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Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Excise and Customs

New Delhi dated the 7th January, 2020

Memorandum

All India Customs Ministerial Employees’ Federation, CBIC have given notice vide their letter dated 16.12.2019 for observing one day strike on 08.01.2020.

2. Attention of the All India Customs Ministerial Employees’ Federation, CBIC is invited to the instructions issued by the DoPT, which prohibit Government servants from participating in any form of strike including mass casual leave, go-slow etc., or any action that abet any form of strike in violation of Rule 7 of the Fundamental Rules. Pay and allowances are not admissible to an employee for his absence from duty without any authority. The right to form an Association does not include right to strike. There is no statutory provision empowering the employees to go on strike. The Supreme Court has also agreed in several judgments that going on a strike is a grave misconduct under the Conduct Rules and that misconduct by the Government employees is required to be dealt with in accordance with the law. Any employee going on strike in any form would face the consequence which, besides deduction of wages, may also include appropriate disciplinary action. A copy of O.M No.33012/1(s)/2008-Estt(B) dated 12th September, 2008 containing instructions issued by the Deptt. of Personnel & Training regarding treatment of period of strike by Government servants, is also enclosed.

3. It is reiterated that action in instances of violation of discipline and conduct rules would be taken in accordance with the instructions on the subject.

Encl. As above:

(R.K. Jha)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

All India Customs Ministerial Employees’ Federation under CBEC

Copy to:
1) All Director General/ Principal Chief Commissioners, Chief Commissioners, Additional Director General of Central Board of Indirect Taxes
2) DG, HRD, CBIC
3) Web Manager, Directorate General of Systems and Data Management for uploading the communication on the Board’s website.
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Participation in any form of strike/meas casual leave/boycott of work etc. by Government servants - CCS(Conduct) Rules - regarding.

The undersigned is directed to say that the instructions issued by the Department of Personnel & Training prohibit the Government servants from participating in any form of strike including casual leave, go-slow etc. or in any way abet any form of strike which will be in violation of Rule 7 of the CCS(Conduct) Rules, 1964. The Supreme Court has also agreed in several judgments that going on a strike is a grave misconduct under the Conduct Rules and that misconduct by the Government employees is required to be dealt with in accordance with law. Any employee going on strike in any form would face the consequences which, besides deduction of wages, may also include appropriate disciplinary action.

2. A Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM) for Central Government employees is already functioning. This scheme has been introduced with the object of promoting harmonious relations and of securing the greatest measure of cooperation between the Government, in its capacity as employer, and the general body of its employees in matters of common concern, and with the object, further of increasing the efficiency of the public service.

3. Therefore, apart from the fact that any form of strike/meas casual leave/boycott of work would be in violation of the CCS(Conduct) Rules, going on any form of strike will also not be in the interest of the employees. Accordingly, the undersigned is directed to convey that if any employee or an association/group of employees, under any nomenclature, indulge in any form of strike/boycott of work in pursuance of any alleged demands, or send any letter conveying their intention to organize any such event, in terms of the provisions mentioned in para 1 above, the salary of such employees for the day/day(s) in question shall not be paid and the details of such employees shall have to be intimated by the concerned office, where such an event took place to the Administrative Ministry/Department concerned, within 15 days of such incident for a decision on how to treat the unauthorized absence occasioned by such an action by the employees. This will be without prejudice to any disciplinary action that may be initiated against such employees. All Ministries/Departments are requested to bring the contents of this O.M. to the notice of all concerned offices under them.

(Signed K. Arora)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

To All Ministries/Departments.