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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Alignment of Service Rules with the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013.

The undersigned is directed to say that the 'Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013' { SHWW (PPR) Act } has been promulgated on 22nd April 2013. Further to the Act, the 'Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Rules, 2013' were notified on 9.12.2013. The Act and the Rules framed thereunder provide a redressal mechanism for handling cases of sexual harassment at workplace. The Act and Rules are available at the website of the Ministry of Women and Child Development (wcd.nic.in) under Legislation/Acts.

2. The CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 have been amended vide Notifications of even number published as G.S.R. 823(E) and G.S.R.822(E) in the Gazette of India – Extraordinary dated 19-11-2014. These are available on this Department's website www.persmin.gov.in

3. So far as Central Government employees are concerned, provisions already exist in the CCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 defining sexual harassment. Further, the proviso to Rule 14(2) of the CCS (CCA) Rules 1965 provides that the complaints committee established in each Ministry or Department or office enquiring into such complaints shall be deemed to be the inquiring authority appointed by the disciplinary authority and the committee shall hold the inquiry so far as practicable in accordance with the procedure laid down in those rules. Similar provisions exist in the relevant service rules of the Central Government servants not governed by CCS (Conduct) Rules / CCS (CCA) Rules.

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