

Copy of Punjab Government Circular letter No. 3321-GS-61/14042, dated 19th April, 1961 from the Chief Secretary to Government Punjab, to all Heads of Departments etc., etc.

**Subject : —Purchase of articles from subordinates—Instructions regarding.**

I am directed to inform you that an instance has come to the notice of Government where an officer of the Revenue Department purchased a cow from a patwari who was working under him. Subsequently a complaint was received that the officer has accepted the cow by way of illegal gratification. Although on investigation, it was revealed that he had actually purchased it, it could not be proved whether or not the bargain was really a genuine one. With a view to check such transactions between the officers and their subordinates which give rise to chances of misunderstanding in the minds of the general Public, it has been decided by Government that officers should not as a matter of principle buy from their subordinates any articles or thing even though at the market price, particularly cows, buffaloes, feedgrains, etc. It will be in their own interest to buy such articles or things direct from the market or through other proper sources. I am to request you that these instructions should be brought to the notice of all Government servants for strict compliance.

2. The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.