OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Requirement of taking prior permission for leaving station/headquarters for going abroad while on leave.

Undersigned is directed to refer to the Office Memorandum mentioned in the margin and to say that as per the existing instructions, when Government servant applies for leave for going abroad on a private visit, separately prior permission of the Competent authority for such visit is also required. While granting such permission, many factors are required to be kept in view. For example, permission may be denied in the interest of security. Individuals facing investigation/inquiry on serious charges, who may try to evade apprehension by police authorities, or facing the inquiry, may also not be permitted to leave the country. On the other hand, it is also desirable that requests of Government servants for such permission are dealt with expeditiously.

2. Keeping the above in view, it has been decided that requests for permission for private visits abroad may be processed in the attached formats. As clarified vide the OM dated 1st September, 2008, the competent authority for granting permission will be as per instructions issued by the Cadre Authority/administrative Ministry/Department. In the absence of any such instructions, it is the leave sanctioning authority. In case due to specific nature of work in a Department, administrative exigencies, or some adverse factors against the Government servant etc., it is not expedient to grant permission to the Government servant, such decision for refusal should not be taken below the level of Head of Department. It may be ensured that the decisions are conveyed to the Government servants within 21 days of receipt of complete application to the competent authority. Any lacunae in the application should be brought to the notice of the Government servant within one week of the receipt of the application. In the event of failure on the part of the competent authority to communicate its decision to the Government employee concerned with 21 days of receipt of the application, the employee concerned shall be free to assume that permission has been granted to him.

3. If in case some modifications are considered necessary due to specialised nature of work handled by any organisation, changes may be made with the approval of this Department.

Under Secretary to the Government of India

To
The Secretaries of All Ministries/Departments
(as per the standard list)

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16. NIC, Department of Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi (for uploading the same on the website of this Ministry under the Head OMs & Orders → Establishment → CCS (Conduct Rules))
17. Hindi Section, DoP&T

(M. P. Rama Rao)

Under Secretary to the Government of India
PROFORMA FOR TAKING PRIOR PERMISSION BY
GOVERNMENT SERVANTS FOR PRIVATE VISITS ABROAD

Part A – To be filled by the Government servant applying for visit abroad

1. Name and Designation

2. Pay

3. Ministry/Department

4. Passport No.

5. Details of private foreign travels to be undertaken:

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<th>Period of travel</th>
<th>Name of foreign countries to be visited</th>
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6. Details of private foreign travel undertaken during the last four years

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Signature

Date:

Name and Designation
Part B – To be filled by the Administration

1. Whether the Government servant is handling large amounts of government cash.

2. Whether the Government servant is dealing with secret/ top secret matters.

3. Whether any case involving serious charges against the Government servant is under investigation (Details)

4. Whether the Government servant is under suspension.

5. Whether any disciplinary proceeding/ criminal case is pending against the Government servant (Details).

Date:

Signature

Name and Designation
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Requirement of taking prior permission by Government servants for leaving station/headquarters for going abroad while on leave.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Department of Personnel and Training’s O.M. No. 11013/8/2000-Estt. (A) dated the 7th November, 2000 on the abovementioned subject and to say that in para 2 thereof, it was conveyed that while granting leave the sanctioning authority shall take prior approval, if required, for permitting the officer to go abroad as per the existing instructions.

2. References are being received regarding the competent authority whose permission is to be taken by the leave sanctioning authority before sanctioning leave to a Government servant to go abroad. It is clarified that the competent authority as per the aforesaid Office Memorandum dated the 7th November, 2000 is to the competent authority in terms of the instructions, if any, issued by the Cadre Authority or the administrative Ministries/Departments themselves. Department of Personnel and Training has not issued any instructions in this regard in respect of the Central Government servants. In the absence of any such instructions, the approval of the leave sanctioning authority would imply approval to the visit abroad also. It may be ensured that the leave applications in such cases invariably mention the purpose of going abroad.

(A.BALARAM)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.