

CIRCULAR NO. 142

SUBJECT :- Inquiries entrusted to the Inspectors

Speedy disposal of Conduct of the Inspectors while conducting the inquiries.

It has been observed by the Government and the Charity Commissioner during the course of the Inspection of Regional Offices that the cases entrusted to the Inspectors for inquiry and report are not attended to promptly and completed within a reasonable time. Some of the inquiries were pending with the Inspectors for a very long time. The Government in Law and Judiciary Department and the Charity Commissioner have taken a serious view of this State of affairs.

The Charity Commissioner desires that an inquiry entrusted to the Inspector shall be completed within three months and even earlier if the matter is not such as would require collection of voluminous and substantial evidence and recording of many statements.

The Charity Commissioner will henceforth particularly examine the delayed inquiries and will see why they are not completed within the reasonable time, during the inspection of and visits to Regional and Sub-Regional Offices. It is only after the report of the Inspector is received that the further proceedings on complaints etc., are taken in the Regional Offices and the Office of the Charity Commissioner. The report from the Inspector is delayed along time and in some cases four to five years elapse before the final action is taken on the

complaint in the office of the Charity Commissioner. This state of affairs is not at all satisfactory.

It is also reported that one Inspector, when he went to a particular Station for inquiry was camping at the house of the person against whom the inquiry was to be made and was enjoying his hospitality. Such sort of behavior not only creates bad impression about the conduct of the Inspector concerned, but brings down the prestige of the organization also.

It is needless to emphasize that while making inquiries the Inspectors should take care to see that their behaviour while making inquiry should be such that nobody should have suspicion or reason to believe that they are, or they are likely to be partial to one side or the other involved in the inquiry.

The Regional Officers are requested to bring the instructions contained in this Circular to the notice of all inspectors in their Regions and to see that they are scrupulously followed.

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Dated: 6th October, 1971