

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS WITH REGARD TO DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2018

- (i) Inaugural session of Assistant Secretaries (IAS officers of 2016 batch) was held on 4th July, 2018. On this occasion, Hon'ble Prime Minister encouraged these officers to share their experience of field training. He discussed with them some of the elements of good governance including Jan Bhagidaari, information flows, optimal utilisation of resources and people's trust in governance etc. Recent governance initiatives such as Gram Swaraj Abhiyan and Ayushman Bharat also came up during discussion. Hon'ble MoS (PP) and senior officials from the Department were also present on the occasion.
- (ii) Interactive session with Assistant Secretaries (IAS officers of 2016 batch) was chaired by His Excellency, the Vice President of India at CSOI, Vinay Marg, New Delhi on 11.07.2018. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu asked these officers to look upon people as active agents of transforming India, not merely as 'target groups' or 'beneficiaries' as we used to call them. Hon'ble MoS (PP) also addressed these officers and said the attachment of IAS officers as Assistant Secretaries with the Union Government has been envisaged as a mechanism that blends the youth and experience.
- (iii) The Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 was passed by Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha and has received the assent of the Hon'ble President and was published for general information in the Gazette of India on 26.07.2018.
- (iv) Allocation of services i.e. IAS, IFS, IPS, Central Civil Services, Group 'A' and Group 'B' to 848 candidates recommended by UPSC on the basis of Civil Services Examination 2017 was done on 31.07.2018.
- (v) 28 training programmes were conducted in ISTM during the month of July. This includes 04 CSS-CTP (02 Level-D, Level-E and Level-B) and 01 CSSS-CTP (Level-III) programmes. The number of participants in these programmes was 966.
- (vi) Appointment's Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved appointments in 5 cases (1 CMD/MD and 4 Functional Directors) in various Schedule A & B Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). Further, Five (5) appointments of Chairpersons/Members in various Tribunals/ Statutory Bodies/ Authorities/ Commissions, Two (02) appointments of Chief Executives in Autonomous Bodies/ Institutes, One (01) proposal of Premature repatriation, Two (02) proposals of Appointment of PS to Ministers, Eight (08) proposals of extensions and One (01) proposal of curtailment of tenure were approved by the Cabinet Secretary/ACC. Further, 4 officers have been retained on offer under the Central Staffing Scheme.

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- (vii) An Order regarding Holidays to be observed in Central Government Offices during the year 2019 was issued vide this Department's O.M 12/2/2018-JCA-2 dated 11th July, 2018.
- (viii) PESB, DoPT issued advertisement for 10(Ten) posts [02(Two) post for CMD/MD/ Chairman and 08(Eight) posts for Director] and 15(Fifteen) selection meetings were held [01(One) for CMD/MD, 1 for Member and 13(Thirteen) for Director].
- (ix) Pursuant to the recommendations of Group of Secretaries (GoS) on Governance, the Government decided to undertake lateral recruitment to Joint Secretary (JS) level positions in Government of India. In response to the advertisement the total number of applications received as on 30th July, 2018 is 6,077 ranging from 290-1100 for different categories of posts of JS.

2. In addition to the above, the following instructions / guidelines on different subjects were issued by this Department.

- (i) Consolidated instructions regarding leave to a Government servant who is unlikely to be fit to return to duty, vide O.M. No. 18017/1/2014-Estt.(L) dated 17.07.2018.
- (ii) Instructions regarding dispensing with the provision of mandatory "cooling off" period between two deputations for appointment in the personal staff of Union Ministers, vide O.M. No. 2/11/2016-Estt.(Pay-II) dated 20.07.2018.
- (iii) Consolidated instructions regarding recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission related to implementation of decisions relating to the grant of Children Education Allowance (CEA) and Hostel Subsidy, vide O.M. No. A-27012/02/2017-Estt.(AL) dated 17.07.2018.