

No. F.25/64/62-Ests.(A)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs.

New Delhi-11, the 1st Nov.'62  
10th Kartika, 1884,

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- National Defence Fund - collection of contributions for.

The nation has responded magnificently to the grave emergency facing it. In this period of crisis people in all walks of life are anxious to contribute to the limit of their capacity towards the national effort. The National Defence Fund has been constituted to receive monetary contributions for the defence of the country. A copy of the Press Note issued by the Government of India announcing the setting up of the Fund and the manner of contributing to it is attached.

2. Rule 9 of the C.C.S. (Conduct) Rules/A.I.S. (Conduct) Rules/Railway Services (Conduct) Rules prohibit Government servants, except with the previous sanction of the Government or such authority as may be empowered by it in this behalf, from asking for or accepting contributions to or otherwise associating themselves with raising of any fund in pursuance of any object whatsoever. So far as Union Territories and Attached and Subordinate offices under the Home Ministry are concerned sanction is hereby accorded to officers up to the level of Sub-Divisional Officers and to Heads of Departments to associate themselves with the raising of the above fund. Heads of Departments and District Magistrates are further empowered under Rule 9 of the A.I.S. (Conduct) Rules/ Rule 9 of the C.C.S. (Conduct) Rules to accord sanction to such other officers working under them as they consider suitable to associate themselves with raising contributions etc. to the said Fund.

3. The Ministries of the Government of India may accord sanction to the Heads of Departments to associate themselves with the raising of this Fund. Ministries may also empower Heads of Departments to accord similar sanction to such Government servants working under them as may be required to assist them in this connection.

*B. D. Jayal*  
(B. D. Jayal)

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

To  
Asst  
of  
copies.

\*All Ministries of the Govt. of India (except the Ministry of Railways), etc.  
All Union Territory Administrations.  
All Zonal Councils  
All attached and subordinate offices of Ministry of Home Affairs. ...

Copy forwarded to the Ministry of Railways. They may issue similar instructions under rule 9 of the Railway Services (Conduct) Rules, 1956.

*B. D. Jayal*  
(B. D. Jayal)  
DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

Copy to all offices under M. H. A.

PRESS NOTE

Government of India have announced the setting up of a "National Defence Fund" with immediate effect. The Fund will be administered by a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister of India and the Union Finance Minister will be its Treasurer. The names of the other members will be announced later. The Committee will also decide the purposes for which the fund is to be utilised.

The Fund will receive contributions from the Public in cash of amounts not less than Re.1/- or in gold or gold ornaments. Contributions may, at the option of the contributors, be made without disclosing their identity.

2. Cash subscriptions will be accepted at offices of the Reserve Bank of India conducting Government treasury business, all branches of the State Bank of India and its subsidiaries (State Banks of Hyderabad, Bikaner, Indore, Jaipur, Mysore, Travancore, Saurashtra and Patiala) and at all Post Offices. Contributions in gold or in gold ornaments will be received only at the offices of the Reserve Bank of India conducting treasury business and the branches of the State Bank of India and its Subsidiary Banks. Moneys deposited in cash at the Banks will be remitted to the State Bank of India, New Delhi at the end of every week by Bank drafts issued at par for credit to the account of the National Defence Fund with the Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi. Similarly, moneys received by the Post Offices will be remitted by Money Order to the Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi and no Money Order commission will be charged on such remittances. Instructions have been issued to the Post Offices to accept such Money Orders with effect from 1st November, 1962. Money Orders should be made payable to the Reserve Bank of India New Delhi for credit to the account of the National Defence Fund.

3. The value of the gold in the contributions received in the form of gold and gold ornaments will, after they are assayed, be remitted for credit to the account of the Fund at New Delhi.

.....2/-

121

- 2 -

4. The contributions to the Fund will qualify for Income-tax exemption within the limits prescribed in section 88 of the Income-Tax Act, 1961.

5. The accounts of the Fund will be maintained by the Accountant General, Central Revenues and will be subject to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.