

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**  
**Home (F) Department**  
**CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM**

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At the 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Vigilance Officers held on 13-2-1967, the question of prescribing limit to the period of suspension with a view to checking prolonged suspension of Government servants who are facing disciplinary action , come up for consideration. The suggestion was that when suspension were ordered , the period could be specified and limited in the first instance to say six months or one year and that the suspension need be continued thereafter only after a review by the government or the Head of the Department .

2. As decided at the conference , the question was examined by the Government in detail. They consider that there should be an opportunity for higher authorities to review case of prolonged suspensions. Government hereby direct that all suspensions should only be for a period six months in the first instance and that the immediate superior authority should review each case after six months with a view to assessing whether the suspension should be continued thereafter . In order to enable the superior officers to review cases of prolonged suspensions, the authorities who place officers under suspension should report cases of suspension, which in their view deserve to be continued, to the immediate superior officer, sufficiently early. The immediate superior officer will review each case expeditiously and take decisions for the continuance or otherwise of the suspension.

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All Heads of Department and Offices.  
All Departments and Sections of the Secretariat.  
The Secretary, Public Service Commission (with C L)  
The Secretary, Vigilance Commission (with C L)  
The Registrar, High Court (with C L)