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5.8 Passport – No objection certificate to Government servants – Delegation of powers to Heads of Department in respect of Group 'B', 'C' and 'D' officers

Personnel and Administrative Reforms (A) Department

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ORDER

As per rule 24 of the Tamilnadu Government Servants' Conduct Rules, 1973, "No government Servant shall, except after obtaining a "No Objection Certificate" from the Government apply for grant or renewal of Passport or undertake trip to a foreign country. While applying for such "no objection certificate" information regarding the purpose of the visit, the duration of stay and the names of countries proposed to be visited shall be furnished"/ As per the above rule, the power to issue No objection certificate lies only with the Government.

2. The Government have examined the question of delegating powers to the Heads of Departments in the matter. After careful consideration, Government have decided to delegate the powers to the Heads of Department to issue "No objection Certificate" to the Government Servants belonging to Groups B,C and D only who apply for grant or renewal of passport for undertaking trips to foreign countries as tourists or on pilgrimage, or to see friends and relatives or to seek employment.

3. The Government, accordingly, direct that the powers to issue "No objection certificate" be delegated to the respective Heads of Departments in respect of Government Servants belonging to Groups B,C & D who apply for grant or renewal of Passport to undertake trips to foreign countries as tourists or on pilgrimage or to see friends and relatives or to seek employment. However the Government retains the powers to issue "No Objection Certificate" in respect of "A" Groups Officers who apply for Passport.

4. Government also direct that the Heads of Department shall ensure the following before, granting "No Objection Certificate" to the Government Servants as aforesaid.

- i) No disciplinary proceedings are pending or contemplated against the individual.
- ii) No vigilance cases is pending or contemplated against the individual.
- iii) There are no grounds to believe that the applicant could figure adversely on the security records of the Government and
- iv) The decision for the grant of "No Objection Certificate" should be taken by the Head of Department himself/herself. The No Objection Certificate " should also be signed by him/her.
- v) The Government also direct that the Heads of Departments shall issue the "No Objection Certificate" incorporating the following conditions namely: -
 - i) That the individual should not take up any appointment or undergo any training or study programmes during his/her stay abroad without prior approval of the Government
 - ii) That the Government will not be made liable for any expenditure including traveling expenditure etc. in connection with his/her trip abroad.
 - iii) That he/she should not tender resignation of the post held by him/her under this Government while abroad and his/her resignation of appointment will not be accepted on any account.
 - iv) That he/she should not canvas or seek any business while abroad.

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- v) That before proceedings abroad he/she should apply to the Government for the sanction of leave to which he/she is eligible and get it sanctioned for the entire period of his/her absence.
- vi) That he/she shall not use the passport obtained on the basis of the "No Objection Certificate for any-subsequent trip abroad for any purpose without the prior sanction of the competent authority.
- vii) That the "No Objection Certificate" will be valid only for a period of six months from the date of issue of such certificates.

6. The Heads of Department are also informed that no bond as prescribed in G.O.MS.No.40, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (FR.III) Department, dated 22.1.90 need be obtained from Government employees who propose to undertake trips abroad as tourist or on religious pilgrimage or to see friends and relatives.

7. Necessary amendment to rule 24A of the Tamilnadu Government Servants' Conduct Rules, 1973 will be issued separately, with reference to para 3 above.

(By order of the Governor)

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