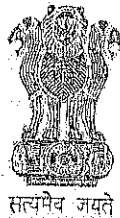


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Dear

The Governor is the executive Head of a State and exercises the role of the Constitutional Head of the State under Article 154 of the Constitution.

2. The Governor demits office after a term of five years or continues to hold the same until a successor enters upon his office under Article 153(3) of the Constitution. Subsequent to their demitting office, the Governors, may at times, enter public life again and many of them lead quiet lives. In the last Conference of Governors' held on 11-12 February, 2013 as well as in the previous two Conferences held in 2008 and 2011, the subject of according due respect as well as courtesies by public authorities to the ex-Governors was flagged as one of the issues to be addressed by the Government.

3. This issue has been deliberated and I am desired to request you that former Governors resident in the State / UT may be invited to State functions and when they are invited, they may be received with due courtesy and seated appropriately. In consideration of the distinguished position held by them and sometimes their advanced age, a liaison officer may be provided to contact them in advance and to receive them, be with them during the function and then see them off. Similarly, ex-Governors, visiting Government hospitals and other public offices for various needs from time to time may be given due consideration. An officer may be designated for the ex-Governors to contact in regard to their needs. His telephone number and other details may be intimated to the ex-Governors resident in the State. An advisory to all the Departments where they are likely to visit may also be issued for arrangements to receive the former Governors with due courtesy (especially at hospitals, airports, railway stations).

4. The State Governments are requested to take necessary action in this regard.

5. I shall be grateful for a letter in response.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(R. K. Singh)

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All State Governments