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D.O. No. 1/25/2/2018-Cab (i)

Dated the 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

It has been brought to the notice of this Secretariat by Chairman, Public Accounts Committee that during a pre-scheduled visit of the Committee to Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala in February, 2019, senior officers of some of the Public Undertakings abstained from appearing before the Committee, without obtaining prior permission. The Committee has taken a serous view of this transgression.

2. In this regard, attention is invited to Direction No. 59(1) as contained in "Directions of Speaker, Lok Sabha", which reads as under:

"Where a Ministry or Department or Undertaking is required to give evidence before a Committee on any matter, the Ministry or Department or Undertaking shall be represented by the Secretary or the Head of the Department or Undertaking, as the case may be: Provided that the Chairperson of the Committee may, on a request being made in this behalf, permit any other senior officer to represent the Ministry or Department or Undertaking before the Committee.

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3. It is, therefore, requested to kindly ensure that the above instructions are complied with by your Ministry/ Department; as also disseminated to Heads of all Undertakings under your Ministry/ Department for strict compliance.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajesh Bhushan)

All Secretaries to the Government of India