Office Memorandum

Subject: Zone of consideration for promotion to 'Selection' posts - Clarification regarding.

The undersigned is directed to say that extant instructions on the subject of zone of consideration to be adopted while determining the number of officers to be considered for promotion to posts in any Group by 'selection', including an extended zone of consideration for SC/ST employees, are prescribed vide this Department's O.M. No. 22011/1/90-Estt.(D) dated 12th October, 1990 read with O.M. No. 22011/1/90-Estt (D) dated 22nd April, 1992 (copies enclosed).

2. References have been received in this Department seeking to know whether various instructions of Department of Personnel and Training relating to the size of zone of consideration for selection posts, particularly in regard to zone of consideration for SC/ST candidates, that were issued prior to 12.10.1990 continue to be valid, as aforementioned DOPT Office Memorandum dated 12.10.1990 (read with Office Memorandum dated 22.4 1992) do not specifically provide that they have been issued in supersession of the earlier orders on the subject issued by this Department.

3. To clear the doubts expressed in this regard, it is, hereby, clarified that provisions of this Department's Office Memoranda dated 12.10.1990 and 22.4.1992 ibid are self-contained and are in replacement of all previous orders issued by this Department for regulating the size of zone of consideration for promotion by 'selection' to posts, in all Groups, including an extended zone of consideration for filling up vacancies reserved for SC/ST candidates. Therefore, for any original DPC held after issue of aforesaid Office Memoranda, the size of zone of consideration/extended zone of consideration was/is required to be considered only on the basis of provisions of these Office Memoranda and no reference is to be made to any other instruction on the subject issued by this Department prior to 12.10.1990.

4. (Hindi version will follow).

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