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Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Vigilance Division

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Dated : 28.12.2023

To

**The Principal Secretary,
Forests and Environment Department,
All the State Governments and
Union Territory Administrations.**

**The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Department of Forests,
All the State Governments and
Union Territory Administrations.**

Subject : Filing of Annual Immovable Property Returns (AIPR) for the year 2023 (as on 01.01.2024) in SPARROW portal by Indian Forest Service (IFS) Officers - reg.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to DoPT's D.O. No.6(2)/2023-EO(PR) dated 18.12.2023 (copy enclosed) regarding online filing of AIPR by IFS officers and to say that ***"Rule 16(2) of AIS (Conduct) Rules, 1968 provides that every member of the Services shall submit an annual return in such form as may be prescribed by the government in this regard, giving full particulars regarding the immovable property inherited by him or owned or acquired by him or held by him on lease or mortgage, either in his own name or in the name of any member of his family or in the name of any other person"***.

2. In this regard, reference is invited to DoPT's O.M. No. 104/33/2005-AVD-I dated 29.10.2007 and 07.09.2011 wherein it is clearly mentioned that "Vigilance clearance shall be denied to an officer for the purpose of (a) inclusion in the offer list (b) empanelment (c) any deputation for which Central Government clearance is necessary, including deputation under Rule 6(1) and 6(2)(ii) of the AIS (cadre) Rules (d) appointments to sensitive posts (e) assignments and training programmes (except mandatory training) (f) premature repatriation to the cadre etc. if he/she fails to submit his/her AIPR by 31st January of the following year."

3. Accordingly, every IFS officer is required to submit his/her AIPR online on SPARROW portal i.e. www.sparrow-ifs.eoffice.gov.in. The online AIPR for the year 2023 (as on 01.01.2024)

is to be submitted by 31.01.2024. This AIPR link will be closed on 01.02.2024 and the time-limit will not be extended further.

4. It is therefore requested to bring this to the notice of all the Indian Forest Service officers borne on your State/UT cadre for compliance.

Yours faithfully,

Subhangi J.
23/12/23

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1. **PPS/PS to Joint Secretary in-charge of IFS Division**, M/o Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003
2. **The Under Secretary (IT)** for uploading this O.M. on e-office portal/website of this Ministry.
3. **The Under Secretary, IFS Division** for uploading this O.M. on the IFS website.

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DO No. 6(2)/2023-EO(PR)
 Dated, the 18 December, 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, Rule 16(2) of AIS (Conduct) Rules, 1968 provides that *every member of the Service shall submit an annual return in such form as may be prescribed by the Government in this regard, giving full particulars regarding the immovable property inherited by him or owned or acquired by him or held by him on lease or mortgage, either in his own name or in the name of any member of his family or in the name of any other person.*

In terms of the instructions vide OM No.8/9/60-AIS(III) dated 16.02.1960 and OM No.11017/74/93-AIS(III) dated 04.01.1994 issued under this Rule, every member of the service is required to submit annual immovable property return by 31st January of the next year. Failure on part of the members of the Service to comply with the requirements of the aforesaid provisions constitutes good and sufficient reason for institution of disciplinary proceedings, among other things vide this Department's OM No.104/33/2005-AVD-I dated 29.10.2007 and 07.09.2011, against them. Further, vide notification dated 30.12.2021, Rule 3(1) of IAS (Pay) Rules, 2016 has been amended to make filing of IPR mandatory for being considered for appointment to the next level of pay matrix.

This Department had vide DO No.6(1)/2014-EO(PR) dated 22.12.2016 introduced online filing of IPR in respect of IAS officers w.e.f. 1st January, 2017 through the Module designed for the purpose. Through this Module, the officers can submit the IPR either electronically or upload scanned copy of the manually filled-in IPR. This online Module will close automatically after the prescribed timeline of 31st January, 2024 in respect of the calendar year 2023. The officers need not send a hard copy either to their Cadre or to DoPT.

I would, therefore, be grateful if you would issue necessary instructions to all IAS officers working in your Government and its various departments, to ensure that they submit their IPRs for the year 2023 (as on 01.01.2024) online in the IPR Module, as per the prescribed timeline.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Deepti

(Deepti Umashankar)



Chief Secretaries of the States

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