

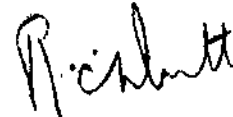
New Delhi-2, the 10th August, 1955.

Office Memorandum

Subject:- Sponsoring of funds by  
Government servants.

Rule 9 of the Central Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1955, prohibits Government servants from asking for or accepting contributions to or otherwise associating themselves with the raising of any fund in pursuance of any object whatsoever. The question how far the conduct of Government servants, who are members of service associations, would be in order in sponsoring collections, directly and or indirectly, on behalf of their associations, has been considered. Strictly, in sponsoring such collections without prior permission, the Government servants would be contravening the provisions of the Central Civil Service (Conduct) Rules 1955. Neither the constitution of the unions which may envisage collection of funds for the purposes of the unions nor the fact that unions have been registered as trade unions under the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926, which permits trade unions to raise funds, gives any immunity to Government servants in the matter. This is the legal position, but in order to assist in the smooth working of the unions as well as avoid too many references on the subject, it has been decided to grant general permission in the class of cases mentioned below.

2. The members of a union can freely collect subscriptions among themselves for welfare activities of the union. So long as their appeal is confined to the members, no permission need be sought. If any approach to the public is made, whether directly or indirectly, such permission should be necessary. Similarly, in a union where a matter affecting the general interest of the members of the union is in dispute and it is permissible under the rules of the union to spend its funds over such a matter, its members should be free to collect funds, especially for that special purpose, from among its members. Where, however, action is taken against a person, who happens to be a member of the union, in his personal capacity or on grounds which concern him in particular, no funds should be collected even among its members by the union for his defence.

  
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