

Copy of Punjab Government Circular letter No. 3992-G-II-56/3421, dated 15th January, 1957 from the Chief Secretary to Government, Punjab addressed to all Heads of Departments, etc., etc.

*Subject :—Plural marriages-Government servants.*

I am directed to invite a reference to Punjab Government letter No. 12897-G-54/1775, dated the 18th January, 1955 and subsequent instructions issued by them on the matter of prohibition of plural marriages by Government servants and to intimate that the Government of India have amended the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1955, to provide therein that no women Government servant shall marry any person who has a wife living, without first obtaining their permission. The Government of India have further ordered similar amendments to be incorporated in the rules or orders relating to recruitment to services and posts with which they are concerned.

2. As therefore the Punjab Government have decided to follow the Government of India in this behalf in as much as they have decided to order the necessary amendments also being carried out in the corresponding rules and orders relating to the services and posts under them. In respect of Government servants naturally, the requisite permission, for marriage with a person already having a wife living, would be that of the State Government. Since incorporation of necessary amendments in the relevant rules would take time, it has been decided that pending formal incorporation, the principles there should be observed as if the relevant rules had actually been amended.