

प्रधान महालेखाकार (ते०&ए०) का  
कार्यालय  
बीरचंद पटेल पथ,  
पटना, बिहार - 800001



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Dedicated to Truth in Public Interest

Letter No.-WM-III/2025-26/ 66  
Date 03/02/2026

### कार्यालय आदेश

The copy of Headquarters' Circular No. 07/Staff (Discipline-1)/2026, Letter No. 434/Staff (Discipline-1)/14-2026 dated 13.02.2026, whereby instructions regarding "Prior sanction for holding an elective office under Rule 15(1)(c) of CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964" have been issued, along with a copy of Office Memorandum No. 11013/1/2016-Estt.A-III dated 19.12.2025 issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training, New Delhi, is hereby circulated for information and strict compliance of all officials of Divisional Accountant cadre.

All concerned are directed to ensure strict adherence to the provisions contained in the aforesaid Circular and Office Memorandum.

Any violation of the said provisions shall be dealt with in accordance with the CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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All officers/officials of DA cadre through office website.

  
वरिष्ठ लेखा अधिकारी (WM-III)

भारत के नियंत्रक एवं महालेखापरीक्षक का कार्यालय  
9, दीन दयाल उपाध्याय मार्ग,  
नई दिल्ली-110 124



परिपत्र सं. 434/स्टाफ (अनुशासन-I)/14-2026  
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER &  
AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA  
9, DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA MARG,  
NEW DELHI - 110 124

दिनांक / DATE 13.02.2026

सेवा में,

- i. भारतीय लेखापरीक्षा और लेखा विभाग के सभी कार्यालयाध्यक्ष/ विभागाध्यक्ष
- ii. महानिदेशक (वाणिज्यिक)
- iii. निदेशक (कार्मिक)/मुख्यालय

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

महोदय/महोदया,

Reference is invited to Headquarters office Circular dated 03.02.2023, wherein *inter-alia*, it has been intimated 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 canvass 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 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. In view of the above, all Heads of Departments of IA&AD are requested to ensure strict compliance with the aforesaid instructions. Any violation of the aforesaid provisions may be dealt strictly in accordance with the extant provisions as given in CCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

संलग्नक: उपरोक्त

भवदीय,

  
(सुमीत कुमार)

सहा. नियंत्रक महालेखापरीक्षक (अराज-प्रथम)

No.11013/1/2016-Estt.A-III  
Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  
Department of Personnel and Training

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Kartavya Bhawan-03, New Delhi  
Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

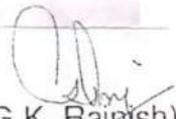
Subject:- Prior sanction for holding an elective office under Rule 15(1)(c) of CCS(Conduct) Rules, 1964—reg.

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The undersigned is directed to say that as per Rule 15 (1) (c) of the CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, no Government servant shall except with the previous sanction of the Government, hold an elective office, or canvass for a candidate or candidates for an elective office, in any body, whether incorporated or not.

2. In this context, this Department vide OM No.No.11013/1/2016-Estt.A-III dated 27.02.2020 (copy enclosed) has issued guidelines wherein it is stated that a Government servant may be allowed to hold elective office in any body, whether incorporated or not, for 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.

3. Instances have come to notice where 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, Ministries/Departments are, once again requested to kindly bring the contents of above referred instructions to the notice of all officers/officials and ensure strict compliance of these instructions.

  
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To  
The Secretaries of All Ministries/Departments  
(as per the standard list)

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2. Vice-President's Secretariat, New Delhi.
3. The Prime Minister's Office, New Delhi.
4. Cabinet Secretariat, New Delhi.
5. Rajya Sabha Secretariat/Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.

6. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, New Delhi.
7. The Secretary, Central Vigilance Commission
8. The Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi.
9. The Secretary, Staff Selection Commission, New Delhi.
10. All attached offices under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
11. National Commission for Scheduled Castes, New Delhi.
12. National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, New Delhi.
13. National Commission for OBCs, New Delhi.
14. Secretary, National Council (JCM), 13, Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi.
15. CVOs of all Ministries/Departments.
16. ADG (M&C), Press Information Bureau, DoP&T
17. NIC, Department of Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi [for uploading the same on the website of this Ministry under the under the Head What's New]
18. Hindi Section, DoPT for translation in Hindi.