OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Compassionate Appointment - Recommendation by the Committee limited to availability of vacancy.

The undersigned is directed to refer to paragraph 7(f) of the Department of Personnel and Training (DoP&T) Office Memorandum (O.M.) No.14014/6/94-Estt(D) dated October 9, 1998 read with O.M.No.14014/23/99-Estt(D) dated December 3, 1999 on the above subject and to say that the matter has been further examined. Generally it is seen that in view of the 5% ceiling prescribed for compassionate appointment under the extant instructions, there are not enough vacancies to accommodate even requests for compassionate appointment from family members of Government servants belonging to the same Ministry/Department/Office. Consequently, there are no spare vacancies left to accommodate requests from other Ministries/Departments/Offices for such appointment. Therefore, while no useful purpose is being served by taking up the matter with other Ministries/Departments/Offices of the Government of India to consider such other cases received by them from other Ministries/Departments/Offices for compassionate appointment, it on the other hand only gives false hope to the applicants as grant of such appointment by other Ministries, etc. cannot be guaranteed. It has, therefore, been decided that in future the Committee prescribed in paragraph 12 of Office Memorandum dated October 9, 1998 for considering a request for appointment on compassionate grounds should take into account the position regarding availability of vacancy for such appointment and it should limit its recommendation to appointment on compassionate grounds only in a really deserving case and only if vacancy meant for appointment on compassionate grounds will be available within a year in the concerned administrative Ministry/Department/Office, that too within the ceiling of 5% of vacancies falling under DR quota in any Group ‘C’ or ‘D’ post prescribed in this regard in para 7(b) of Office Memorandum dated October 9, 1998 referred to above.
3. The instructions contained in the Office Memoranda referred to above stand modified to the extent mentioned above.

4. The above decision may be brought to the notice of all concerned for information, guidance and necessary action.

5. Hindi version will follow.

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