No.22011/3/98-Estt(D) Government of India Ministry of Personnel .P.G.& Pensions (Department of Personnel and Training)

North Block, New Delhi 110001 September 17, 1998

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:- Eligibility of officers to be considered for promotion by DPC - Fixing of Crucial Date of

The undersigned is directed to say that where the Recruitment/Service Rules lay down promotion as one of the methods of recruitment, some period of service in the feeder grade is generally prescribed as one of the conditions of eligibility for the purpose of promotion. Vide the Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum No.22011/7/86-Estt(D) dated July 19, 1989, the crucial date for determining the eligibility of officers for promotion has been prescribed as under:-

- (i) 1st July of the year in cases where ACRs are written calendar year-wise.
- (ii) 1st October of the year where ACRs are written financial year-wise.
- 2. The matter has been reconsidered by the Government and in supersession of the existing instructions it has now been decided that the crucial date for determining eligibility of officers for promotion in case of financial year-based vacancy year would fall on January 1 immediately preceding such vacancy year and in the case of calendar year-based vacancy year, the first day of the vacancy year, i.e. January 1 itself would be taken as the crucial date irrespective of whether the ACRs are written financial year-wise or calendar year-wise. For the sake of illustration, for the panel year 2000-2001 (financial year), which covers the period from April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001, and the panel year 2000 (calendar year), which covers the period from January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000, the crucial date for the purpose of eligibility of the officer would be January 1, 2000 irrespective of whether ACRs are written financial year-wise or calendar year-wise.
- 3. The crucial date indicated above is in keeping with para 9 of the Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum No.22011/9/98-Estt(D) dated September 8, 1998 which prescribes a Model Calendar for DPCs. In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 11 of the said Office Memorandum, these instructions will come into force in respect of vacancy years commencing from January 1/April 1, 1999 and will, accordingly, be applicable to all such subsequent vacancy years.
- 4. These instructions shall be applicable to all services/posts. The Recruitment/Service Rules may, therefore, be amended accordingly. All Ministries/Departments are requested to bring these instructions to the notice of all concerned, including Attached/Subordinate Offices, for guidance and compliance.

Director(Establishment)

To

All Ministries/Departments of the Government of India

Copy to:-The Union Public Service Commission, Dholpur House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi 110011 in continuation of the Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum quoted in para 3 above.