

Copy of Circular letter No. 8522-GI-59/19157, dated the 26th October, 1959 from the Chief Secretary to Government, Punjab to all Heads of Departments, etc., etc.

*Subject* :—Leave on medical certificate at the time of posting/transfer of a Government servant.

I am directed to say that Government have had under consideration for some time past the question of taking suitable steps to eliminate the possibility of a Government servant applying for leave on medical certificate after receiving orders of his transfer from a particular place merely to avoid an inconvenient posting. After careful consideration, it has been decided to lay down the following procedure in supersession of the instructions issued in Punjab Government letters No. 9825-GI-57/13993, dated the 14th August, 1957 and No. 3076-GI-58/11202, dated the 18th/22nd April, 1958 :—

- (1) The Medical Certificate issued by a Civil Assistant Surgeon, Class I (Gazetted), or a Civil or a Civil Surgeon to a gazetted officer recommending him leave for a period not exceeding one month, when he is under transfer orders, should be got countersigned from the Director of Health Services, Punjab. If the leave applied for exceeds one month, the Medical Certificate is to be issued by a Medical Board or a Medical Committee and in that case it would not be necessary to get the Certificate countersigned by the Director of Health Services.
- (2) Similarly the Medical Certificate issued by a Medical Officer to a non-gazetted official drawing pay more than Rs. 80 per mensem should be countersigned by the Civil Surgeon of the district. In this connection it may be made clear that in such cases it will be necessary to have a Medical Certificate from a Government Medical Officer and the Medical Certificate issued by a private medical practitioner will not be entertained.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Government servant concerned to send telegraphic intimation to his Head of Office/Head of Department, if he proceeds on medical leave at the time of his transfer orders.
- (4) On receipt of telegraphic intimation of Government servant's intention of proceeding on medical leave, the authority issuing the transfer orders, if it has reasons to suspect the bona fides of the officer, will make a telegraphic request to the Director, Health Services, Punjab, for enquiring whether the Medical Certificate granted to the Government servant is genuine. The Director, Health Services, will find out the truth promptly and intimate the result to the authority concerned.

2. These orders are not intended to be made applicable to Government servants drawing pay at Rs. 80 per mensem or less.