

Copy of Circular letter No. 1116-GII-60/6152, dated 18th February, 1960 from the Chief Secretary to Government, Punjab to all Heads of Departments, etc., etc.

**Subject :—Scrutiny of property returns submitted under rule 10 of the Government Servants Conduct Rules, 1955.**

I am directed to invite your attention to para 1(4) of the Punjab Government letter No. 637-G-56/19033, dated the 16th March, 1956, which enjoins that the property returns should be scrutinised when these are received, so that particular enquires, if considered necessary, may be made from the Government servant concerned. It has been noticed of late that neither proper and regular scrutiny of such returns is carried out by the authorities concerned nor suspected cases of corruption are being enquired into. In order to achieve this object Government have decided that all property statements when received should be scrutinised carefully by the departments concerned and in case of such Government servants, whose assets appear to be, *prima facie*, in excess of their status and emoluments, their statement should be forwarded to the Vigilance Department for further scrutiny. It has further been decided that the Vigilance Department on the basis of such information as it has, should have the right to call for the return of any employee for purposes of scrutiny and enquiry.

2. I am to add that for the present this procedure has been introduced for two years and the position may be reviewed after the expiry of this period to see whether it requires further elaboration.

3. The receipt of this letter may be acknowledged