OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Promotion of Assistant to the grade of Section Officer of Central Secretariat Service (CSS) on ad-hoc basis - Clarification reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department’s OM No. 6/9/2010-CS-I(S) dated 11th November, 2010 and OM No. 6/5/2011-CS-I(S) dated 04th October, 2011 on the subject mentioned above.

2. A number of representations have been received in this Department from DR Assistants of 2002 batch claiming promotion to the grade of Section Officer on ad-hoc basis as their junior promtee Assistants have been promoted. Ministries/Departments have also sought clarification as to whether DR Assistants of 2002 batch, though not having 8 years approved service, could be promoted to SO (ad-hoc) in view of the fact that promtee Assistants of SL 2002 have already been promoted.

3. The matter has been considered in this Department. Vide this Department’s OM No. 6/9/2010-CS-I(S) dated 11th November, 2010 the Assistants upto SLs 1999(General Category), upto SLs 2000(SC Category) and upto SLs 2002(ST Category) with 8 years approved service in the Assistant grade were to be promoted to the grade of Section Officer on ad-hoc basis. The same condition of 8 years approved service in the grade of Assistant was reiterated when the OM No. 6/5/2011-CS-I(S) dated 04th October, 2011 was issued while extending the zone of ad-hoc promotion of the Assistants upto SLs 2002 (General & SC Category) to the grade of Section Officer on ad-hoc basis. The final exam of DR Assistants 2002 having been conducted in September 2003, their approved service as per CSS Rules, 2009 commences only from 1st July, 2004. It is clarified that DR Assistants of 2002 batch have not fulfilled the required eligibility criteria of 8 years approved service for promotion to the grade of Section Officer on ad-hoc basis as per this Department’s OM No. 6/9/2010-CS-I(S) dated 11th November, 2010 and OM No. 6/5/2011-CS-I(S) dated 04th October, 2011. DR Assistants of 2002 therefore, will be eligible for promotion to the grade of Section Officer on ad-hoc basis, w.e.f. 1st July, 2012 only.

4. Keeping in view the above clarifications, all the Ministries/Departments, who have already wrongly promoted DR Assistants of 2002 batch to the grade of Section Officer on ad-hoc basis in contravention to this Department’s OM No. 6/9/2010-CS-I(S) dated 11th November, 2010 and OM No. 6/5/2011-CS-I(S) dated 04th October, 2011 are, therefore, requested to cancel their promotion ab-initio. These Assistants can again be considered for promotion on ad-hoc basis w.e.f. 1st July, 2012 (the date on which they become eligible) subject to fitness, vigilance clearance and availability of vacancies at that time.

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