File No.19036/2/08-E-IV Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Expenditure

New Delhi,4 July 2008,

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Deputations/delegations abroad of officials and /or non officials sponsored by Government of India- reg

The undersigned is directed to refer to D/O Expenditure's O.M No. 19036/7/75-E-IV(B) dt. 5th August ,1976 on the &ubject cited above and to say that Rule 11 of the said O.M provides that "an officer may, subject exigencies of public service , be granted leave while abroad for a period not exceeding 50% of the actual period of duty abroad (excluding the transit time from India to the country of deputation and back and enforced halt) or a fortnight , whenever is less for personal reasons ".

2. The clarification has been sought whether the officers on deputation/training abroad are allowed to prefix/suffix the closed holidays viz.Saturday/Sunday etc with ex -India leave granted to them . The matter has been considered and it is clarified that during such ex-India leave, the closed holidays(Saturday/Sunday etc.) may be allowed to be prefixed/suffixed as the case may be , subject to the condition that no extra financial implications like payment of hotel charges/ per diem allowance etc. are involved. All other conditions under Rule 11 & 12 of the aforesaid O.M will remain the same.

Under Secretary to the Government of India.