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Rule 11 of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 lays down that a Government servant may not communicate directly to other Government servant or to non-official persons or to press any documents or information which may have come into his possession in the course of his public duties. Retention of such documents or information by a Government servant in his personal custody for use in furtherance of his personal interest, e.g. in making representation to the authorities concerned is not only objectionable but also constitutes an offence under Section 5 of the Official Secrets Act, 1923. A person contravening the provisions of the above Act renders himself liable to prosecution. Contravention of the provisions of the Act and of the Conduct Rules can also be dealt with departmentally under the relevant Discipline Rules, and may well justify the imposition of a suitable penalty with reference to the fact and circumstances of each case.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

(R.N. Pani)
Additional General Manager (HR)

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