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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Service associations passing resolutions
contravening rule 9 of the Central Civil
Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Instances have come to the notice of Government of Service Associations (Including federations/unions of Government employees passing resolutions, making statements and/or expressing opinion on issues which involve violation by the individual employee of rule 9 of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964. For facility of reference the said rule '9' is reproduced below:

"9. Criticism of Government: No Government servant shall, in any radio broadcast or in any document published in his own name or anonymously, pseudonymously or in the name of any other person or in any communication to the Press or in any public utterance, make any statement of fact or opinion-

- (i) which has the effect of an adverse criticism of any current or recent policy or action of the Central Government or a State Government:

Provided that in the case of any Government servant included in any category of Government servants specified in the second proviso to sub-rule (3) of rule 1, nothing contained in this clause shall apply to bona fide expression of views by him as an office-bearer of a trade Union of such Government servants for the purpose of safeguarding the conditions of service of such Government servants or for securing an improvement thereof, or

/and the Government

- (ii) which is capable of embarrassing the relations between the Central Government/ of any state; or

- (iii) which is capable of embarrassing the relations between the Central Government and the Government of any foreign State:

Provided that nothing in this rule shall apply to any statements made or views expressed by a Government servant in his official capacity or in the due performance of the duties assigned to him."

2. The Ministry of Finance etc., are requested to take note of the breaches of this rule and to initiate disciplinary action by calling for explanation from those individuals who are signatories or parties to the resolutions or other activities mentioned in paragraph 1 above if they are serving Government employees and if they in their individual capacity or in their capacity as office-bearers of associations (including federations/unions) of Government employees or editors/publishers/office-bearers of journals issued by such associations (including federations/unions) have violated the provisions of the above-mentioned Conduct Rule.

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