CIRCULAR NO. 18

SUBJECT.— Outstanding contributions, etc., payable under the Acts, mentioned in Schedule A of the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950

Section 85(3)(a) of the Bombay Public Trusts Act provides that the cessation of the provisions of the Acts specified in Schedule A shall not in any way affect any obligation or liability under the said Acts already incurred before the date of the application of the Bombay Public Trusts Act. According to the ‘Remembrancer of Legal Affairs’ opinion, dated 19th February, 1952, the authorities under the present Act cannot enforce the said obligation or liability incurred under the old Acts unless the Bombay Public Trusts Act is suitably amended authorizing them to do so.

Government is considering the question of suitably amending Section 85 so as to provide that all costs, expenses, charges, penalties and contributions payable to the authority under the said Acts immediately before the commencement of this Act shall be payable to the appropriate authority under the Bombay Public Trusts Act.

Till the above amendment is made, it will not be competent for the Regional Officers to make any formal demand for any costs, expenses, charges, penalties and contributions, etc., payable under the old Acts. There will, however, be no objection to Regional Officers accepting payment of such costs, expenses, charges, penalties and contributions etc., if such payment is voluntarily made by any trustee(s). While conducting inquiries under section 28, the Regional Officers should make a note on the form of application for registration about the arrears of contribution etc.,
if any and the year or years to which they relate. This will enable this Organization to get exact and up-to-date information regarding the outstanding liabilities of public trusts deemed to have been registered under section 28 of the Bombay Public Trusts Act.

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