

PWC No. 3
(41)

Letter from Agent, Governor General, Rajputana, to Foreign Department, No. 379 G., dated the 2nd March 1887.

Ditto Agent, Governor General, Biluchistan, No. 547, dated the 9th February 1887.
 Ditto Political Resident, Persian Gulf, No. 31, dated the 4th February 1887.
 Ditto Political Resident, Turkish Arabia, No. 132, dated the 21st February 1887.
 Ditto Resident, Nepal, No. 2 G., dated the 25th January 1887, and enclosures.
 Ditto Government, Bengal, No. 911, dated the 25th February 1887, and enclosures.
 Ditto Government, Madras, No. 130 Mis., dated the 31st January 1887, and enclosures.
 Ditto Chief Commissioner, Burma, No. 44—4 P. A., dated the 2nd June 1887, and enclosure.
 Ditto Chief Commissioner, Coorg, No. 628—4156, dated the 14th April 1887.

RESOLUTION.—Ministerial officers, including menial servants, when on tour, are generally entitled to draw only the daily allowances admissible for their class. For any day on which they travel 20 miles or more, they are allowed to draw the actual expenses incurred, not exceeding the mileage of their class.

2. The Finance Committee drew attention to two sources of unnecessary expenditure under the existing rules:—

- (i) The absence of any restriction on the number of ministerial officers taken on tour.
- (ii) The absence of any scale or limit of actual expenses, within the general limits laid down by the Code.

The question was accordingly referred for the consideration of all Local Governments and Administrations, and their reports have now been received and considered.

3. As regards the first point, it appears to the Governor General in Council that some economy might be effected. The practice in this respect in different provinces varies considerably. No hard-and-fast rule can be laid down; the question of the number of ministerial subordinates that an officer on tour requires to take with him depends on various considerations, and must be determined according to the circumstances of each case. It is a matter which must be left to controlling officers; and His Excellency in Council thinks that these officers should clearly understand that it is regarded as a part of their duty, in passing the travelling charges of ministerial officers, to see that officers proceeding on tour do not take with them more ministerial officials than are necessary.

4. As regards the second point, there is some difference of opinion. The Chief Commissioner of Burma has already introduced a subsidiary scale; and, of the rest, some Local Governments consider that a subsidiary scale might be prescribed, while others think that it would not be possible to take any action in this direction, and that the mileage rates laid down in the Code afford a sufficient limit.

In connection with this point the Government of Madras puts forward the suggestion that menial servants should be absolutely debarred from drawing mileage when on tour; and the Government of Bombay proposes to withdraw altogether the right to draw mileage allowances from ministerial establishments in Sind, because carriage is in that Province maintained for the whole period of the tour and the cost does not increase with the distance travelled.

5. After a full consideration of all the reports received, the Governor General in Council has arrived at the conclusion that it is impossible to lay down any general subsidiary scale which should have force throughout India. It must be left to each Local Government or Administration to determine whether, owing to local peculiarities, or special causes, any such scale is practicable, either for their jurisdictions generally, or for any portions of them. And the Governor General in Council will merely rule generally that the actual expenses for which ministerial officers or menial servants may on certain occasions exchange daily allowance, besides being subject to the general mileage limits prescribed in the Code, shall also be subject to any further restrictions or limits which the Local Government may from time to time think fit to prescribe. Such restrictions or limits may, if considered advisable, amount to an absolute prohibition of the exchange of daily allowance for mileage in certain cases, and would thus cover the suggestions noted above as made by the Governments of Madras and Bombay, or they may consist only in the prescribing of a subsidiary scale.

ORDERED, that this Resolution be communicated to—

- (1) The Several Departments of the Government of India.
- (2) All Local Governments and Administrations.
- (3) The Director General of the Post Office of India.
- (4) The Commissioner, Northern India Salt Revenue.

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 462 P. W. D.—16-12-87.—1,030.

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[For Heads of Departments.]

Circular No. X Public Works.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.

Fort William, December 15, 1887.

Check on mileage drawn by ministerial officers.

The Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
The Chief Commissioners, Central Provinces, Burma ^{Upper} Assam, and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor General for Central India, Rajputana, and Biluchistan.
The Accountant General, Public Works Department.
The Inspector General of Military Works.
The Director General of Railways.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Central Division, and Lucknow.
The Director General of Telegraphs in India.
The Director-in-Chief, Indo-European Telegraph.
The Director, Persian Telegraph.
The Director, Persian Gulf Telegraph.
The Superintendent of Works, Simla Imperial Circle.

The following is forwarded to all Local Governments, &c., noted on the margin, for information and guidance.

By order,

G. H. Walker

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 6355, dated 1st December 1887.

RESOLUTION,—By the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce.

Read—

Extract paragraph 26 from a note E-4 (a) by the Finance Committee on the subject of travelling allowances.
Financial Resolution No. 3073, dated the 13th September 1886.
Letter from Commissioner, Northern India Salt Revenue, No. 81 C., dated the 28th September 1886.
Ditto Military Department, No. 1406 B., dated the 1st October 1886.
Ditto Revenue and Agricultural Department, No. $\frac{834 G.}{112.6}$, dated the 4th November 1886.
Ditto ditto ditto No. $\frac{346 G.}{74.2}$, dated the 15th April 1887, and enclosure.
Ditto Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, No. 5796—338, dated the 11th December 1886, and enclosure.
Ditto Resident, Hyderabad, No. 468 G., dated the 22nd December 1886.
Ditto Government, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, No. 7763—X-T-77, dated the 20th December 1886, and enclosure.
Ditto Director General, Post Office, No. 12356, dated the 27th December 1886.
Ditto Military Department, No. 186 B., dated the 24th January 1887.
Ditto Chief Commissioner, Ajmere-Merwara, No. 167—704, dated the 20th February 1887, and enclosure.
Ditto Home Department, No. 795, dated the 7th April 1887, and enclosures.
Ditto Resident, Mysore, No. 1718—6136, dated the 3rd June 1887.
Ditto Chief Commissioner, Assam, No. 3453, dated the 18th June 1887.
Ditto Government, Punjab, No. 2291, dated the 21st October 1887.
Ditto Public Works Department, No. 1273 G., dated the 5th July 1887.
Ditto Government, Bombay, No. 1394, dated the 4th June 1887, and enclosures.
Ditto Agent, Governor General, King of Oudh, No. 52 G., dated the 23rd February 1887.
Ditto Chief Commissioner, Ajmere-Merwara, No. 434, dated the 20th February 1887.
Ditto G. S. O. S. of Thagi, &c., No. 34 E., dated the 7th February 1887, and enclosures.
Ditto Resident, Hyderabad, to Foreign Department, No. 133 G., dated the 4th April 1887.
Ditto Resident, Hyderabad, No. 132 G., dated the 4th April 1887.
Ditto Agent, Governor General, Rajputana, No. 69 S., dated the 11th January 1887.

To The Secy. to the Govt. of Madras
Public Works Department