OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Setting up of Search Committees/Search-cum-Selection Committee.

The guidelines on constitution of Search Committees for posts in Government and Search-cum-Selection Committees for posts in autonomous organizations have been issued vide this Department’s OM of even number dated 30th July, 2007.

2. The guideline stipulates that Search Committees should be constituted only for sufficiently senior posts at the level of Director (in the scale of Rs. 14300-18300)(Revised PB-4, GP 8700) or above, which require specialized scientific/technical knowledge and experience. It further provides that the Committee should be chaired by the Secretary of the Ministry/Department concerned. Where it is constituted for a Secretary-level post, a senior and distinguished academician may be invited to chair the Committee.

3. As regards constitution of Search-cum-Selection Committees for posts in autonomous/statutory bodies etc., the guidelines stipulates that each Ministry/Department shall constitute a Search-cum Selection Committee, with the concurrence of the DOPT, for (a) all appointments to the post of Chief Executives and (b) for all appointments carrying a pay scale of Rs. 18400-22400 (revised as PB-4 with GP of Rs. 10000/) and above. Ministries/Departments will have the discretion to choose the Chairman of the Committee. They may, however, ensure that the person, so chosen, is distinguished and of sufficiently high standing commensurate with the level of the post for which selection is to be recommended by the Committee.

4. These guidelines have been reviewed and with the approval of the competent authority it has been decided that henceforth Cabinet Secretary shall be the Chairperson of Search Committee/Search-cum Selection Committee meetings wherever retired Secretaries to Govt. of India are eligible for appointment to a post/an assignment.

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Director

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