OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Rule 20 of CCS (Conduct) Rules.

It has been observed that officers and officials restore to bring the outside influence to the authorities on matter related to their service matter for redressing their grievances which is against the provisions of Rule 20 of CCS (Conduct) Rules.

2. The provisions of Rules 20 of CCS (Conduct) Rules are reproduced as under:-

"No Government shall bribe or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government."

3. All the officers/officials are requested to adhere to the provisions of Rule 20 of CCS (Conduct) Rule. Non adherence for the aforesaid rule will be viewed seriously.

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To,

i) All Officers/Officials at Head Office
ii) Chief Engineer, IWAI, Noida
iii) Chief Accounts Officer, IWAI, Noida
iv) Director (MM), Director (Hy) and Director (IBP), IWAI, Noida
v) Director, IWAI, Patna, Kolkata, Guwahati, Kochi
vi) Officer-in-charge, Sub-office, IWAI, Bhagalpur, Farakka, Varanasi, Allahabad, Dibrugarh, Dhubri

Copy for information to:-

i) PS to Chairperson / Sr PA to Vice Chairperson / PA to Member (Finance) / PA to Member (Traffic) / PA to Member (Tech) I/c.
down in sub-paragraph (2) (d) of M.H.A., O.M. No. 45/5/53-Ests. (A), dated
the 8th January, 1959 (Appendix-I).

6. When a Government servant desires to institute proceedings *suo motu*
to vindicate his conduct in the course of the discharge of his official duties, he
will have to obtain the previous sanction of the Government as required in
Rule 19 of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules.

If Government decide to grant such sanction, no question of reimburse-
ment of any expenses to the Government servant will arise, but advances may
be granted as laid down in sub-paragraph (C) (ii) of paragraph 2 of Ministry
of Home Affairs, O.M. (Appendix-I).

7. The appropriate authority for taking a decision in each case will be the
Administrative Ministry of the Government of India concerned who will con-
sult the Finance and Law Ministries, where necessary. The Comptroller and
Auditor-General of India will exercise the powers of Administrative Minis-
try in respect of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department.


(2) Clarifications regarding Rule 19 (1).—The Staff Side of the Na-
tional Council (JCM) had recently suggested that the provisions contained in
Rule 19 (1) of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, should be
amended suitably to allow Unions or Associations of Government Employee,
whose activities were maligned in the Press to vindicate themselves, without
obtaining the previous sanction of the Government. This matter was discussed in the mettings of the Committee of the Na-
tional Council set up to consider the suggestions of the Staff Side for amend-
ing the Conduct Rules. While the suggestion that the rule should be so
amended that individual employees are enabled to go to the Press to vindicate
their position without prior permission was not favoured, it was decided to
issue further instructions to provide that Government should take significant
or positive steps in the circumstances where the adverse criticism of Govern-
ment employees in public was found to be based on wrong premises.

As the Ministry of Finance, etc., are aware, instructions regarding action
to be taken in the event of allegation against Government servants in the Press
are contained in Decision (1) above. Attention is particularly invited to Para. 3
of this Office Memorandum. It is considered that the provisions contained
therein should be invoked where it is found on an enquiry that the allegations
in the Press against individual Government servant are based on ignorance, in-
sufficient information or even malice.

[ G.I., C.S. (Dept. of Per.), O.M. No. 11013/21/76-Esst. (A), dated the 24th February, 1977.]

20. Canvassing of non-official or other outside influence

No Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political
or other outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further
his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Govern-
ment.