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RASHTRAPATI BHAWAN

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Instructions regarding foreign travel by Ministers in the Union Government and Chief Ministers/Ministers in the States Governments/Union Territories.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Cabinet Secretariat O.M. No. 1/19/2/2014-Cab. dated 29.09.2014 wherein paragraph IV of Cabinet Secretariat O.M. No. 1/19/1/2010-Cab. dated 26.08.2010 had been revised and circulated to State Governments as under:

"(IV) Foreign Travel by Chief Ministers and Ministers of the State Government:

- (a) The Cabinet Secretariat and the Ministry of External Affairs should be kept informed of the proposed foreign visit, either official or private, of Chief Ministers and Ministers in the State Government/Union Territories. However, prior political and FCRA clearances are mandatory.
- (b) Further, while granting political clearance, Ministry of External Affairs will also stipulate that they would be kept informed of the visit(s) when the same is actually made."

2. However, it has come to notice that despite these instructions, communications are still being sent by the State Governments to Prime Minister's Office for seeking permission or providing intimation regarding the foreign visits being/to be undertaken by the Chief Ministers or the Ministers of the State Government.

3. In view of the above it is once again reiterated that instead of PMO, the Cabinet Secretariat and the Ministry of External Affairs should be kept informed of the proposed foreign visit, either official or private, of Chief Ministers and Ministers in the State Governments/Union Territories.

4. The above instructions may be brought to the notice of all concerned for strict compliance.


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