

# **Presentation of gifts to Members of Parliamentary Committees. (OM No. 2(76)/73-BPE(GM-I) dated 7th December, 1973)**

## **CHAPTER XII** **MISCELLANEOUS**

DPE/Guidelines/XII/2  
Presentation of gifts to Members of Parliamentary Committees

Recently a case was brought to Government's notice where a member of a Parliamentary Committee on an official visit to a public undertaking was presented with two gifts, which he considered as expensive. The member took exception to the presentation of such gifts, obviously purchased out of public funds, as improper, particularly when the Committee was in the process of examining the working of the undertaking.

2. While the presentation of simple souvenirs of nominal value might be considered an act of courtesy and to some extent a harmless publicity device, expensive gifts, particularly on occasions of visits by Parliamentary Committees to examine the working of public undertakings may lead to justifiable criticism.

3. After consulting the Chairman, Rajya Sabha, and the Speaker, Lok Sabha, Government consider that in order to save possible embarrassment to members of Parliamentary Committees, it would be a salutary principle for public enterprises not to give any expensive gifts when the Committees visit the undertakings or are engaged in examining their affairs.

4. The undersigned is therefore directed to request the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals, etc., to advise the public enterprises under their administrative control accordingly.

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