

CHAPTER XIV

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

All Government servants are required to take an oath of allegiance to the Constitution of India in the prescribed form and the oath is also to be taken by all new entrants to Government service. Conscientious objectors to oath taking may make a solemn affirmation in the prescribed form.

2. The oath/affirmation can be taken/made in English or Hindi or in any official regional language with which the Government servant is conversant. The prescribed forms in English and Hindi are given in Annexure I, while those in the regional languages are still to be notified.

3. Full-time Government servants who are foreign nationals, are also required to take/make an oath/affirmation in the form given in Annexure II.

4. The taking of oath should be made one of the terms of appointment of persons to Government service.

5. A record should be maintained of full-time Government servants who have taken/made the prescribed oath/affirmation. Such a record should be maintained in a separate register for each different grade of Government servants. The cover and the first page of the register should show the grade of Government servants in respect of whom the record of oath/affirmation is kept in the register. A copy of the form, oath/affirmation should be pasted on the next page, and thereafter entries may be made in the register in the form given in Annexure III.

6. The oath/affirmation should be taken/made before the Head of Department of Office as may be appropriate, or a gazetted officer who may be authorised in this behalf.

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ANNEXURE I

I, A. B., do swear/solemnly affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to India and to the Constitution of India as by law established, that I will uphold the sovereignty and integrity of India, and that I will carry out the duties of my office loyally, honestly, and with impartiality."

(So help me God !)

Hindi version of the form of Oath/affirmation :

मैं,..... शपथ लेता हूँ/सत्यनिष्ठा से प्रतिज्ञा करता हूँ कि भारत और विधि द्वारा स्थापित भारत के संविधान के प्रति श्रद्धा और सच्ची निष्ठा रखूंगा, मैं भारत की प्रभुता और अखण्डता अक्षुण्ण रखूंगा, तथा मैं अपने पद के कर्तव्यों का राजभक्ति, ईमानदारी और निष्पक्षता से पालन करूंगा।

(अतः ईश्वर मेरी सहायता करें)

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ANNEXURE

FORM OF OATH PROPOSED FOR GOVERNMENT SERVANTS WHO ARE FOREIGN NATIONALS

I.....a citizen of.....temporarily residing in and holding a civil post under the Government of India do swear/solemnly affirm that, having the faith and allegiance I owe to*.....I will, during the period of my service as aforesaid, be faithful to India and to the Constitution of India as by law established and that I will carry out the duties of my office loyally, honestly and with impartiality.

(So help me God)

*Here insert the name of the country conferred.

ANNEXURE III

FORM IN WHICH THE REGISTER IS TO BE MAINTAINED

Sr. No.	Name of Govt. servant	Date on which oath/affirmation was taken/made	Whether an "oath" or "affirma- tion" was taken/ made	Disignation of officer before whom the oath/ affirmation was taken/made.	Signature of officer
1	2	3	4	5	6