No. I/WAI/Estt./01/2017/Circular

Dated: 08.03.2018

CIRCULAR

Subject: Non participation of Government functionaries-reg.

I am directed to refer to above mentioned subject and to enclose herewith copy of the DO letter No. 191/1/2/2018-TS dated 26th Feb, 2018 received from Cabinet Secretary along with a copy of the DO letter No. 2898/FS/2018 dated 22nd Feb, 2018 received from Foreign Secretary on the above mentioned subject for kind information and necessary action.

(Umesh Kumar Sahai)
Assistant Secretary (A&E)

Copy to:-
1. All Officers/Officials, IWA, Noida
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PPS/PS/PA to Vice-Chairman/ Member (Technical)/ Member (Finance)/ Member (Traffic)/Secretary
D.O. No. 191/1/2/2018-TS

Dear Secretary

Foreign Secretary, vide his letter dated February 22, 2018 (copy enclosed), has informed that the Tibetan leadership in India is planning to organize a series of events in end-March/early April, 2018 to mark the beginning of 60th Year of exile of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. He has further stated that keeping in view the sensitive nature of the subject, participation by senior leaders or Government functionaries, either from the Central Government or State Governments is not desirable and should be discouraged.

2. Accordingly, you are requested to ensure appropriate action in the matter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Pradeep K. Sinha)

Shri Gopal Krishna
Secretary,
Ministry of Shipping
New Delhi
No.2898/FS/2018

22 February 2018

Dear Sir,

The Tibetan leadership in India is planning to organize a series of events in end-March/early-April 2018 to mark the beginning of 60th year in exile of His Holiness the Dalai Lama (HHDL). We understand that this includes a large public event titled "Thank You India" being organized at Thyagaraj Sports Complex in New Delhi on 1 April 2018. The Dalai Lama set-up also intends to invite a number of Indian dignitaries. These are likely to be followed-up by additional events in Delhi as well as other States of India.

2. The proposed period will be a very sensitive time in the context of India’s relations with China. Participation by senior leaders or Government functionaries, either from the Central Government or State Governments, is not desirable, and should be discouraged.

3. It is requested that Cabinet Secretariat may consider issuing a classified circular advisory advising all Ministries/Departments of Government of India as well as State Governments not to accept any invitation or to participate in the proposed commemorative events.

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

Shri P.K. Sinha
Cabinet Secretary
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New Delhi