

Copy of Circular letter No. 15948-GS-63/44659, dated the 8th December, 1960, from the Chief Secretary to Government Punjab to all Heads of Department etc., ec.

Subject :—Attendance of Government servants at the meetings/conventions etc. of the Bharat Sewak Samaj.

I am directed to say that according to the instructions contained in Punjab Government letter No. 994-P-53/11881, dated the 2nd March, 1953, Government servants can associate themselves with the activities of the Bharat Sevak Samaj without obtaining the prior permission of Government subject to the condition that such association is not permitted to interfere with the due discharge of their official duties and does not absolve them from the observance of rules and instructions relating to their conduct and behaviour. In this connection, enquiries have, however, been made by various departments on the following two points :—

- (i) Whether or not the period spent by Government servants in attending the meetings and conventions of the Bharat Sewak Samaj, is to be treated as period spent on duty.
- (ii) Whether, or not the Government servants who participate in annual conventions and other meetings arranged by the Bharat Sevak Samaj, should be paid T.A. and D.A. by the Government.

After careful consideration of the matter, the Government have taken the following decisions:—

- (i) The period of absence, which normally does not exceed three days at a time, should be treated as duty in the case of those Government servants who are required exclusively to attend conventions and meetings of the Bharat Sewak Samaj as ex-officio members of the managing Body of the Punjab Branch of the Bharat Sewak Samaj, subject to other conditions laid down in the Punjab Government letter referred to above.
- (ii) These Government servants should receive T.A. and D.A. from the funds of the Samaj.
- (iii) In cases, where the officers/officials attend the meetings/conventions of the Bharat Sewak Samaj, while they are officially on tours which are undertaken with the prior approval of the competent authority and include attendance of the meetings/conventions of the Samaj, they shall be all along treated as on duty and draw T.A./D.A. from the Government funds in the normal manner.

2. I am to request you that these decisions may be brought to the notice of all Government servants working under your control.

3. The receipt of this letter may be acknowledged.