

Serial No. 3421.—Circular No. 443-E/14-IV (Eiv), dated 21-6-1966.

Sub.—Steps to be taken to prevent abuse of leave rules.

The Railway Board in their letter No. E(G)58LE1-4, dated 7-10-1958 circulated under this office letter No. 443-E/14-III (Eiv), dated 12-11-1958 pointed out instances that had come to their notice in which the intervening period of duty between two or more spells of leave availed of by the Railway servants was only nominal and in such cases the leave sanctioning authorities failed to check the attempt at evasion of leave rules by exercising their discretion under Rule 2106-RII (F.R. 67) to refuse leave and instead granted the leave ignoring the spirit of the rules with the result that unintended benefit was derived by the Railway servants concerned. The Board in para 2 of their letter referred to above, therefore, had desired that competent authorities should ensure proper examination of all requests for grant of fresh spell of leave in such cases with a view to see that the spirit of the rules is not violated and exercise discretion vested in them under the relevant rule to refuse the leave where they have reasons to believe that an attempt was being made to take undue advantage of the leave rules or to evade the spirit thereof.

2. In this connection, the Public Accounts Committee in para 15 of their 29th Report (Third Lok Sabha) have observed as under:—

“The Committee desire that all officers dealing with sanctioning of leave should be directed to strictly adhere to the instructions issued by Govt. in May, 1958 to ensure that all cases in which a fresh spell of leave is applied for by Government servants after a short interval of duty, are carefully examined with a view to see that the spirit of the rules is observed and that the Competent authorities refuse the leave by exercising the discretion vested in them if they have reasons to believe that an attempt was being made to take undue advantage of the leave rules or to evade the spirit thereon.”

It is, therefore, desired that the observations made by the Public Accounts Committee be borne in mind with a view to ensure that much cases of leave after short spells of duty are carefully examined in future in accordance with the spirit of the rules on the subject.

Serial No. 3422.—Circular No. 720-E/O-X (Pension), dated 11-5-1966.

Sub.—Grant of option of Persons who are governed by the State Railway, Provident Fund (Contributory) benefits to come over to Pensionable service.

A copy of the Railway Board's letter No. F(P)65PN-1-41, dated 27-4-1966 on the above subject is forwarded for information and necessary action. Railway Board's letter No. F(P)65PN-1/51, dated 3-6-1966 was circulated under letter No. 720-E/O-X (Pension), dated 9-3-1966 (Pension circular No. 10/66).

The contents of the Board's letter may be brought to the notice of the families of all the deceased Railway servants who may have died on or after 1-1-66 before exercising an option and the amounts to be refunded should also be advised to them under a Registered acknowledgement dues letter.