

Copy of Circular letter No. 5394-DSGS(I)-65, dated the 6th July, 1965, from the Chief Secretary to Government Punjab, to all Heads of Departments, etc., etc.

Subject—Approaching Ministers and other officers.

I am directed to invite your attention to the instructions contained in the Punjab Government circular letters noted in the margin, requiring officers and officials of the Government to refrain from approaching directly Minister and other higher officers in connection with personal grievances. In this context, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that some Departmental Heads have been too harsh to, and had tried to even victimise officers/officials who have approached Ministers with their grievances whereas no such adverse notice was taken in cases where Government officers/officials might have seen higher officers/officials over the Head of their immediate Departmental superiors. It was, therefore, suggested that these instructions regarding approaching Ministers should be withdrawn.

1. No. 16110-8GS-62/39005, dated 6-11-62.
2. No. 16424-DSGSII-63, dated 12-11-63.

Government have carefully considered the matter and have decided finally that the existing instructions may remain as they are, but it should be brought to the notice of all concerned that the orders of the Ministers in such cases should be carried out appropriately and no action should be taken against any officials for approaching a Minister, without the permission of the Minister concerned.

3. The receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.