

Copy of letter No. 9/12/80-IGSH, dated 24th September, 1980, from the Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana to all Heads of Departments, etc., etc.

Subject :—Giving of gifts by the autonomous bodies under the Haryana Government including Corporations, Boards and Cooperative Banks.

I am directed to invite your attention to the instructions contained in this Department U.O. No. 2257-1 GSII-76 dated 22/23-3-1976 wherein it was mentioned that instances had come to the notice of the Government where corporate bodies had given gifts to official members of their respective Boards. It was desired that this practice should be discouraged and prempory instructions should be issued to all such bodies under your administrative control to discontinue such a practice forthwith.

2. It has again been noticed that autonomous bodies under the Haryana Government including Corporations Boards and Cooperative Banks continue to present costly articles as souvenirs to the members of their Boards/Committee including officials. In so far as the employees of the State Government are concerned permission of the competent authority is required to be taken by them before accepting any gift keeping in view the provisions of rule 13 of the Government Employees (Conduct) Rules, 1966. For the members of the All India services similar provisions exist in rule 11 of the all India services (Conduct) Rules, 1968. The non-Official members are not governed by the provisions of the aforesaid Conduct Rules.

3. The Government considers that the practice of offering gifts to the members by the corporation should be discouraged. If however on a rare occasion it is considered desirable to offer gifts there should be a proper resolution passed to justify the giving of gifts. In any case the value of a gift given to or accepted by a member must not exceed Rs. 75/-. This will obviate the need for obtaining permission by the official members of the Boards/Committees and also be in keeping with the idea of economy in expenditure. The concerned autonomous body should send a report to the concerned administrative Department regarding gifts given to its members. Any person (including the recipient of a costly gift) violating these instructions will be liable to the charge of misconduct.

4. It is requested that strict instructions should be issued to all the autonomous bodies including Corporations/Boards and Co-operative Banks under your control for compliance. A copy of the instructions issued to the respective Board/Corporation should be endorsed to this Department for information.

Sd/-
Yours faithfully,
Joint Secretary General Administration,
for Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana.

No. 9/12/90-IGSH dated Chandigarh, the 24th September, 1980

A copy each is forwarded for information and necessary action :—

All Heads of Departments ; The Commissioners, Ambala and Hisar Divisions ; and all Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil) in the State.

Sd/-
Joint Secretary General Administration
for Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana.