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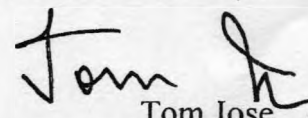
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Sub: All India Services- Conduct Rules- Reg

Instances have come to the notice of the Government where All India Service Officers are using public platforms and social media to criticize the decisions taken lawfully by the Government. It is also seen that some officers respond to such instances by aiding and abetting those actions of other members of service. This is in violation of **Rule 7(1) of All India Service Conduct Rules, 1968** which says-*Criticism of Government—No member of the Service shall, in any radio broadcast or communication over any public media or in any document published anonymously, pseudonymously or in his own name or in the name of any other person or in any communication to the press or in any public utterance, make any statement of fact or opinion,— Which has the effect of an adverse criticism of any current or recent policy or action of the Central Government or a State Government.*

Moreover, **Rule 3(2B)(xi)** of the above said Rules also mentions that; *Every member of the service shall maintain discipline in the discharge of his duties and be liable to implement the lawful orders duly communicated to him .*

It is brought to the attention of every member of services that any action or any instance of public criticism and aiding or abetting such criticism would amount to breach of existing conduct rules and would be viewed seriously.


Tom Jose
Chief Secretary

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To:

1. All AIS officers.
2. The State Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram. *(To be circulated among IPS officers)*
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force, Forest Head Quarters, Thiruvananthapuram. *(To be circulated among IFS officers)*
4. The General Administration (SC/Computer Cell) Department.
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