

5.5 Conduct Rules - Acceptance of gift from close relatives by Government Servants while undertaking foreign trips - Amendment

Personnel and Administrative Reforms (A) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 76

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Read :

G.O. (Ms) No.109, Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department, dated 31.7.2006.

ORDER

In the Government Order read above powers have been delegated to the Heads of Departments to issue "No Objection Certificate" to the Government servants belonging to groups B, C and D only who apply to undertake trip to foreign countries as tourists or on pilgrimage or to see friends and relatives or to seek employment and to sanction leave therefor. It has been noticed that in several cases, the close relations or personal friends of the Government Servants living abroad bear the travel, living and other related expenditure of the Government servants while they undertake foreign trips. According to rule 3 (1) of the Tamil Nadu Government Servants Conduct rules, 1973 no Government servant shall, except with the previous sanction of the Government accept or permit his wife or any other member of his family to accept from any person any gift of value exceeding Rs.1000/-. Hence, eventhough powers have been delegated to the Heads of Departments to issue No Objection Certificates to the Government servants belonging to Groups B, C and D who apply to undertake trip to foreign countries under rule 24-A of the Tamil Nadu Government Servants conduct Rules, 1973, the Heads of Departments are sending proposals to government in respect of those Government servants for accepting the travel and living and other expenses from their close relations or personal friends as gift, since the value exceeds Rs.1000/ Hence the Government have decided to amend rule 3 (1) of the Tamil Nadu Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1973.

2. The following Notification shall be published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette:-

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendment to the Tamil Nadu Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1973.

2)The amendment hereby made shall come into force on the Twentieth day of March 2007.

AMENDMENT

In the said Rules, in rule 3, to sub-rule (1) after the second proviso, the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided also that nothing in this rule shall apply in respect of Government servants belonging to Groups B, C and D to accept travel, living and other related expenses from their personal friends or their close relations as gift, whenever they go abroad with the previous sanction of the Heads of Departments."

(By order of the Governor)

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