

CIRCULAR NO. 36

SUBJECT.— Fixation of dates for balancing the accounts kept under section 32 of the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950 and entering them in the Register of Public Trusts.

At the Conference of the Deputy and Assistant Charity Commissioners held at Bombay in July 1952, it was decided that (i) a reference might be made to the Legal Department whether a general order under section 33 (1) can be passed by the Charity Commissioner, and (ii) three more dates for balancing the accounts may be fixed.

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 33 (1) of the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950, the Charity Commissioner has fixed the following three dates for balancing the accounts kept under section 32 in addition to the thirty-first day of March prescribed in section 33 (1): -

- (i) Thirty-first day of December;
- (ii) Thirtieth day of June; and
- (iii) Samvat Aso Vad 30th (Diwali).

A Public Notice as well as a Press Note to this effect have been separately issued and copies of them are enclosed for information. The Regional Officers should (i) place a copy of the Press Note and Public Notice on the Office notice board, (ii) bring the contents of the Press Note to the notice of the trustees when they appear at the time of inquiry and (ii) instruct the Inspectors to give wide publicity to the Press Note during their tours.

The trustees have been requested in the Press Note to communicate to their respective Deputy or Assistant Charity Commissioners the date which they propose to follow to balance their accounts.

To enable them to watch the receipt of accounts on due dates, the Regional Officers should make, in the 'Remarks' column (col. 28) of the Register of Public Trusts, i.e., Schedule No. 1, a note against each trust of the date followed by the trust to balance its accounts. To achieve this, the Regional Officers should at the time of inquiry invariably ascertain the date followed or proposed to be followed by each trust to balance its accounts. They should also take appropriate steps to ascertain the dates in the case of public trusts whose inquiries have already been conducted.

D. R. PRADHAN,
Charity Commissioner, Bombay.

Dated : 14th November, 1952.