

Conduct of Judicial Officers

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Apart from the provisions contained under U.P. Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1956, various administrative directions issued by the Allahabad High Court in the form of **circular letters** govern and regulate the conduct of judicial officers. The Supreme Court (while giving approval to the report of the Shetty Commission) has clarified that the judicial officers are not government servants like other executive officers or officials acting under the control of State Governments or Central Government but they are **constitutional functionaries** as they perform their judicial function independently under the constitutional mandate and not under the control of any governments. Very high degree of moral and ethical values and conducts are always expected from the judicial officers. Some of the important matters relating to the conduct of judicial officers are being enumerated as under---

1. INTEGRITY (C.L. No. 37/67-8, DATED 22.10.1932)
2. OBSERVANCE OF PUNCTUALITY (C.L. No. 9/2008, dated 13.3.2008)
3. OBSERVANCE OF CONDUCT RULES AS REQUIRED BY RULE 3 OF THE U.P. GOVERNMENT SERVANT CONDUCT RULES, 1956 (C.L. NO. 71/1971, Dated 12.5.1971)

4. COORDINATION AMONGST JUDICIAL OFFICERS (C.L. No. 56/1974, Dated 17.4.1974)
5. USE OF POLITE LANGUAGE IN CORRESPONDENCE
6. SUPPRESSION OF EGOS
7. DISCLOSURE OF MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (C.L. No. 24 of 1995, dated 13.6.1995 & C.L. No. 81/1993, dated 20.12.1993, C.L. No. 37/1995, dated 8.9.1995)
8. INNOVATION AND EXPERIMENTATION WITHIN DEFINED PARAMETERS AND THE HEALTHY TRADITIONS OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
9. NON INDULGENCE INTO RUNNING ARGUMENTS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR & OTHERS
10. AVOIDANCE OF RECORDING OF STRICTURES & CONDEMNATORY REMARKS AGAINST THE LITIGANTS, LAWYERS, WITNESSES & OTHERS
11. DISCLOSURE / DECLARATION OF DOWRY--- As per the provisions contained under Rule 5 of the U.P. Dowry Prohibition (First Amendment) Rules, 2004, all public servants appointed in service after 31.3.2004 must disclose/declare that they had not accepted any dowry in their marriages. (C.L. No. 31/2005, dated 29.10.2005 & G.L. No. 9073/2006, dated 13.7.2006)
12. VISIT TO HON'BLE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE & HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (C.L. No. 20/2008, dated 15.9.2008, C.L. No. 4/2008, dated 21.1.2008 & C.L. No. 39/2006, dated 19.9.2006)
13. CASUAL LEAVES & STATION LEAVES (G.O. NO. 025 / सात-न्याय-1-2009-2 / 2009)
14. PRONOUNCING JUDGMENTS & ORDERS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY
15. MENTIONING RULINGS IN JUDGMENTS & ORDERS

16. AVOIDANCE OF MAKING PROMISES/ ASSURANCES TO EXTEND FAVOURS IN JUDICIAL MATTERS
17. REGULAR STUDY OF JOURNALS, LAW BOOKS & OTHER HEALTHY LITERATURES
18. PREPARATION OF PERSONAL DIGESTS
19. AVOIDANCE OF GIVING UNNECESSARY ADVICES
20. AVOIDANCE OF DEVELOPING ILL-WILL OR JEALOUSY AGAINST THE BROTHER JUDICIAL OFFICERS
21. AVOIDING ATTESTATION OF DOCUMENTS
22. AVOIDANCE OF ISSUANCE OF N.O.C. FOR PASSPORTS (G.L. No. 13492/Admin/dated 14.9.2006)
23. AVOIDING ISSUANCE OF CHARACTER CERTIFICATE (G.L. No.4045/67, dated 9.12.1912)
24. AVOIDING ISSUANCE OF DOMICILE CERTIFICATES
25. AVOIDING USE OF UNAUTHORISED BEACON LIGHTS ON PRIVATE VEHICLES (C.L. No. 54/2006, dated 21.12.2006)
26. AVOIDING PUBLIC EXPOSURES & GATHERINGS
27. AVOIDANCE OF FREQUENT VISITS TO HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, THEATRES ETC.
28. AVOIDANCE OF FLATTERY & PSYCHO FANCY
29. GREETING CARDS (C.L. No. 108/1994, dated 18.11.1994 & C.L. No. 129/1994, dated 9.12.1994).
