

**Transfer Policy in respect of Group 'A' and 'B' Officers of Legal Metrology Division,
Department of Consumer Affairs**

With a view to imparting greater transparency and minimising discretion so as to ensure efficiency and recognition of merit and honesty and in compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 31st Oct. 2013 in WP (Civil) No. 82/2011 and DOP&T's OM No. 11013/10/2013-Estt.A dated 9th Jan. 2014, a new transfer / placement policy for Group 'A' and 'B' Officers of Legal Metrology Division, Department of Consumer Affairs has been formulated. The new transfer / placement policy shall come into effect w.e.f. 1st April, 2014.

2. The salient features of this transfer policy are as under:
 - (i) All transfers and posting of Group 'A' and 'B' Officers of Legal Metrology Division shall be recommended by the Committee constituted for this purpose.
 - (ii) All transfer orders shall normally be issued by 30th April and in any case not later than 31st May of the year.
 - (iii) This transfer policy shall not be applicable in respect of Director (LM)
 - (iv) The Committee will recommend proposals for transfer / posting of Deputy Directors / Assistant Directors / Metrological Assistants for approval of the Competent Authority considering the administrative convenience, exigencies, seniority, age of officer and past posting profile.
 - (v) The Committee shall consist of the following:
 - (a) Joint Secretary(CA).....Chairman
 - (b) Director (Estt.).....Member
 - (c) Director (LM).....Member
 - (d) US(Estt.).....Member Secretary
3. The tenure of posting of Deputy Director, Assistant Director and Legal Metrological Assistant shall not be more than 5-years, 6-years and 7-years respectively in a station. A stay of more than 9-months in a station (to be computed as on 31st Dec. of the previous year) will be treated as a complete year and the length of the period of stay shall be counted from the date of joining.
4. An Officer shall be rotated among the RRSLs and Headquarters, New Delhi after completion of fixed tenure of posting.
5. The officers shall be compulsorily posted in NE States (Guwahati) for a period of 3-years. The Officers on completion of their tenure in NE State will be given preference for posting to stations of their choice to the extent feasible.
6. The persons of disabilities may be exempted from the rotational transfer policy / transfer in pursuance of the instructions issues by DOP&T.
7. Notwithstanding anything contained in this policy, the Competent Authority may, if necessary, in public interest, transfer any officer to any station. An officer against whom, disciplinary proceedings has been initiated or being contemplated should not normally be posted or remain posted at the station where the cause of vigilance proceedings originated. The restrictions will remain in operation till such time the vigilance matter is not closed.