

No.11013/7/2016-Estt.A-III  
Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions  
Department of Personnel & Training  
Establishment A-III Desk

North Block, New Delhi,  
Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2016

OFFICE MEMORANDUM


Subject:- Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1961 – Guidelines regarding prevention of sexual harassment of women at the workplace- regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the DoPT OM number No.11013/2/2014-Estt.A-III, dated the 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 etc., vide which need for effective mechanism to ensure that inquiries in the case of allegations of sexual harassment are conducted as per the prescribed procedure and that they are monitored have been issued. Recently, a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Minister, Women and Child Development wherein concern was expressed that the inquiries in such cases are taking unduly long time. It has, therefore, been decided that the following further steps may be taken to ensure that the inquiries are conducted expeditiously and the aggrieved women are not subjected to victimization:

- (1) As already conveyed vide OM dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2015 all Ministries/Departments shall include in their Annual Reports information related to the number of such cases and their disposal.
- (2) As far as practicable, the inquiry in such cases should be completed within 1 month and in no case should it take more than 90 days as per the limit prescribed under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.
- (3) It should be ensured that the aggrieved women are not victimized in connection with the complaints filed by them. For a period of five years after a decision in a proven case of sexual harassment, a watch should be kept to ensure that she is not subjected to vendetta. She should not be posted under the Respondent, or any other person where there may be a reasonable ground to believe that she may be subjected to harassment on this account. In case of any victimization the complainant may submit a representation to the Secretary in the case of Ministries/Departments and Head of the Organization in other cases. These representations should be dealt with sensitivity, in consultation with the Complaints Committee, Ministries/Departments and Head of the Organization in other cases. These representations should be dealt with sensitivity, in consultation with the Complaints Committee, and a decision taken within 15 days of the submission of the same.

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- (4) All Ministries/Departments shall furnish a monthly report to the Ministry of Women and Child Development giving details of number of complaints received, disposed of and action taken in the case.



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