

No.1(16)-E.III(A)/63  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
(Department of Expenditure)

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New Delhi, the 27th August, 1968.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Position in respect of Financial commitments entered into by Ministries without prior concurrence of the Ministry of Finance.

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The undersigned is directed to refer to the Ministry of Finance O.M. No.11(42)-Est.III/48 dated the 4th November 1948, and O.M. No.20(37)-E.III(A)/55 dated 16.12.55 on the subject mentioned above copies enclosed) and to state that instances are still being brought to notice where Administrative Ministries had offered terms of appointment to individuals in relaxation of the pay and other service rules, or made financial commitments without the prior concurrence of the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Home Affairs etc., are therefore, requested to ensure that particular care is taken to avoid commitments which require the prior concurrence of the Ministry of Finance, without obtaining such concurrence in advance.

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UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

To

All the Ministries of the Government of India etc.

Copy of Office Memorandum No.F.11(42)-Est.III/48  
dated the 4th November, 1948, addressed to all Ministries  
of the Government of India etc.

Cases have recently occurred in which certain officers  
serving under Provincial Governments, and others not in Government  
service, were offered terms for appointment under the Central  
Government without these terms having been approved by the Ministry  
of Finance. This position is highly irregular and also prejudicial  
to a proper examination of the matter by the Ministry of Finance.  
It is extremely desirable that previous financial sanction should  
be obtained before commitments involving financial liability are  
entered into by Ministries. If any such commitment is made  
without such concurrence, the Ministry of Finance is not bound  
to honour it, as a matter of course.

Sd/- (C.S. Menon)  
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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Copy of Office Memorandum No.20(37)-E.III(A)/55 dated  
the 16th December, 1955.a

Subject:- Financial commitments entered into by administrative  
Ministries without prior concurrence of the Ministry  
of Finance.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Ministry  
of Finance Office Memorandum No.F.11(42)-Est.III/48, dated the  
4th November 1948, on the subject mentioned above (copy enclosed),  
and to state that instances are still being brought to notice  
where some administrative Ministries had offered terms of  
appointment to individuals in relaxation of the pay and other service/  
rules, or concurrence of the Finance Ministry.

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If the Finance Ministry, after proper examination  
of the proposal, withhold their concurrence, the administrative  
Ministry's action causes embarrassment all round. The Finance  
Ministry also do not like to be forced to accept as fait accompli  
decisions which they do not agree with.

2. The Ministries of Commerce & Industry etc. are,  
therefore requested to ensure that particular care is taken to  
avoid commitments which require the prior concurrence of the  
Ministry of Finance, without obtaining such approval in advance.

Sd/- H.F.B. Pais  
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.