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कल्याण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार

Indian Council of Medical Research  
Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health  
and Family Welfare, Government of India

No.18/1/2020-Admn-II

Dated: 15.6.2020.

To

The Directors/Directors-in-Charge of  
Permanent Institutes/Centres of ICMR.

Subject: Engagement of Counsel on behalf of Union of India-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer a copy of letter File No. Q-11015/07/2020-HR (ICMR)/eoffice-8054204 dated 11.3.2020 received from DHR forwarding therewith a copy of OM No. C.18017/22/2019-Legal Cell dated 6.11.2019 issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare alongwith a copy of OM No. J-12017/1/2019-Judicial Section on the subject mentioned above for strict compliance. In future, no Counsel, other than Govt. empanelled Counsels will be engaged for official court cases. If already private counsel is engaged in any matter, such cases also be reviewed as per above stated guidelines strictly.

Yours faithfully,

(Jagdish Rajesh)  
Asstt. Director General (Admn.)

Encl: As above

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1. PS to DG/PS to Addl. DG/PS to Sr. DDG (A)/PS to Sr. FA
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Government of India  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Department of Health Research

2nd Floor, Red Cross Building, New Delhi,

Dated: 11th March, 2020

To

Sr. Deputy Director General (Administration),  
Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR),  
V. Ramalingaswami Bhawan,  
Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029

Subject: Engagement of Counsel on behalf of Union of India-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of O.M. No. C.18017/22/2019-Legal Cell dated 06.11.2019 received from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare along with a copy of the O.M. No. J-12017/1/2019-Judicial dated 21.10.2019 issued by Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Legal Affairs (Judicial Section) on the subject mentioned above for strict compliance in future. It is also mentioned that in future, no counsel, other than Government empanelled Counsels, will be engaged for official court cases. If already there is private counsel engaged in any case, such cases also be reviewed as per above stated guidelines strictly.

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Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by GOPAL AADITYA  
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Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Department of Health & Family Welfare

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011

Dated 6<sup>th</sup> November,

2019

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:-Engagement of Counsel on behalf of Union of India-reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of O.M. No. J-11017/1/2019—Judicial dated 21/10/2019 from Ministry of Law & Justice, Department of Legal Affairs on the subject mentioned above for information and compliance.

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(Neeraj Sachdeva)

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are deviating from this procedure. Therefore, it has been decided to again issue a detailed O.M re-iterating compliance / guidance of all the Ministries / Departments and their subordinate offices, described as under:

(A) Various Courts / Tribunals at Delhi

In Delhi, there are attached offices of this Department viz Central Agency Section, Litigation (High Court/CAT) Section, Litigation (Lower Court) Section of this Department which are responsible for engaging suitable panel counsel from the panel of this Department for various courts / tribunals situated in Delhi as and when notices/requests, in this regard, are received by them. Similarly, In-charge Central Agency Section and In-charge Litigation (High Court) Section are responsible for engagement of Law Officers for conducting Central Govt. litigation before the Supreme Court of India and High Court of Delhi, respectively. Details in this regard are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the subordinate office	Court/Tribunal before which engagements are made
1.	Incharge, Central Agency Section	Supreme Court of India
2.	Incharge, Litigation (High Court/CAT) Section	High Court of Delhi, Armed Forces Tribunal (PB), National Green Tribunal (PB) and CAT (PB), New Delhi and other Tribunals/ Commissions situated in Delhi.
3.	Incharge, Litigation (Lower Court) Section	District Courts, Dwarka, Rohini, Patiala House, Tis Hazari, Karkardooma and Saket and other subordinate courts in Delhi.

B) Various Courts / Tribunal at Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Bengaluru:

There are four Branch Secretariats of this Department at Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Bengaluru working as subordinate offices who engage counsel from the panel of this Department for respective court / tribunal (including High Court, CAT Bench, AFT Bench, NGT Bench and District & Subordinate Courts) within their jurisdiction.

C) Various High Courts / CATs / AFTs / NGTs in the country:

In places except the stations mentioned under para (A) to (B) above, the engagement of counsel from the panel for respective court / tribunal is made by the concerned In-charge litigation for that court / tribunal. The present position in this regard is as under:

Sl. No.	Court / Tribunal	In-charge litigation (by Designation)
1.	High Courts	Additional Solicitor General of India (ASGI) OR Assistant Solicitor General of India (Asst. SGI) (ASGI will prevail if available)

9. This is for information of all the Ministries / Departments of the Government of India and offices subordinate to them for strict compliance.

10. All the subordinate offices of this Department i.e. the Central Agency Section, Branch Secretariat at Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Bengaluru, all Litigation Sections at New Delhi and all the Litigation In-charges before various courts / tribunals in the country are also requested to ensure strict compliance of instructions contained in this Circular and in case of any deviation this Department may be informed immediately.

11. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister for Law & Justice.



(S. R. Mishra)  
Additional Secretary

To,

1. All the Ministries / Departments of Govt. of India (as per list enclosed) with request to give wide publicity of the contents of this circular amongst all their subordinate offices.
2. The Comptroller & Auditor General of India with request to give wide publicity of the contents of this circular amongst all of their Audit units.
3. The Controller General of Accounts with request to give wide publicity of the contents of this circular amongst all their PAOs/ZAOs/CDDOs across the country.
4. The Registrars of all the High Courts/CATs/AFTs/NGTs in the country and their Benches with request to the give wide publicity of the contents of this Circular amongst all the District Judges under their jurisdiction.
5. The Incharge, Branch Secretariats at Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai & Bengaluru.
6. The Incharge, Central Agency Section, Supreme Court of India.
7. The Incharge, Litigation (High Court/CAT/Lower Court) Section at New Delhi.
8. The Additional Solicitors General of India for the High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Allahabad, Patna and Rajasthan.
9. All the Senior Central Govt. Standing Counsel for various CAT Benches, AFT Benches, NGT Benches across the country.
10. All the Standing Govt. Counsel for various District & Subordinate Courts in the country.