To
Cadre Controlling Authorities
(as per the enclosed list)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to bring to your kind attention the direction of ACC for inclusion of a specific provision in the relevant rules of Central Civil Services that APAR not completed by 31st December of the year would be treated as time barred. The details are as follow:

2. The ACC while considering a proposal for appointment of CMD in a PSU has observed that non-adherence to stipulated time lines in finalising APARs is a recurrent problem in all Sectors of the Government. Sometimes, it is the assesses who do not submit their self appraisals in time and sometimes the delay is due to Reporting/Reviewing/Accepting Authorities not adhering to the time-lines. Often cases of undated appraisal/comments are noticed and possibility of back dating can also not be ruled out.

3. With a view to address the above issues, the ACC has directed the Department of Public Enterprise (for CPSEs), Department of Financial Services (for PSBs, FIs and Insurance Companies) and all Cadre Controlling Authorities (for Central Civil Services in respect of cadres controlled by them) to include the following provision in the relevant rules governing the APARs of the Service:

   "if an APAR for a Financial Year is not recorded by 31st December of the year in which the financial year ended, no remarks may be recorded thereafter and the officer may be assessed on the basis of the overall record and self assessment for the year, if he has submitted his self assessment in time."

4. It is suggested that the DPE, DFS and other Cadre Controlling Authorities may also introduce online filing of APAR. DOPT had launched on-line application christened as SPARROW w.e.f. 1st April, 2014 to enable the IAS officers to file their PARs online. The SPARROW can be tweaked/modified by the SPARROW team of NIC as per the specific requirements of the Services. In this regard, you may kindly refer to my earlier letter dated 21.04.2015(copy enclosed) indicating the advantages accrued from the implementation of on-line filing in respect of IAS officers and steps required to be taken for rolling out the on-line system to other Services.

5. The Department of Public Enterprise (for CPSEs), Department of Financial Services (for PSBs, FIs and Insurance Companies) and all cadre controlling authorities (for Central Civil Services in respect of cadres controlled by them) are, therefore, requested to comply with the directions of the ACC and also take steps as outlined in the para 5 of the enclosed letter for rolling out the online system.

6. An action taken report on para 3 and 4 above may be sent to this Department urgently for apprising the ACC accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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