

Government of Odisha  
General Administration & P.G. Department

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To

The Addl. Chief Secretaries/  
Principal Secretaries /  
Commissioner-cum-Secretaries/  
Special Secretaries / Secretaries

Sub: Code of conduct of Government servants in connection with writing of articles, broadcasting or appearance in Press/media.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the subject cited above and to say that Rule 7 of the Odisha Government Servant's Conduct Rules, 1959 and also similar provision of Rule 7 of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1969, lays down that no Government servant shall, in any radio broadcast or in any document published anonymously or in his own name or in the name of any other person or 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 State Government, Central Government or the State Government of any other state; or
- ii. which is capable of embarrassing the relation between Government of Odisha and Government of India or the Government of any other State; or
- iii. which is capable of embarrassing the relations between the Government of India and the Government of any foreign State: Provided that nothing in this rule shall apply to the statement made or views expressed by a Government servant in his official capacity and in the due performance of the duties assigned to him.

Further Rule 6 of AIS(Conduct)Rules, 1968 provides that previous sanction of the Government shall not be required when the member of the service, in the bona fide discharge of his duties or otherwise, publishes a book or contributes to or participates in a public media, provided that he shall observe the provisions of rules and all times make it clear that the views expressed, are of his own and not those of the Government.

It has been observed that certain officers have been publishing articles/commentary in media which may be contravening the above provisions. It is therefore, requested that all Government servants who are working under the affairs of the State, must desist from writing articles, making/releasing statements to the print/electronic media and taking part in discussions organized by media and similar bodies on subjects/issues that are critical of the Government as per the Conduct rule, and adhere to the aforesaid Code of Conduct strictly, failing which the matter will be viewed seriously. Also the Government may review all the cases where such articles have been published by any officers working in the affairs of the Government.

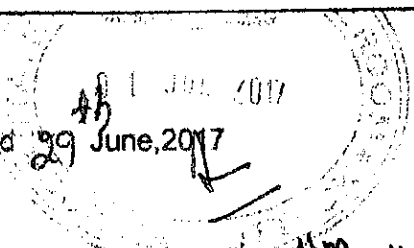
Yours faithfully,

*J. Chok*  
29/6/17  
Special Secretary to Government

For Sp. Secy. cum. P. Secy. Cell

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Addl. Secretary to Government

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