

F. No. 11012/6/2016-Estt.A-III
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training
Establishment A-III Desk

North Block, New Delhi
Dated: 19th January, 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Instructions on sealed cover procedure – where Government servant has been acquitted but appeal is contemplated/pending – clarification regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's O.M. No. 22011/4/91-Estt.A dated 14.09.1992 issued in the light of the Judgement dated 27.08.1991 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Union of India v/s K.V. Jankiraman* etc. (AIR 1991 SC 2010). References have been received seeking clarification with regard to the course of action in cases where the Government servant is acquitted by trial court but an appeal against the judgment is either contemplated or has been filed. This issue has been examined in the light of various court judgements including *Bank of India and another vs. Degala Suryanarayana*, Appeal (Civil) 3053-54 of 1997, (1999) 5 SCC 762 in consultation with Department of Legal Affairs and it is clarified as following:

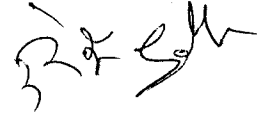
- i. Where the recommendation of DPC has been kept in sealed cover solely on account of pendency of the criminal case, the sealed cover may be opened in case of acquittal of the Government servant provided it has not been stayed by a superior court.
- ii. In the order of promotion a mention may however be made that the promotion is provisional subject to the outcome of appeal that may be filed against the acquittal of the Government servant. The promotion thus will be without prejudice to the action that may be taken if the judgement of the trial court acquitting the Government servant is set-aside.
- iii. In case on appeal the Government servant stands convicted, following action will be taken:
 - a. The provisional promotion shall be deemed *non est*, and the Government servant shall stand reverted;
 - b. In case of the Government servant being sentenced to imprisonment exceeding 48 hours, he will be deemed to be

under suspension in terms of rule 10(2)(b) from the date of conviction;

c. Action under rule 19 (i) of the CCS(CCA) Rules, 1965, read with OM No. 11012/11/85-Estt (A) dated the 11th November, 1985 and 4th April, 1986 shall be taken.

2. All Ministries/ Departments are requested to bring the aforesaid instructions to the notice of all concerned and take action accordingly.

3. Hindi version will follow.



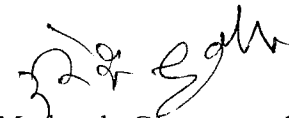
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