

# **IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2018**

1. With enactment of THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, 2016' from 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 and notification of THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES RULES, 2017' on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, this Department vide O.M. No. 36035/02/2017-Estt (Res) dated 15/01/2018 issued instructions in line with the provisions made therein regarding reservation for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities, as defined under Section 2(r) of the Act against the posts and services of the Central Government. The new act has been fully implemented from Civil Services Examination 2018.
2. Shri Vinay Mittal, Member, UPSC was appointed as Chairman, Union Public Service Commission, with effect from the forenoon of January 22, 2018 vide this Department's notification No. 39019/13/2017-Estt (B) dated 12/01/2018.
3. The approval of Competent Authority to accord recognition to the Central Government Staff Car Drivers' Association under CCS (Recognition of Service Associations) Rules, 1993 were conveyed vide O.M. No. 17/1/2017-R&R and DC dated 24.01.2018.
4. This Department vide O.M. No. 31011/8/2017-Estt.A-IV dated 18/01/2018 clarified that the Government employees in the bracket of pay level 14 and above, shall be entitled for air travel in Business/Club class for the purpose of LTC in line with DOP&T's instructions dated 19.09.2017. However, other conditions like rate ceiling of LTC-80 fare and booking of tickets through authorised modes, shall continue to exist.
5. Appointment's Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved appointments in 24 cases (4 CMD/MD and 20 Functional Directors) in various Schedule A & B Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). Further, Twenty Three (23) appointments of Chairpersons/Members in various Tribunals/ Statutory Bodies/ Authorities/ Commissions, Three (03) appointments of Chief Executives in Autonomous Bodies/ Institutes. Two (02) proposals of Premature repatriations, Four (04) proposals of Appointment of PS to Ministers, One (01) proposals of Appointment of PS to Ministers (Lateral Shift), Four (04) proposals of Appointment of OSD to Ministers, Seven (07) proposals of Extensions, One (01) proposals of Curtailment of tenure have been approved by the Cabinet Secretary/ACC. Further, 09 officers have been retained on offer under the Central Staffing Scheme.
6. Study Allowance was abolished vide Notification dated 01.01.2018.