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CIRCULAR-87

Subject: Prior sanction for holding an elective office under Rule 15(1)(c) of CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964- reg.

Reference is invited to Headquarters' office Circular dated 03.02.2023, wherein inter alia, it has been stated that:

- i. Rule 15(1)(c) of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, lays that 'no Government servant shall hold an elective office, or canvas for a candidate or candidates for an elective office, in any body, whether incorporated or not, except with the previous sanction of the Government'.
- ii. As per Sl.No. 13, Section F of the CAG's Manual of Standing Order Volume II, the power to grant such permission lies with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India.
- iii. As per the DoP&T OM dated 27.02.2020, a government servant may be allowed to hold elective office in any body, whether incorporated or not, for a period of two terms or for a period of 5 years, whichever is earlier, for which prior sanction would be required when a Government servant contests an election in such body, as per existing rules.

2. The Department of Personnel and Training (DoP&T), vide its Office Memorandum No. 11013/1/2016-Estt.A-III dated 19.12.2025 (Copy enclosed), while reiterating its earlier instructions issued vide aforesaid OM dated 27.02.2020 has now intimated that instances have come to its notice that a few senior officers of Central Government Ministries/departments continue to hold positions of an elective nature in various institutions/bodies without the mandatory prior sanction of the Government under Rule 15(1) (c) of the CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. Accordingly, DoP&T has instructed that the contents of above referred instructions may be brought to the notice of all officers/officials.

3. The officials of Divisional Accountants cadre are, hereby, directed to strictly adhere to the above rule provisions. Violation of any of the said rules shall be viewed seriously and dealt with in accordance with the applicable provisions of the CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(Authority : Sr. Deputy Accountant General(Works Accounts) orders dated : 25/03/2026)

  
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