OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Transfer Policy for Group ‘A’ Officers in Patent Office

The necessity of laying down a Transfer Policy in respect of Group ‘A’ officers of Patent & Design has been felt for quite some time now. These guidelines have been formulated in order to have a fair, transparent and equitable policy for transfer and postings of Group ‘A’ Officers of Patents & Designs. The main objective is to align human resources with the overall organizational goals and also to ensure effective career management of the officers as a whole.

2. Constitution of Placement Committee

2.1 Transfers and Postings of Group ‘A’ officers shall be effected based upon the recommendations of the Placement Committee, composition of which shall be as follows:

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2.2 The recommendations of the Placement Committee shall be placed before Approving Authority.

2.3 Transfer/Posting of Senior most Sr. Joint Controller / Joint Controller of Patent & Design shall be decided by the CGPDTM.

3. Type of Transfers

3.1 Following type of cases of Transfer shall be placed before Placement Committee:

3.1.1 Annual Rotational Transfer, which may be carried out after completion of station tenure.
3.1.2 Transfers in exigency of service, which may be carried out to meet specific requirement of post or desirable expertise, or for other administrative reasons.

3.1.3 Request Transfer, which may be carried out considering the request of individual officer, subject to administrative feasibility.

4. Station Tenure:

4.1 The normal station tenure shall be 5 years.

4.2 The minimum tenure for the post shall normally be 2 years. However, transfer on administrative ground and in case of exigency can be considered before completion of minimum tenure.

4.3 For counting the station tenure, the period of service rendered in the previous grade and one grade below shall be considered. The periods of leave/ training etc. in excess of 30 days per year would be excluded for counting station tenure.

4.4 Period of posting of more than two years spent away from a station shall be treated as a break in station tenure. However, in case such a period is less than two years, the total period before and after such break (excluding period spent away from the station) shall be counted towards station tenure. Further, the two-year period for this purpose shall be counted after excluding periods of leave/ training etc. in excess of 30 days per year.

5. Transfer Principles:

5.1 Rotational Transfer:

5.1.1 All rotational transfers to be effected in a year shall normally be considered in the first week of March of the concerned year, so that transfer orders are issued by the end of March of the same year.

5.1.2 In case of rotational transfer, counting of period of stay in a post/station shall be done as on 31 March of the concerned year.

5.1.3 Officers, who are within two years of reaching the age of superannuation and already posted at the station of their choice, shall normally not be transferred.

5.1.4 For rotational transfer, officers shall be considered in order of their length of stay at a station, in descending order.

5.1.5 In order to maintain continuity of work, not more than 1/3 number of officers of the total working strength shall normally be considered for transfer in a year.

5.2 Other Transfers:

5.2.1 Request transfer of an officer, if considered shall be on his own cost.
5.2.2 Normally, request transfers would be considered once in a quarter. However, transfers in exigencies of service and transfers on administrative ground shall be considered as and when required.

6. **General Principles:**

6.1 Representations, if any, will be addressed to the authority competent to approve the orders of transfer/ posting (CGPOTM). Any representation in respect of an order is to be submitted within 15 days of issue of such order failing which the same may not be considered. The representations will be considered by the competent authority with the recommendations of the appropriate board on case to case basis and disposed of within 30 working days.

6.2 Efforts will be made to see that guidelines laid down by DOP&T regarding posting of husband and wife at same station are followed. Similarly, DOP&T guidelines in respect of physically handicapped officers and officers having physically handicapped children shall also be duly followed.

6.3 As far as possible, and within administrative exigencies, transfer and posting will be done in such a way that each officer has an equal opportunity to serve all offices catered to by the organization.

6.4 Transfer of any officer before completion of prescribed station tenure may be done in public interest but the reasons for the same should be recorded.

6.5 Officers, who are within two years of reaching the age of superannuation and already posted at the station of their choice, shall normally not be transferred. Further, request of officers within two years of reaching the age of superannuation, for posting to a station of their choice, shall be given preference subject to administrative feasibility.

6.7 Officers against whom disciplinary proceedings are pending for major penalty may not be posted (against sensitive posts) at desired station.

6.8 In case where officers try to influence transfer through other than proper channel, action will be taken as per Clause 20 of the CCS (Conduct) Rules. This rule envisages that “No Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or other outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matter pertaining to his service under Government.”

6.9 Transfer during probation period will normally not be considered.

6.10 Officers handling Administration/Policy Making/International Negotiation, as notified by CGPOTM, may be exempted from rotational transfer in the interest of work.

This issues with the approval of CGPOTM.

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