

Acceptance of gifts

14. (1) Save as otherwise provided in these regulations, no officer employee shall accept or permit any member of his family or any person acting on his behalf to accept any gift.

Explanation : The expression "gift" shall include free transport, boarding, lodging or other service or any other pecuniary advantage when provided by any person other than a near relative or a personal friend having no official dealings with the officer employee.

Note: (1) A causal meal, lift or other social hospitality shall not be deemed to be a gift.

(2) On occasions such as marriages, anniversaries, funerals or religious functions when the making of gifts is in conformity with the prevailing religious or social practice, an officer employee may accept gifts from his near relatives but he shall make a report to the competent authority if the value of the gifts exceeds Rs. 500.

(3) On such occasions as specified in sub-regulation(2) an officer employee may also accept gifts from his personal friends having no official dealings with him but he shall make a report to the competent authority if the value of such gifts exceeds Rs. 200.

(4) In any other case, the officer employee shall not accept any gifts without the sanction of the competent authority if the value of the gifts exceeds Rs. 75: Provided that when more than one gift has been received from the same person or concern within a period of 12 months the matter shall be reported to the competent authority if the aggregate value thereof exceeds Rs. 500.

(5) "No Officer employee shall—

(i) give or take or abet the giving or taking of dowry; or

(ii) demand, directly or indirectly from the parents or guardians of a bride or bridegroom, as the case may be, any dowry".

Explanation : For the purposes of this Regulation, "dowry" has the same meaning as in Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 (28 of 1961).

Note : As a normal practice an officer employee shall not accept any gift from any person or Institution having official dealings with the officer employee.