

Copy of letter No. 1036-P-60/12434, dated the 19th May, 1960 to the all Heads of Departments, etc.

Subject :—Participation of Government Servants in Political activities and agitations.

I am directed to invite your attention to rule 22(1) of the Government servants Conduct Rules, 1955, which lays down that no Government servant shall take part in, subscribe in aid of or assist, in any way, any political movement in India or abroad relating to Indian affairs. It has been explained in the rule that the expression "Political Movement" includes any movement or activities tending directly or indirectly to excite dis-affection against or to embarrass, the Government as by law established, and to promote feelings of hatred enmity between different classes of subjects of the Indian Union, or to disturb the public peace. In this connection, I am to point out that a rigid and strict line will be taken in regard to employees who associate themselves or take part in politics and that Government will not make any concession regarding re-employment where employees are dismissed or discharged because of association with politics or any political movement. This may kindly be brought to the notice of all Government Servants working under you.

2. The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.