Subject: Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme for the Central Government Civilian Employees – Clarification regarding.

A Joint Committee is set up to examine the anomalies pertaining to the Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme (MACPS) vide Department of Personnel & Training O.M. No.11/1/2010-JCA dated 03.05.2010.

2. During the joint committee meeting it was pointed out by the Staff Side that the word ‘new organization’ of the last line of para 24 of Annexure-I of MACPS dated 19.05.2009 was not in consonance with the spirit of the Scheme. The issue has been examined and it is clarified that in case of transfer including unilateral transfer on request, regular service rendered in previous organisation/office shall be counted along with the regular service in the new organisation/office for the purposes of getting financial upgradations under the MACPS. However, financial upgradation under the MACPS shall be allowed in the immediate next higher grade pay in the hierarchy of revised pay bands as given in CCS (Revised Pay) Rules, 2008. Para 24 of MACPS stands amended to this extent.

3. The Staff Side also raised an issue on the ‘benchmark’ for MACP as given in para 17 of Annexure-I of MACPS dated 19.05.2009, which provides that the financial upgradation would be on non-functional basis subject to fitness, in the hierarchy of grade pay within the PB-1. Thereafter for upgradation under the MACPS, the benchmark of ‘good’ would be applicable till the grade pay of Rs. 6600/- in PB-3. The benchmark will be ‘Very Good’ for financial upgradation to the grade pay of Rs. 7600 and above. It was pointed out that in some cases the promotion to the next higher grade was made on the basis of ‘fitness’ as the method of promotion as specified in the relevant recruitment rules, was ‘non-selection’. Therefore, in such cases benchmarks should not be insisted upon under the MACPS. The issue has been examined and it is clarified that where the financial upgradation under MACPS also happen to be in the promotional grade and benchmark for promotion is lower than the benchmark for granting the benefits under MACPS as mentioned in para 17 ibid, the benchmark for promotion shall apply to MACP also.

4. All Ministries/Departments may give wide circulation to the contents of this O.M. for general guidance and appropriate action in the matter.

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