

leave in exceptional circumstances by a competent authority to an officer on deputation abroad subject to the following conditions:—

- (i) The Grant of casual leave should not have the effect of extending the period of deputation ;
- (ii) In countries where all inclusive rates of halting allowances have been prescribed, the allowances shall not be payable on the days when the officer is on casual leave. In countries where split rates have been introduced cash allowance shall not be payable to the officer on days when he is on casual leave. The officer will besides in respect of those days be called upon to pay for the cost of accommodation rented for him by the Mission concerned.

Serial No. 1305.—Circular No. 769-E/O-VI (Eiv), dated 13-9-1961.

Sub .—Compulsory subscribers to S.R.P.F.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No. F(P)60PF-1/27, dated 14/16-8-1961 is reproduced below for information and guidance :—

“ In terms of rule 1304 RI, all railway servants, except those mentioned therein, are required to subscribe to the S.R.P.F. on completion of one year's service, or from the date of confirmation whichever is earlier. The President, in exercise of the powers conferred under proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution, is pleased to decide that a temporary Railway servant shall subscribe to the fund from the first of the month following that in which he completes one year's service; for example, if a temporary Railway servant completes one year's continuous service on a date in August, his first, subscription will be recovered from his pay of September, paid in October.

Code amendment will be carried out in due course.”

Serial No. 1306.—Circular No. 145-E/O-I (Eiv), dated 14-9-1961.

Sub.—Procedure of making representations regarding grievances of staff.

The Railway Board have from time to time issued instructions regarding inappropriateness of individual members of Railway staff addressing representations directly to the Railway Board or higher authorities. The Board have further observed that the tendency on the part of the Railway employees to represent their grievances through their wives and parents to the Railway Board and even higher authorities is growing. They desire that the attention of the Railway staff should also be drawn to the inappropriateness of sending representations through wives and parents and to the need for addressing their representations themselves to the appropriate authorities through the prescribed channels.

All concerned may please be asked to advise the staff employed under them accordingly. This will also be published in the Railway Gazette.

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