

Public Works (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following papers :—

From G. H. D. WALKER, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 4th November 1897, No. 3004 G.

[Meaning and effect of the rules regarding Medical attendance on Engineer Officers and Subordinates.]

The Governments of Madras and Bombay, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
The Governments of Bengal and the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.
The Government of Burma, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Assam and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor-General for Rajputana, Central India and Baluchistan.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow and Assam.

The following is forwarded to the Local Governments, Administrations and officers noted on the margin for information.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 22nd October 1897, No. 2882 G.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 0272 E. I., dated 15th July 1897, making certain remarks as to the meaning and effect of the rules regarding medical attendance on Engineer Officers and Subordinates contained in paragraphs 64 and 65 of the Public Works Department Code, Volume I, Chapter IV, as amended by Standing Order No. 181, dated 7th December 1896, and offering suggestions as to how those rules should be further modified.

2. In reply, I am to state that the Government of India do not consider that any modification of the paragraphs referred to is required. If the rules are read together as they should be, it will be seen that there is nothing in paragraph 64, which deprives an officer who is entitled under paragraph 65 to the attendance of the Civil Surgeon, of his right to such attendance, subject to the general condition laid down in paragraph 63, that the attendance of a medical officer at a distance of more than five miles is not to be required, except under extraordinary circumstances. It follows that any one may send for the Civil Surgeon to attend a person drawing Rs. 250 a month and upwards, whether in or out of the station, provided that he takes the risk of being called to account if the circumstances do not justify his action. It is obvious, however, that when a Medical Subordinate is at hand, and does not regard the case of injury or illness as serious, or when the patient can be removed to the Civil Station, the conditions laid down in paragraph 63 could not be regarded as fulfilled, and that no one could under such circumstances be held justified in sending for the Civil Surgeon from a station more than five miles off.

3. Under paragraph 65, again, officers who draw less than Rs. 250 a month are not ordinarily entitled to the services of the Civil Surgeon in the first instance even when they are in the station and *fortiori* have no claims to his services when they are out of the station. If there is a Medical Subordinate available he is the proper person to attend them.

The effect of paragraph 6 is merely to empower the Executive or Assistant Engineer to call in the Civil Surgeon when there is no Medical Subordinate available, and it must be read with the latter part of paragraph 65, under which the Civil Surgeon is also bound to attend in any case of emergency, or when the Medical Subordinate applies for his assistance.

This explanation, it is believed, will remove the difficulty anticipated in working the rules.

4. I am to add that it is not considered necessary to class temporary Engineers irrespective of their pay differently to other officers for the purposes of this rule.

ORDER—No. 3229 W., dated 8th November 1897.

Communicated to offices of the Public Works Department for information.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Superintending Engineers.
" the Consulting Architect to Government.
" the Superintendent of Works, Lighthouse Division.
" the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" the Examiner, Railway Accounts.
" the Public Department.

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- C. S. Foulkes*
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- Ch. W. Smith*
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

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