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Government Circular Memorandum No. 39186/P4/66/Home dated 18-1-67 from Home (F) Department, Trivandrum.

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Sub:-Misleading reports against Government officers
permission of issue contradictions.
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It has come to the notice of Government that newspapers sometimes publish false allegations about the actions of Government servants and give a wrong complexion to the bona-fide actions of such Government servants. It is felt that by the time the facts are ascertained by Government, it becomes too late to contradict such news. Government therefore consider that their officers should be authorised to issue their own contradictions on their own responsibility in cases in which they consider it desirable to clarify their position before the public when misleading reports about their action are published in newspapers. Government therefore are pleased to authorise all Government officers to issue contradictions on their own responsibility in respect of any false allegation published against them in newspapers.

At present there are rules for giving legal assistance to Government servants for taking action against those who make false and malicious allegations against them. Assistance under these rules will continue to be given by Government to those who apply for the same in case there are proper grounds for doing so.

N.K.Devassy, Secretary Government.

Endt. on L.Dis. B2-2335/67 dated 29-1-67

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