No.39018/1/98-Estt(B) GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCE AND PENSIONS DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING

New Delhi, the 21st May, 1999.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Consultation with UPSC

- 1. The Fifth Central Pay Commission in Chapter 17 of its Report has recommended a reduction in the workload of UPSC to enable the Commission to concentrate on more important issues and has given certain specific suggestions in this regard. Earlier, the Standing Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs in their XX Report on the working of UPSC presented in 1994 has also asked the Government to identify more areas where consultation with UPSC can be dispensed with so as to reduce its workload. The Commission in the past has also impressed upon the Government to amend the relevant recruitment rules so that recruitment to Group 'B' non-gazetted posts can be handled by agencies other than UPSC.
- 2. In this background, the provisions of UPSC (Exemption from consultation) Regulations, 1958 and other relevant orders have been reviewed so as to identify areas where consultation with UPSC can be dispensed with. Based on such a review, it has been decided with the approval of the competent authority that:
 - (a) UPSC need not be consulted while making direct recruitment to Group 'B" service or post which is in the scale of pay the maximum of which is below Rs. 10,500 the direct recruitment to these posts will however, be made through SSC.
 - (b) Procedure of vetting by UPSC of the minutes of DPC making substantive appointment of confirmation to any Group 'A' and 'B' service or post of any person recruited directly through UPSC to such Group 'A' or Group 'B" service or post may be dispensed with.
 - (c) While making promotion by selection-cum-seniority to any Group 'A' service or post, the maximum of the scale of pay of which is less than Rs. 16,500 of an officer holding any Group 'A' service or posts. UPSC need not be associated. However, consultation with UPSC is necessary while promoting Group 'B' Officer to lowest rank in Group 'A' posts.
- 3. To give immediate effect to the above decision, an umbrella Notification amending the relevant provisions of the recruitment rules has been issued. Copy of the said Notification is enclosed for information. Amendments to UPSC (Exemption from Consultation) Regulations, 1958 and Resolution dated the 4th November, 1975 laying down the functions of SSC are also being carried out simultaneously.
- 4. This issues with the concurrence of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in respect of persons working in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department.

Director.

To All Ministries/Departments as per standard list.

Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

