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Government of India(भारतसरकार)
Ministry of Finance (वित्तमंत्रालय)
Department of Expenditure (व्ययविभाग)

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 19th September, 2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Expenditure on gifts on account of festivals- reg.

The Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure has been issuing instructions from time to time aimed at promoting fiscal discipline and curbing non-essential expenditure. In continuation of these efforts and in the interest of prudent and judicious use of public resources, it has been decided that **no expenditure shall be incurred on gifts and related items for Diwali and other festivals** by Ministries/Departments and other organs of the Government of India.

2. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Expenditure) and will come into force with immediate effect.



(P.K. Singh)

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India

All Secretaries to the Government of India

Copy to:-

1. Cabinet Secretary - for information
2. All the Financial Advisors of Ministries/ Departments
3. Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises - with a request to reiterate the same to all CPSEs.
4. Secretary, Department of Financial Services - with a request to reiterate the same to all Public Sector Banks and Financial Institutions.