

North Block, New Delhi 110001  
October 12, 1998

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject : Procedure to be followed by the Departmental Promotion Committee(DPCs) In regard to retired employees.**

The undersigned is directed to invite reference to the Department of Personnel and Training (DOP&T) Office Memorandum No.22011/5/86-Estt.(D) dated April 10, 1989 containing the consolidated instructions on DPCs. The provisions made in paragraph 6.4.1 of the aforesaid Office Memorandum lay down the following procedure for preparation of year-wise panel(s) where for reasons beyond control, DPC(s) could not be held for the year(s) even though vacancies arose during the year(s) :-

- (i) Determine the actual number of regular vacancies that arose in each of the previous year(s) immediately preceding and the actual number of regular vacancies proposed to be filled in, the current year separately.
- (ii) Consider in respect of each of the years those officers only who would be within the field of choice with reference to the vacancies of each year, starting with the earliest year onwards.
- (iii) Prepare a 'Select List' by placing the select list of the earlier year above the one for the next year and so on.

2. Doubts have been expressed in this regard as to the consideration of employees who have since retired but would also have been considered, for promotion if the DPC(s) for the relevant year(s) had been held in time.

3. The matter has been examined in consultation with the Ministry of Law (Department of Legal Affairs). It may be pointed out in this regard that there is no specific bar in the aforesaid Office Memorandum dated April 10, 1989 or any other related instructions of the Department of Personnel and Training for consideration of retired employees, while preparing year-wise panel(s), who were within the zone of consideration in the relevant year(s). According to legal opinion also it would not be in order if eligible employees, who were within the zone of consideration for the relevant year(s) but are not actually in service when the DPC is being held, are not considered while preparing year-wise zone of consideration/panel and, consequently, their juniors are considered (in their places) who would not have been in the zone of consideration if the DPC(s) had been held in time. This is considered imperative to identify the correct zone of consideration for relevant year(s). Names of the retired officials may also be included in the panel(s). Such retired officials would, however, have no right for actual promotion. The DPC(s), may, if need be, prepare extended panel(s) following the principles prescribed in the Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum No.22011/8/87-Estt.(D) dated April 9, 1996.

4. Ministries/Departments are requested to bring these instructions to the notice of all concerned including their attached and subordinate offices.

Sd/-  
(K. K. JHA)  
Director(Establishment)

To

All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

Copy to

The Union Public Service Commission, Dholpur House, Shahjehan Road, New Delhi-110011.