OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject- Functioning of Departmental Councils- regarding

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's D.O. letter of even number dated 23.07.2012 (copy enclosed) regarding holding of meetings of Departmental Councils regularly with a view to make effective use of Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM) Scheme. Secretary, DoPT, had also vide his D.O letters of even number dated 03.12.2012, 26.05.2013 and 17.02.2015 requested to promote this interaction more proactively through regular meetings of Departmental/Office Councils under the Ministry/Department.

2. The JCM Scheme provides for Departmental Councils at the level of individual Ministries/Departments, including their attached and subordinate offices. The Staff Side of JCM, however, has been remonstrating that regular dialogue with the Staff Side through the mechanism of Departmental Councils at Ministry/Department level is not happening. Meetings of Departmental Council are essential as they help in resolving differences between Government and the Staff Side.

3. It is requested that suitable instructions may please be issued to hold meetings of Departmental Councils on regular basis.

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To

The Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments
(As per standard list)

Copy for information to

Secretary, JCM for Central Government Employees,
13 C-Ferozshah Road, New Delhi-110 001
Dear Sir,

You may be kindly aware that Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM) Scheme for the Central Government Employees is in operation to promote harmonious relations between the Government and its employees so as to secure cooperation between the Government in its capacity as employer and the general body of its employees in matters of common concern and to increase the efficiency of the public services through a collaborative endeavor.

This Scheme inter alia provides for Departmental Councils at the level of individual Ministries/Departments including their attached and subordinate offices. Instructions have been issued by this Department from time to time for making effective use of the JCM scheme. The Staff Side however has expressed their concern at “deterioration in the functioning of the JCM machinery”.

In this connection it is reiterated that regular dialogue with the Staff Side through the mechanism of Departmental Councils at Ministry/Department level is essential as it helps in resolving differences and stimulates an atmosphere of trust between the employees represented through the Staff side and the Government as employer.

In view of this you would kindly appreciate that the Joint Consultative machinery needs to be galvanized and for this purpose the Departmental Councils should be constituted in those Ministries/Departments where they have not been constituted and where they are already in existence, the meetings of the Departmental Councils should be held more frequently to resolve Staff Side grievances.

I would also request that information on the functioning of Departmental Council in your Ministry/Department may kindly be provided to us in the enclosed format by 3rd August, 2012.

Warm regards

Yours sincerely

Dr. Ratan Kumar Sinha
Secretary to the Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Anushakti Bhawan Mumbai.

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### INFORMATION ON FUNCTIONING OF DEPARTMENTAL COUNCILS

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