

Copy of Punjab Government Circular letter No. 4068-DSGS-64/12488, dated the 10th April, 1964 from the Chief Secretary to Government, Punjab to all Heads of Departments, etc., etc.

Subject:—Allegations against individual Government employee in the Press—Action to be taken in the case of Government employees involved in legal proceedings—Provision for legal and Financial assistance.

I am directed to invite reference to Punjab Government letter No, 728/8GS/62/1501, dated the 15th January, 1962, on the subject cited above and to say that it has been further decided by the Government that where in a civil suit a Government employee sought to be made liable for damages for acts or negligence in discharge of his official duties of civil nature and the Government is impleaded on the ground of vicarious liability, the Government should arrange for the defence of the Government employee also, provided the defence, of the Government and the Government employees are substantially the same and there is no conflict of interest. Each case should be examined in consultation with the Law Department before undertaking common defence. If it is decided to arrange for the defence of the Government employee, the Government employee should be required to make a statement in writing as in Annexure 'A' to Punjab Government letter, dated 15th January, 1962, referred to above.

2. These instructions come into force from the date of issue.
3. The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.