

Copy of letter No. 1651-5GS-67/8429 dated 22-5-67 from the Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana to all Heads of Departments, etc. etc.

Subject :—Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964—Acceptance of passage and hospitality by officers from foreign contracting firms.

I am directed to say that Government have considered the question of whether an officer may be permitted to accept the cost of passage to a foreign country and offers of hospitality by way of free board and lodging during his stay there, if offered by a foreign firm contracting with the Government, either directly or through its agents/representatives in India. The explanation below rule 13 of the Punjab Government Employees (Conduct) Rules, 1966, as now applicable to Haryana Government employees, provides that "gift" shall include transport, boarding, loading or other services or any other pecuniary advantage when provided by any person other than a near relative or personal friend having no official dealings with the Government. Note (II) below the said rule further provides that a Government employee shall avoid the acceptance of lavish or frequent hospitality from any individual having official dealings with him or from industrial or commercial firms, organisations etc. In the circumstances, Government have decided that officers should neither accept nor be permitted to accept offers of the cost of passages to foreign Countries and Hospitality by way of free board and loading there, if such offers are made by foreign firms contracting with Government either directly or through their agents/representatives in India. The only exception to this will be in respect of facilities for training a broad extended by any foreign firm (which obtain reimbursement from the foreign Government concerned) as part of an aid programme.

2. You are, therefore, requested to bring these instructions to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

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Under Secretary Political & Services,
for Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana.

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The Financial Commissioner, Revenue, Haryana. All the Administrative Secretaries to Government, Haryana.