

said only three chances will be given to every typist to prove his worth for appointment as Stenographer.

A question has been raised whether chances, if any availed of by a typist for appointment as Stenographer, prior to the receipt of Railway Board's letter *ibid*, will be counted towards three chances referred to therein or not. It has been decided that three chances in all, whether before or after the receipt of Railway Board's orders referred to, will be allowed.

Serial No. 1312.—Circular No. 831-E/81-III(Eiv), dated 16-9-1961.

Sub.—Recognition of the French examination "Baccalaureat" for purpose of employment under the Central Government.

A copy of Ministry of Home Affairs Office Memorandum No. 6/6/60-Estt. (D), dated 12-7-1961 received under Railway Board letter No. E(NG)60RR1/2, dated 30-8-1961 is reproduced below for information and guidance :—

"The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's Office Memorandum No. 6/6/60-Estt. (D), dated the 17-12-1960, on the subject noted above and to say that the Government of India have decided, in consultation with the U.P.S.C., to extend the recognition accorded to the "Baccalaureat" as equivalent to B.A. degree for a further period of one year i.e. up to 10-5-1962."

The Ministry of Home Affairs Office Memorandum No. 6/6/60-Estt. (D), dated 17-12-1960 referred to above was circulated vide this office letter No. 831-E/81-III(Eiv), dated 6-2-1961.

Serial No. 1313.—Circular No. 39-E/O-4 (Eiv), dated 25-9-1961.

Sub.—Admissibility of daily/foreign allowance to officers/staff and members of their families when accommodated in a hotel on posting abroad—Rates of daily allowance in Tokyo.

A copy of Ministry of External Affairs letter No. E.73(17)FD/61, dated 19-5-1961 received under Railway Board's letter No. F (E)59-DE/11, dated 11-7-1961, is sent herewith for information and guidance.

A copy of Ministry of External Affairs letter dated 14-3-1956 referred to therein was circulated under this office letter No. 39-E/O-IV(Eiv), dated 13-7-1960.

Copy of letter No. F. 73(17)FD/61, dated 19-5-1961 from the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, to Embassy of India, Tokyo & endorsed to all Ministries of the Government of India, The Pay and Accounts Officer's of all Ministries and other, etc.

Sub.—Rates of daily allowance in Tokyo.

With reference to your letter No. F.4(14)G/58/297, dated 7-3-1961, on the above subject, I am directed to say that the President has been pleased to decide

that in partial modification of the orders contained in this Ministry's letter No. F. 2(38)EII/55(III), dated 14-3-1956, when a Second or Third grade officer (as defined in S.R.17) has to stay in a hotel in Tokyo while officially accompanied by his wife, the rental ceiling of hotel accommodation shall be Yens 2500 per day.

2. Other terms and conditions for the drawal of daily allowance will remain unchanged.

3. Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Serial No. 1314.—Circular No. 39-E/O-4(Eiv), dated 25-9-1961.

Sub.—Admissibility of daily/foreign allowance to officers/staff and members of their families when accommodated in a hotel on posting abroad.

A copy of Ministry of External Affairs letter No. F68(5)FD/60(EAI/61/69), dated 2-5-1961 received under Railway Board's letter No. F(E)59-DE/11, dated 14-7-1961, is sent herewith for information and guidance.

Copy of Ministry of External Affairs letter dated 9-6-1960 referred to therein was circulated under this office letter No. 39-E/O-IV(Eiv), dated 23-9-1960.

Copy of letter No. F68(5)FD/60(EAI/61/I/69), dated 2-5-1961 from the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi to all Heads of Missions/Posts abroad, all the Ministries of the Government of India, etc.

Sub.—Admissibility of daily/foreign allowance to officers/staff and members of their families when accommodated in a hotel on posting abroad.

In amplification of para 2 of this Ministry letter No. F68(5)FD/60 EAI/60/1/109, dated the 9th June, 1960, on the above subject, I am directed to state that the President is pleased to decide that the discretion vested in the Head of the Mission to allow daily allowance to officers accommodated in hotel on their posting abroad in lieu of foreign allowance should be exercised by him only where he is satisfied that no residential accommodation is available and the foreign allowance is inadequate. In every such case where this discretion is exercised by the Head of the Mission he should record a certificate to this effect.

2. These orders will take effect from the date of issue of this letter. Past cases need not be re-opened.

3. A question has been raised by a few Missions as to whether the officers and members of the staff who are accommodated in a hotel or in a service flat where Kitchen facilities are provided and private cooking is allowed, should be allowed daily allowance terms. It may be stated in clarification that when officers staying in hotels or service flats are provided with kitchen facilities and private cooking is allowed by the management, they should not be paid cash allowance or reduced cash allowance but only foreign allowance as admissible to them at the station of posting. This was the position even prior to the issue of our letter dated 9-6-1960, referred to above.

4. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.