

8. Acceptance of Gifts

[Swamy's — CCS (Conduct) Rules]

1. General order.— Government servants should not accept or permit any member of his family or any other person acting on his behalf to accept any gift except in certain cases.

2. Exception.— (a) *When report necessary.*— Customary gifts may be accepted from near relatives and personal friends having no official dealings on occasions such as weddings, anniversaries, funerals, or religious functions. In such cases, the Government servant should report to the Government if the value of the gift exceeds the following limits:—

Cadre	From near relatives and from personal friends having no official dealings
Group 'A'	₹ 25,000
Group 'B'	₹ 15,000
Group 'C'	₹ 7,500

— Rule 13 (2).

(b) *When sanction necessary.*— In any other case, including from any firm other than those referred to in Item 4 below, if the value of the gift exceeds ₹ 5,000 in respect of Group 'A' / Group 'B' officers and ₹ 2,000 in respect of Group 'C' officers, it should not be accepted except with the sanction of the Government. — GID (16), Rule 13 (3).

If the sanction sought for is not refused within 30 days, it may be assumed that the sanction sought for has been granted. — GID, Rule 8.

3. From foreign dignitaries.— Government servants, being members of Indian delegation or otherwise, may receive and retain gifts from foreign dignitaries in accordance with the provisions of The Foreign Contribution (Acceptance or Retention of Gifts or Presentation) Rules, 2012, as amended from time to time. — GID (16), Rule 13 (4).

4. From foreign firms.— Government servants should not accept any gift from any foreign firm which is either contracting with the Government or is one with which they had, have or likely to have official dealing. — Rule 13 (5).

5. Gift.— Gift includes free transport, boarding, lodging, or other service or any other pecuniary advantage provided by any person other than a near relative or personal friend having no official dealings with the Government servant. — Explanation, Rule 13 (1).

6. From Private Trusts.— Government servants should not accept any awards of monetary benefits instituted by Private Trusts/Foundations. — GID (2), Rule 14.

Awards given by Private Bodies / Institutions / Organizations may be accepted only with prior approval of Competent Authority.

Persons accepting award	Competent Authority
Government servant Secretaries to Government of India Officers in Pay Level 17	Secretary of the concerned Ministry / Department. Central Government Concerned Ministry / Department.

The Competent Authority may grant approval, only in exceptional circumstances, subject to the condition that the award should not have any monetary component in the form of cash and/or facilities and credentials of the Private Bodies / Institutions / Organizations should be unimpeachable.

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