Copy of Letter No. 3-49/66-F dated 4th March 1968 from the Under Secretary to Government Ministry of Food, Agriculture C.D & Coop. (Department of Agriculture) Government of India to All Statements U.Ts.

Sub:- Amendment to Rule 17 (ii) of the rangers course in forestry.

I am directed to say that the exciting provision under Rule (ii) of the Revised Rules for the Rangers Course in Forestry has been reviewed by the Government of India, and it has been decided that the upper age limit of admission to the course should be raised by 5 years in the case of Forest Subordinate belonging to Scheduled Castes and scheduled tribes, and in the case of those belonging to Backward Classes, ie, the rules of the State governments / Union Territory concerned should apply.

2 .In view of the above, the existing rule 17 (ii) of the Rangers course should be amended to read as under:-

"This age does not exceed 30 years on April 1 of the year in which he is admitted in the Northern forest Rangers College, and November1 in the Southern Forest rangers College; the prescribed upper age limit may be relaxed in the case of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes candidates by a period of five years; and in the case of candidates belonging to Backward Classes in accordance with the rules of the State government / Union Territory concerned for the corresponding services / posts".

3. The revised riles will be applicable to the courses commencing from the 1st November, 1968 in the Southern forest rangers college, Coimbatore and from the 1st April 1969, in the Northern Forest Rangers college, Dehra Dun.

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Endt. On E4. 10795/68 (F.Dis) dt. 13-3-68.

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> > Sd/- R. Sadasiva Panikar, For Chief Conservator of forests, Forward / By order,

> > > Superintendent.

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