Government of India
Ministry of Railways
(Railway Board)

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The General Managers (Vigilance),
All Zonal Railways/PUs/PSUs/
CORE/Metro.

Sub: Conduct Rules.

SDGM/CR has informed that a few officials, including vigilance officials, have recently given intimation regarding their spouse/family members having started miscellaneous trading activity by way of DIRECT SELLING FRANCHISEES of 'AMWAY'. While giving intimation these officials have certified that these activities are neither relevant to Railway working nor are being operated from Railway residence/premises. The intimation given by these officials were noted as the same appeared to be innocuous and harmless. It has also been reported that a complaint has now been received, alleging misuse of official position in furthering the business of DIRECT SELLING by spouse/family members of the Railway officials. SDGM/CR has further stated that it has been found very difficult to establish any direct violation of conduct rules by concerned officials in such cases.

2. The issue has been examined by the Vigilance Directorate, particularly keeping in view the special nature of work being dealt by vigilance officials, and AM(V) has observed as under:-

"I agree to the extant that we may legislate that Vigilance officials' family member should refrain from such business activities as it might invite all kind of allegations."

3. This may be noted by all the SDGMs/CVOs for guidance and compliance.

4. This also disposes of SDGM/CR's letter No. 2003/G.130/PC/04/084/V-1/V.CON-CA dated 11.01.2007.

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