OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Delegation of powers to the leave sanctioning authority for grant of Extra Ordinary Leave.

The undersigned is directed to say that in accordance with rule 32(2)(e) of the CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972, E.O.L. can be granted to a Govt. servant for prosecuting studies certified to be in the public interest subject to fulfilment of other conditions as laid down in the rules. Under the First Schedule to the CCS (Leave) Rules, powers have been delegated to the Head of the Department for sanctioning E.O.L. At the same time, Rule 21 of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 and F.R. 26(b) provide that when E.O.L. is granted to a Government servant due to his inability to join or rejoin duty on account of civil commotion or for prosecuting higher technical & scientific studies, such period of leave can be treated as qualifying service for the purpose of pension & for increments. However, necessary orders in such cases have to be passed by an authority other than the leave sanctioning authority.

2. The question of simplifying the procedure in this regard has been examined and the President is now pleased to decide that E.O.L. sanctioned for the following purposes shall automatically count as qualifying service for pension and for increments without any further sanctions:

   i. E.O.L. granted due to inability of a Govt. servant to join or rejoin duty on account of civil commotion.

   ii. E.O.L. granted to a Govt. servant for prosecuting higher technical & scientific studies.

3. In so far as the persons serving in the Indian Audit & Accounts Department are concerned, these orders issue with the concurrence of the Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India.

This issue with the approval of D/o Pension & P.W.

(Smt. Subhadra S)
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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