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The Deputy Secretary,
(By name: Shri J.A. Vaidyanathan),
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New Delhi-110001.

Subject: Non-Functional up gradation for Officers of Organized Group 'A' Services in PB-3 and PB-4 – Clarifications

Sir,

This has reference to the DOP&T's letter No.AB.14017/64/2008-Estt.(RR) dated 25th September, 2009 on the above subject. The clarification given on the point of doubt No.1 that "...the term 'Batch' in the OM refers to the year of joining the service" will have an adverse implication on granting true pay-parity to the Officers of Organized Group 'A' Services with IAS. This is also a deviation from the established norms and practices of the Government that the merit list prepared by UPSC is never disturbed for a particular service/department. Irrespective of date of joining of an officer, the first promotion from JTS to STS is given on the merit/seniority list of UPSC.

As per the service rule, 'Batch' in the Indian Engineering Service means the year in which the exam is conducted. Same has also been admitted by the DOP&T in their O.M. dated 25.9.2009. Any change in the above convention will have far reaching adverse implications in the service conditions of Group 'A' organized Engineering Services.

It is, therefore, requested that the existing method of determination of 'Batch' year may be applied in case of deciding the batch parity of Indian Engineering Service Officers in this case the Indian Broadcasting (Engineering) Service Officers vis-à-vis IAS Officers.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P.N. Bhakta)
General Secretary

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