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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training

North Block, New Delhi
Dated 11th August, 2015.

To
The Chief Secretary of all States/UTs.


I am directed to refer to the Govt. of India Decision under Rule 13 of AIS (Conduct) Rules, 1968 issued vide MHA letter No. 16/12/59 dated 15.06.1959 wherein it was conveyed that income from literary, cultural or artistic efforts, which are not aided by the knowledge acquired by the member in the course of his service, is not ‘fee’ for the purpose of SR 12 and can be retained by the officer in full. In other cases, SR 12 will apply and 1/3rd or the amount above Rs.250/- will have to be credited to the Consolidate Fund of India/State.

2. It has now been decided that the income from literary, cultural or artistic efforts, which are not aided by the knowledge acquired by the member of Service in the course of his service, is not ‘fee’ for the purpose of SR 12 and can be retained by the member of Service in full. In other cases, SR 12 will apply and one-third of any fees in excess of Rs. 1500/- paid to a member of Service in a financial year shall be credited to the Consolidated Fund of India/State.

3. The contents of this letter may be brought to the notice of all the members of the All India Services.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajesh Kumar Yadav)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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1. All Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India
2. The Ministry of Home Affairs (Atten: Joint Secretary (Police) and Joint Secretary (UT), North Block, New Delhi
3. The Ministry of Environment & Forests (Atten: Joint Secretary (Forests), Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110003.
4. All Officers/Sections of the Deptt. of Personnel & Training
5. NIC, Deptt. of Personnel & Training with request to upload the same on the website of Deptt.of Personnel & Training i.e. www.persmin.nic.in>OM&orders>service>ConductRules.

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