS(MA) Rules, 1944 and CGHS.

2. The revised ceiling rates fixed for various types of hearing –aids (for one ear) are as under:-

Body worn/Pocket type	Rs. 3000/-
Analogue BTE	Rs. 7000/-
Digital BTE	Rs. 15000/-
Digital ITC/CIC	Rs. 20000/-

The cost of hearing aids shall include all taxes in including VAT and Shall carry 3 year warranty. The cost of Analogue BTE/Digital BTE/ITC/CIC type hearing aid shall also include the cost of hearing mould.

3. Beneficiaries covered under CS (MA) Rules / CGHS shall be eligible to obtain hearing aid as per the following guidelines:

(i) Patients/Beneficiaries should be properly referred to CGHS/Government hospital ENT specialist from the parent CGHS wellness centre (A computerized referral printout should be made wherever computerization has been done).

(ii) It would be mandatory to carry CGHS Beneficiary's ID card (in original) whenever the CGHS beneficiaries visit the CGHS/Government ENT specialist for consultation and Audiometric test.

(iii) The ENT specialist of CGHS /Government hospital shall then recommend a hearing aid on basis of Audiometric and Audiological assessment, specifying the type of hearing aid most suited for the Beneficiary. The 'Audiogram report' shall be authenticated by the ENT specialist/Consultant of the CGHS/Government hospital.

4. The permission to procure hearing aid shall be granted by the ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR(Zonal) of CGHS-ZONAL OFFICE in case of CGHS pensioner beneficiaries, and by the HEAD OF DEPARTMENT/

OFFICE in case of serving employees and CGHS beneficiaries of Autonomous bodies on the basis of Recommendation of a CGHS/Government ENT specialist, and an 'undertaking' that the beneficiary has not been reimbursed the cost of hearing – aid in the preceeding five years.

5. Reimbursement claim shall be submitted to CGHS ZONAL OFFICE through the CMO –Incharge of the Concerned dispensary by CGHS Pensioner beneficiaries in the prescribed medical reimbursement claim form along with the following documents :-

a) Referral letter from parent CGHS Wellness Centre (computerized Slip where computerization is done already).

b) Copy of 'prescription' of ENT consultant (CGHS/ Govt.Hospital) with the 'Audiogram' report duly authenticated by the treating ENT consultant (CGHS/Govt.)

c) Copy of CGHS Card.

d) Bill /Receipt (in original) carrying details of the hearing – aid seller i.e. NAME, QUALIFICATION, AND RC/MCI REGISTRATION NUMBER of the hearing – aid seller.

e) The 'permission letter' to purchase hearing – aid (in original).

f) Empty Box/boxes or the Carton(s) with the label showing details of the hearing aid supplied.

In case of the other beneficiaries, the medical claim shall be submitted to the concerned Ministry / Department /Office. Reimbursement shall be limited to the ceiling rate or actual cost of the hearing – aid, whichever is less.

6. Records of permissions granted for procurement of hearing – aids shall be maintained by CGHS in respect of pensioner CGHS beneficiaries and by the concerned Ministry/Department /Office in respect of other beneficiaries.

7. Replacement of hearing – aid may be permitted after 5 years on the basis of condemnation certificate issued by a technical expert and on approval of CGHS/Government ENT Surgeon. Maintenance and repair will be the responsibility of the beneficiary.

8. These orders shall supercede all the earlier orders issued on the subject.

9. The revised rates and guidelines shall come into force from the date of issue and shall be valid for a period of two year or till further revision, whichever is earlier.

10. This issues with the approval of Integrated Finance Division of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

(Sunil Kumar Gupta)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER

MEETING WITH THE CHIEF PMG, KERALA CIRCLE

GS met the Chief PMG, Kerala Circle along with Sri D. Christudass, Circle Secretary and Sri K. Sivadasan, General Secretary, Civil wing on 8-6-2015 and discussed various issues of Kerala Circle. The Chief PMG agreed to settle some issues.

CWC MEETING OF NUR 'C' KERALA CIRCLE

The GS attended NUR 'C' Kerala Circle CWC meeting to finalise the AIC arrangement. After the CWC meeting, AIC Circular No. 2 was sent to all Circle Secretaries, Divisional Secretaries and Branch Secretaries. The contents of the circular have been published elsewhere.

VERIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The Directorate has changed the last date for submission of Authorisation letter to the Divisional Head from 6-7-2015 to 6-8-2015. In this connection, detailed orders are published elsewhere.

VII PAY COMMISSION

It is reported that VII Pay Commission completes its task within the time-frame filed by the Government. The Report may be submitted in the month of August or September 2015.

CHQ ACCOUNTS - 2013-2015 FINALISED

The Finance Secretary, Sri Pawan Kumar Joshi and Headquarters Secretary Sri Sathish Chander came to Chennai and

stayed in Chennai from 25-6-2015 to 27-6-2015 to finalise the CHQ accounts for auditing purpose. The Auditor report is expected before 20-7-2015. As and when Auditor Report is received, the same will be published in our website. Those who have objection in the receipts, they may raise objection to the Finance Secretary with proper evidence. Objection raised without any material evidence will not be entertained.

BONUS CEILING

The bonus ceiling will be raised by the Central Government from Rs. 3500/- to Rs.4500/-. The proposal is agreed to by the employers' Association at a recent meeting of an inter-ministrial Group. It would require approval of the Parliament, as the payment of Bonus Act 1965 requires to be amended for this purpose.

POST BANK OF INDIA

It is reported that RBI may give licence to india post to run post bank of India from August 2015.

CADRE RESTRUCTURING

There is no information from DOPT for the approval of Cadre Restructuring in regard to Postal and RMS. As regards MMS, the proposal is still pending with Postal Services Board and the same has not been forwarded to DOPT.

Yours fraternally,
(D. THEAGARAJAN),
General Secretary

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