

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS  
(PERSONNEL WING)

No.A.49011/1/2017/DPAR/CCD(2)

Puducherry, dated 02.01.2017

**C I R C U L A R**

Sub: Public Services – Use of social media – Instructions – Issued.

Ref: Note No.192/CM/PS/2016 dated 31.12.2016 of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Puducherry.

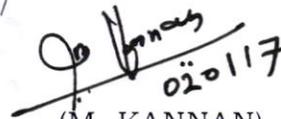
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Hon'ble Chief Minister, Puducherry has noted that many Officers are using digital mode and social media such as Facebook, Whatsapp, Twitter, etc., for official communication. The server of these multinational companies are based outside the country. Therefore, any foreign country can get these official communication and documents uploaded therein. This is violation of Official Secrets Act and also against the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India, New Delhi.

2. Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed that all Government Officers / officials and employees of Societies / Organisation run by Government shall desist from use of such social media for official works. No group shall be formed for official communication and they should not be members of any official group run in such social media nor interact with seniors bypassing the Administrative hierarchy and routine official channel. Strict compliance should be ensured by all concerned and violation, if any, of these instructions brought to notice shall invite disciplinary action and further penal action as per rules in force.

3. Wherever it is essential and unavoidable, written permission should be taken from Chief Secretary for doing Government work through social media.

// BY ORDER //

  
(M. KANNAN)

UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

1. The Development Commissioner / Commissioner-cum-Secretary / Secretaries / Special Secretary to Government, Puducherry.
2. All Heads of Departments.

Copy to:

1. The Private Secretary to Chief Minister, Puducherry.
2. The Private Secretary to Lieutenant Governor, Puducherry.
3. The Sr. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Puducherry.