

CIRCULAR NO. 135

SUBJECT :- Delay in disposal of references received from the Charity Commissioner.

- Read - (1) Circular No. 70, dated 9th April, 1954.
(2) Circular No. 103-A, dated 14th April, 1958.
(3) Circular No. 132, dated 26th February, 1969.

In addition to the instruction contained in the Circulars referred to above, the following instructions are issued for the guidance of the Regional Officers, Inspectors and Superintendents for expeditious disposal of references sent by this office for remarks or for inquiry and report as the case may be :-

(1) On receipt of a reference from this office, the Regional Office should immediately acknowledge receipt of it to the complainant and request him to contact his office for further action.

(2) The Regional Officer should, similarly acknowledge receipt of the papers to this office and while acknowledging the receipt he should supply the following information forthwith.

(a) The name and address of the public trust involved in the reference.

(b) If registered, its registration No. and date of registration under the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950.

(c) If not registered under the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950 the steps taken by him to get it so registered should be explained.

(d) Whether all audited statements of accounts due from the trust have been received in this office. If not, the details of the accounting returns outstanding and steps taken by the Regional Officer to secure the same should be furnished.

(e) Whether the auditor's reports are clean? If not the nature of irregularities pointed out by the auditors should be stated. Whether explanations of the trustees have been called for on the qualified reports of the auditors? Whether the same have been received? What action has been taken on these explanations?

(f) Whether any other complaint about the trust is received in his office? If so, the details of the same and of the action taken thereon may be stated.

(g) Whether any inquiry under Section 39 is pending in respect of the trust in his office? If so, its details may please be furnished.

(h) Whether any prosecutions have been launched against the trustees under the provisions of the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950. If so, their details may be furnished.

(i) The names and addresses of the trustees.

(j) Average annual income of the trust.

(k) Suggestions or remarks, if any, to be offered in the interest of the trust.

All the Regional Officers are requested to bring these instructions to the notice of the Superintendents, Inspectors and other persons dealing with references received from this office.

Similarly, they are requested to immediately acknowledge receipts to the complainants and send immediate reports on the

above points in respect of all references already received by them from this office and which are still pending in their offices.

B.M. SAPRE,
Charity Commissioner,
Maharashtra State, Bombay.

Dated: 2nd April, 1969.

