## No.13023/3/98-Estt.(L)(Vol.II) Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Department of Personnel & Training

New Delhi, Dated the 26th October, 2007.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:-Grant of study leave to Central Health Service Officers for prosecuting post graduation course.

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The undersigned is directed to say that as per rule 51 of CCS(Leave) Rules, 1972, Central Government employees can be granted study leave for a period of 24 months during his entire service inclusive of similar kind of leave for study or training granted under any other rules. The question of increasing this limit of 24 months in respect of Central Health Service (CHS) Officers for prosecuting post graduation courses was under consideration in the context of demand for enhancing the period of study leave upto 36 months against the ceiling of 24 months especially because post graduation courses in health sciences is of a three year duration which has to be done on campus with clinical work involved. The post graduate qualification is a prerequisite for career advancement for the CHS officers. The matter was considered in all its aspects and in consultation with the Ministry of Finance, it has been decided to increase the limit of study leave from 24 months to 36 months in respect of Central Health Service Officers for prosecuting post graduation courses with the stipulation that they would have to give a bond to serve for five years in Government after completing their post graduation, provided the study as well as the University/Institution are approved by the controlling authority and subject to fulfillment of various conditions regarding grant of study leave.

- 2. These orders will be effective from the date of issue.
- 3. Formal amendment to the relevant provision of the rule incorporating the above amendment is being issued separately.
- Hindi version of this O.M. is enclosed.

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