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New Delhi - 110 001
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To
All the Chief Postmaster General

**Subject : Permission to pursue further study to Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS)-
regarding.**

Madam/Sir,

This office, time and again, receives several representations and RTI requests regarding rulings/instructions on permission required for further studies to the GDS. However, due to absence of instructions on the subject, Circles are following different practices in allowing GDS to pursue further study after their engagement.

2. The matter has, therefore, been examined with regard to requirement of permission of competent authority for higher studies to the GDS. It has been decided that there should not be any objection if a GDS desires to pursue further studies beyond duty/office hours provided the work of the office should not be hampered. In view of this no permission is required to be obtained for pursuing studies beyond duty/office hours.

3. In case the of pursuing further studies, GDSs may be allowed, leave as per extant rules and as per their entitlements to take examination for such courses. However, grant of leave in such situations would not be considered as a matter of right in official exigencies, whereby he/she may be denied leave/weekly off even for taking examination in the public interest.

4. This is issued with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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