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**No: EST/B/Z-03/GDS Recommendation Dated at Kolkata-700012, the 27.03.2022.**


**Subject: Clarification on substitute arrangements in place of regular Gramin Dak Sevaks Reg.**

Kindly refer this office letter dated 14.03.2022 regarding Implementation of recommendation of GDS Committee on substitute arrangements in place of regular Gramin Dak Sevaks; against vacant GDS Posts.

In this connection kindly find enclosed herewith Dte's communication no.17-31/2016-GDS dated 21.03.2022.

It is therefore requested to kindly look into the matter & take necessary action at your end.


Encl: As above.

  
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No.17-31/2016-GDS  
Government of India  
Ministry of Communications  
Department of Posts  
(GDS Section)

Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg,  
New Delhi - 110001  
Dated: 21.03.2022

**Office Memorandum**

**Subject: Clarification on substitute arrangements in place of regular  
Gramin Dak Sevaks**

Several references have been received from staff side in connection with OM of even number dated 11.02.2022 wherein consolidated instructions on substitute arrangement in place of regular Gramin Dak Sevaks, against vacant GDS posts were circulated.

2. The following specific issues have been raised:-

(i) While providing substitute arrangement in a BO, combining duties of GDS brings practical difficulties such as distance between two BOs, workload of the GDS who is being assigned combination of duties.

(ii) The work of BOs is being hampered due to the instant instructions wherein it has been specified that substitute should not be engaged against a short-term vacancy in any GDS posts in routine manner for period of less than 45 days.


(iii) There have been instances where leave has been denied to GDS.

3. In view of the issues reported as above, there seems to be some confusion or misinterpretation of the said OM in the field units. Accordingly, the following are clarified:

1. The said OM dated 11.02.2022 has provided for 'combination of duties in same office'. Therefore, issue of distance between two BOs does not arise. The said OM has merely provided for procedure to be followed in case a GDS post falls vacant (short term or long term). Workload etc shall be considered while deciding upon combination of duties or arrangement of 'substitute'.

- ii. The said OM does not impose any ban on providing 'substitute' against short term or long term vacancies. As stated in para 3 (i) above, the prescribed procedure shall be followed.
- iii. Leave to any GDS shall not be denied solely on the ground that substitute is not justified for being provided during the leave.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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