No. 28/46-IH(7)-2019/2030
Chandigarh Administration
Department of Personnel
Chandigarh, dated the 1\slash2\slash2019

To
All the Administrative Secretaries/
Heads of Departments/ Offices/
Boards/ Corporations/ Institutions
Chandigarh Administration

Subject:- Grant of Vigilance Clearance for obtaining Passport

Sir/Madam

In continuation of this Administration's letter No. 28/46-IH(7)-2015/15815 dated 29.07.2015, I am directed to address you on the subject noted above and to enclose herewith a copy of O.M. No. 11012/7/2017-Estt.A-III dated 28.03.2018 received from the Deputy Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, Department of Personnel & Training, New Delhi, which is self-explanatory for necessary action and strict compliance.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]
Superintendent Personnel for Secretary Personnel
Chandigarh Administration

Endst No. 28/46-IH(7)-2019/2031
Dated: 1\slash2\slash2019

A copy is forwarded to the Adviser to the Administrator-cum-Chief Vigilance Officer (in Vigilance Branch) Union Territory, Chandigarh for Information and necessary action.

[Signature]
Superintendent Personnel for Secretary Personnel
Chandigarh Administration

Endst No. 28/46-IH(7)-2019/2032
Dated: 1\slash2\slash2019

A copy is forwarded to the Director Information Technology, Union Territory, Chandigarh for Information and necessary action. He is requested to upload the above instructions on the official website of Chandigarh Administration.

[Signature]
Superintendent Personnel for Secretary Personnel
Chandigarh Administration
F. No. 11012/7/2017-Estt.A-III
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension
Department of Personnel & Training
Establishment A-III Desk

North Block, New Delhi – 110001
Dated 28th March, 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Grant of vigilance clearance for obtaining passport.

The undersigned is directed to say that matter regarding guidelines for granting vigilance clearance to members of the Central Civil Service holding Central Civil Posts have been reviewed and it has been decided to lay down guidelines for grant of vigilance clearance to the Government servant for obtaining Indian Passport.

2. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has issued the guidelines for issuance of ordinary Passport to the Government servant vide O.M. No. VI/401/01/05/2014 dated 26.05.2015 in connection with procedures to be followed in case of passport to be issued to Government servant.

3. In view of the above, it is mandatory for the administrative Department/Controlling Authority to check whether any provision of the Section 6(2) of the Passport Act, 1967 are attracted in the case of employee, who are working under them, while obtaining Indian Passport. As such, it is required to check the vigilance clearance of such Government servant.

4. Accordingly, it has been decided that vigilance clearance can be withheld only under the following circumstances:

(i) The officer is under suspension;

(ii) A charge sheet has been issued against the officer in a disciplinary proceeding and the proceeding is pending.

(iii) Charge sheet has been filed in a Court by the investigating Agency in a criminal case and the case is pending.

(iv) Sanction for investigation or prosecution has been granted by the Competent Authority in a case under the PC Act or any other criminal matter.

(v) An FIR has been filed or a case has been registered by any Government entity against the officer, after a preliminary fact finding inquiry.

(vi) The officer is involved in a trap/raid case on charges of corruption and investigation is pending.
5. Vigilance clearance shall not be withheld due to an FIR filed on the basis of private complaint unless a charge-sheet has been filed by the investigating agency, provided that there are no directions to the contrary by a competent court of law. However, the information regarding FIR may be provided to the Passport Office. The final decision will be taken by the concerned Passport Issuing Authority.

6. There may be situations wherein wards and relatives of the civil servants residing abroad (for education and other purposes) could be having medical emergencies or family events. The officer himself/ herself may require to visit abroad for medical reasons. Therefore, as a policy, ordinarily, a passport will not be granted if a disciplinary proceeding is pending against the officer. However, the competent authority can take a view wherein a foreign travel is necessitated due to extreme urgent situation like medical emergencies etc. on case to case basis.

7. All Ministries/ Departments/Offices are requested to bring the above guidelines to the notice of all Disciplinary Authorities under their control.

8. Hindi version will follow.

To The Secretaries of All Ministries/Departments (as per the standard list)

Copy to:
1. President’s Secretariat, New Delhi.
2. Vice-President’s Secretariat, New Delhi.
3. The Prime Minister’s Office, New Delhi.
5. Rajya Sabha Secretariat/Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi.
7. The Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi.
8. The Secretary, Staff Selection Commission, New Delhi.
9. All attached offices under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
13. Secretary, National Council (JCM), 13, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi.
14. CVOs of all Ministries/Departments.
15. ADG (M&C), Press Information Bureau, DoP&T
16. NIC, Department of Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi [for uploading the same on the website of this Ministry under the under the Head Notifications → OMs & Orders → Establishment → CCS (CCA) Rules & What’s New]
17. Hindi Section, DoP&T

(Sanjiv Kumar)
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