

F.No.5/15/2024-Welfare
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance and Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training
(Central Secretariat Club)

Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 24th Feb, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Withdrawal of recognition to the Central Secretariat Club - reg.

The Central Secretariat Club (CSC), established in 1919, is a registered society under the Registration of Societies Act, 1860. It operates from 7-10, Park Street, Talkatora Road, New Delhi, on a 2.8-acre Union Government owned land (Directorate of Estates, MOHUA) as per license allotted by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs. Its members consist of serving and retired central government employees, with approximately 650 members. The management of CS Club is vested in an Executive Committee (EC) to be elected annually from its members, governed by the Club's Constitution. The EC includes 10 retired and 11 serving government employees, including 3 nominated members from the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

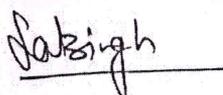
2. The matter relating to recognition and de-recognition of the Club vests with the DoPT. The Club was earlier de-recognized in 1971 by DOPT following complaints about irregularities in its functioning, but recognition was reinstated in 1972. In 1983, the Club was again de-recognized after receipt of further complaints and reports of irregularities, though it continued to operate from the present premises. Recognition was restored in December 2005 after the Club's request and a detailed review by the DoPT.

3. In the year 2022, the DoPT had observed numerous irregularities in the Club's functioning, including the failure to hold EC elections since 2013, despite the constitution requiring them to be held annually. However, before 2024, EC elections were conducted only in 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2013. These issues, along with several complaints, led the Competent Authority to consider de-recognizing the Club for non-compliance with DoPT's guidelines. However, considering that the Club is meant for serving welfare and recreational opportunities for lower and middle-level officers, the DoPT opted to establish an Ad-hoc Administrative Committee (AAC) in March 2023 to oversee the Club's operations and take steps for streamlining its functioning.

4. In July 2024, elections were held and a new Executive Committee (EC) was formed, which included three DoPT-nominated members. Despite this, the complaints arose regarding misconduct, misuse of position, and financial irregularities amongst the elected office bearers. On 12.08.2024, DoPT issued instructions to the EC to ensure to adhere to the provisions of the Constitution of the Club. However, grievances persisted, especially regarding the management of the club, illegitimate activities and the conduct of the elected office bearers. The Government nominated EC members on several occasions have highlighted serious irregularities in the Club's operations in their report dated 09.10.2024. These issues were noted, and the EC was advised accordingly by the DoPT in a letter dated 18.11.2024. The DoPT-nominated EC member further highlighted several irregularities in the Club's operations in their report dated 15.04.2025.

5. The last Executive Committee (EC) election of the Central Secretariat (CS) Club was held on 14.07.2024 for a one-year term as per Clause 10(a)(iii) of the Club's Constitution. Clause 9(b) requires that nomination papers be made available at least 30 days before the Annual General Body Meeting, where elections occur. Despite repeated instructions from DoPT (dated 23.05.2025, 09.06.2025, 13.06.2025, and 03.07.2025), the General Secretary of the CS Club has neither initiated the election process nor issued the required notification.

6. As the EC's one year term ended on 13.07.2025, new elections should have been completed by the EC before completion of its term and upon expiry of the term, it ceases to have any valid and legal control the affairs of the Club w.e.f 14.07.2025. Thus, no office bearer or EC member retained any official legitimacy, authority or mandate to operate the affairs of the Club beyond 14.07.2025.


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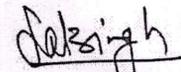
7. Numerous issues have been reported by the Club members and others regarding the malfunctioning of the EC including internal fights, dissents, quarrels and division among EC; attempts at exclusion of key office bearers and DoPT nominated members from decision making; denial of access of CCTV footage to DOPT's members; disrespectful and disgraceful behaviour of some of the elected members toward DoPT-nominated members; unjustified delayed in opening club membership; no action by elected members against unauthorized occupants and encroachers of govt property; open defiance of DoPT's directives and constant refusal to comply with the policy directives of DoPT to ensure running of the Club in accordance with the Government procedures and policies; death of a retired govt employee while consuming alcohol in the premises; operating unauthorized canteen on club premises; cash based illegal card gambling in the club; consuming personal liquor in the club's parking area and complaints about discriminating treatment meted out to lower staff etc.

8. The CS Club has repeatedly failed to respond to official communications and advisories issued by the DoPT demonstrating an utter disregard on the part of elected EC members to run and operate the Club in accordance with the instructions that would safeguard the government property and maximize the government staff welfare for which the Club has been set up. This is also in contravention of the assurance given by the club to the DoPT in their letter dated 26.06.2004 while seeking recognition.

9. The club was primarily established to serve the cause of staff welfare/recreation/social cohesion for lower and mid-level officers of the Central Government. Currently, there are several thousand Central Government employees posted across various Departments and organisations in and around NCT of Delhi. Despite this, the club maintains a relatively very small active membership with only very few members attending the club activities on a regular basis. This highlights the EC members' deliberate attempt to keep the membership restricted and prevent new members to join the club thereby monopolizing the elected membership and resultantly its inability to serve the larger public interest of maximizing the staff welfare and providing other recreational/sports/cultural activities/opportunities for the government staff and their families. This defeats the very purpose of recognising the Club and brings disrepute to the functioning of an institution on the Government property.

10. In light of aforementioned constant violations and the prima facie evidence of significant undesirable and illegitimate/untoward activities, and also keeping in view the fact that there is no valid and legally constituted management committee in position after 14.07.2025 to run the affairs of the club despite reminders, the Competent Authority has decided to revoke the recognition of the Central Secretariat Club with immediate effect, in accordance with the conditions set forth in the DoPT's letter dated 21.12.2005.

11. These issues with the approval of Competent Authority.



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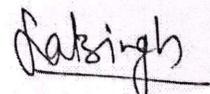
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To,

All Members of the Club – through Club's email/Notice Board
DOPT's Website

Copy for information and necessary action in the matter to:

- ✓ 1. Director, Directorate of Estate, Block-IV, Jodhpur Hostel, Near India Gate, New Delhi – *with the request to initiate the eviction proceedings as per procedure.*
- ✓ 2. Manager, State Bank of India, Parliament Street, New Delhi
- ✓ 3. Manager, Bank of India, Mandir Marg, New Delhi
- ✓ 4. SHO, North Avenue, Police Station, New Delhi
5. *The Central Secretariat Club (C.S.C.), 7-10 Park Street, Talkatora Road, New Delhi.*



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