27. Remedy of aggrieved officers— Any officer who deems himself wronged by his commanding officer or any superior officer and who on due application made to his commanding officer does not receive the redress to which he considers himself entitled, may complain to the Central Government in such manner as may from time to time be specified by the proper authority.

NOTES

- 1. It is the custom of the service to forward every complaint through the CO if the unit, and an officer would not be justified in deviating from this course, unless the CO should refuse, or unreasonably delay, to forward it. In such a case, an officer, on addressing himself directly to higher authority, should apprise his CO of his doing so, and should observe in the channel of approach to the Central Government each intermediate gradation of command in so far as he is concerned.
- 2. CO: see <u>AA.s.3(v)</u>; Superior Officer: see <u>AA.s.3(xxiii)</u>.
- 3. Deems himself wronged: see <u>note 2to AA.s.26</u>
- 4. This sec is not available to officers seconded for service with a civil department of a State, in respect of matters arising in the coarse of seconded employment
- 5. Although the complaint is to the Central Government an intermediate authority is not debarred from expressing his own view of the case, and such an expression of opinion may even in some cases suffice to render further steps unnecessary.

 See also notes 7 and 9 to AA.s.26.