

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT

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Office of the Prl.Chief Conservator
of Forests "Aranya Bhavan", A.P.Hyd.

Dr.K.KESAVA REDDY, I.F.S.,
PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS

CIRCULAR NO. 16/91-M3.

Sub:-PUBLIC SERVANTS - I.F.S., Officers - A.I.S.(C) Rules, 1968
Issue of press statement by Member of Service contradicting the Press Statement issued by Anti-corruption Bureau
Disciplinary action initiated - Instructions-issued-Reg.

1. According to conduct Rules 3(1), 6(2) and 9 of A.I.S., (conduct) Rules, 1968, an officer should not issue pre-requisite or hold any press conference. The relevant Rule is as under.

Rule 3(1) of A.I.S.(C) Rules, 1968.

"No member of the Service, shall in the performance of his official duties, or in the exercise of powers conferred on him, act other-wise than in his own best judgement to be true and correct except when he is acting under the direction of his official.

Rule 6(2)(b) of A.I.S.(C) Rules, 1968 says.

" No member of service shall except with the previous sanction of the Government per impute in radio broadcast or contributed and article or write a letter to a newspaper or periodical".

Rule 9 of A.I.S.(C) Rules 1968 says:

" No member of the Service shall except in accordance with any general or special order of the Govt. or in the performance in good faith of the duties assigned to him communicate directly or indirectly any official document or part thereof or information to a Govt. Servant, of any other person to whom is not authorised to communicate such document or information.

2. In addition to the A.I.S (Conduct) Rules according to Rule 17(2) of A.P.C.S.(Conduct) Rules, 1964 issue in G.O.Ms. No. 468 (GAD) (Ser.C) Dept. Dt.17-4-1964 no Govt. employee should give any press statement.

3. It has come to the notice of the Government / Principal Chief Conservator of Forests that a Member of Service convened a Press Conference and contradicted the press statement issued by the Anti-corruption Bureau and he was also issued a clarificatory note to the Hindu Correspondent in which he again contradicted the Anti-corruption Bureau, press note which was published in Hindi Daily News Paper. Hence, article of charges were framed against the Member of Service for violation of conduct Rules. Apart from this of late, some officers are given press statements some times on policy matters which is placing this office and the Govt. in embarrassing position.

4. In view of the above, all the officers are requested not to give any press statement violating the said rules and Instructions. They are forbidden from doing so. Indulgence in such activity shall be viewed very seriously and stringent action will be taken against the erring employees, besides making an adverse entry in their confidential Reports. All the Officers are requested to take note the above instructions. All the controlling authorities are requested to obtain the acknowledgement of all the officers working under them and ensure strict compliance.

The receipt of these circular instructions should be acknowledged by return of post.

To
All the Officers in Distri. Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests.
bution list "A".

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