

Authority to Institute proceedings

19. (1) The Government or any other authority empowered by it by general or special order may-

(a) institute disciplinary proceedings against any Government servant;

(b) direct a disciplinary authority to institute disciplinary proceedings against any Government servant on whom that disciplinary authority is competent to impose under these rules any of the penalties specified

in rule 9 or rule 10. (2) A disciplinary authority competent under these rules to impose any of

the penalties specified in clauses (i) to (v) of rule 9 or in rule 10 may institute disciplinary proceedings against any Government servant for the imposition of any of the penalties specified in clauses (vi) to (x) of rule 9 notwithstanding that such disciplinary authority is not competent under these rules to impose any of the latter penalties .