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To,

All the PCsDA/CsDA and equivalent offices
(through CGDA's Website)

Subject: Vigilance Clearance : IDAS Officer

Reference: CGDA's Circular of even no. dated: 28.09.2018.

The undersigned is directed to invite a reference to the above cited communication where in decision of Competent Authority to delegate the power to issue NOC/IC for passport and NOC for proceeding abroad in respect of IDAS officers was conveyed as follows:

- (a) O/o PCsDA/CsDA and equivalent offices may forward applications for Ex-India leave/NOC for proceeding abroad and NOC for obtaining ordinary passports in respect of SAG & above level IDAS officers to HQrs Office only for obtaining approval of Competent Authority. Consequent upon getting intimation for the approval, the NOC/IC may be issued by an officer of the level of Under Secretary and above at their end.
- (b) For officers below SAG level, the concerned offices need not send applications for Ex-India leave/NOC for proceeding abroad and NOC for obtaining ordinary passports to HQrs Office. In such cases, PCsDA/CsDA and equivalent offices would be the competent authority to approve Ex-India leave and to issue NOC/IC at their end.

2. Subsequent thereto, DoPT vide their OM no. 11012/7/2017-Estt.A-III dated: 18.02.2020, has issued necessary guidelines for grant of vigilance clearance for obtaining passport. Accordingly, it is mandatory for the administrative department/Controlling authority to check as to whether any provision of the Section 6(2) of the Passport Act, 1967 is attracted in case of employees, who are working under them, while obtaining Indian Passport. As such, it is required to check the Vigilance Clearance of such Government servants. Further, similar provisions also exist in DoPT OM no. 11013/8/2015-EsttA-II dated: 27.07.2015 for granting permission to government servant who are proceeding abroad on Ex-India leave.

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3. In view of the above, it is enjoined upon all the PCsDA/CsDA and equivalent offices that Vigilance Clearance in respect of all IDAS officers for the purpose of NOC for proceeding abroad and ordinary passports may invariably be obtained from this HQrs office before issuance of the NOC in terms of this HQrs office circular dated: 28.09.2018 ibid.


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