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Copy of Circular No. 42/71/Fin. dated 3-6-1971 from the Finance Secretary, Finance Department, Trivandrum to All Heads of Departments

Sub:- Public Accounts committee 1968-69 - second Report - Recommendation No. 48 - Implementation of.

Attention of all Heads of Departments is invited to the recommendation No. 48 contained in para 4.84 in Volume I of the Second Report 1968-69 regarding the physical verification of stores in the Bridges Division, Alwaye and B & R Division, Muvattupuzha. The case relates to excess and deficiencies of certain items, which were noticed at the time of physical verification conducted in May-June 1959 in the Bridges Division, Alwaye. But the Officer who was responsible for this loss was transferred to Muvattupuzha Sub Division and put in charge of stores there. While commenting on this, the public Accounts Committee has made the following recommendations:

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"When once a shortage was found out, the Department could very well have conducted a physical verification most expeditiously. The Chief Engineer explained that a physical verification was arranged and on detecting the shortage the officer was immediately placed under suspension, but the process took one and a half years. The committee consider that there was no justification for such a long delay. The committee consider that this was an ~~inexcusable~~ lapse on the part of the Department. When there was not merely a suspicion but a definite allegation against a particular officer at Alwaye, he was not only transferred to Muvattupuzha Division but also put in charge of stores there. The Committee are of the view that instead of transferring him to another store, the Department should have placed him under suspension or atleast posted him in some other section, where he was not in charge of stores. They recommend that in future, if there is an allegation or a 'Prima-facia case of a similar nature, the person should be placed under suspension immediately and the matter intimated to the Police at once to avoid recurrence of such cases".

Government have examined the above recommendation of the committee and they accept the committee's recommendation. Government also direct that all Heads of Departments will take note of the above recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and act accordingly.

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