

MOST IMMEDIATE

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D (Q&C)

Subject:- Delegation of Powers to Services Headquarters for dehiring of houses held on hire by the Ministry of Defence for use as married accommodation for service personnel.

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The existing procedure relating to dehiring of houses held on hire by the Ministry of Defence and its organisations for use as married accommodation for the service personnel has been reviewed. It has been decided to further delegate the powers to the Services Headquarters. From now, the dehiring procedure will be as under:-

- i) Services HQs may dehire houses in all the stations, including difficult stations, according to the percentage prescribed for that Station of the accommodation that becomes available either by construction or by fresh hiring at that station. Such dehirings will be strictly in accordance with the chronological seniority of houses hired at each station i.e., on first hired/first dehired basis. An illustration is given below:-

ILLUSTRATION

It has been prescribed that 10% of fresh accommodation which become available either by construction or by fresh hirings will be dehired in Command Pool for Officers at Bombay. Suppose 50 flats become available by fresh construction and fresh hiring at Bombay during one year, say 1987-88, 10% of these 50 i.e., 5 flats shall be dehired at the station.

- ii) The request for premature dehiring on compassionate grounds in stations except Bombay, Calcutta, Bangalore, Secunderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune and Jodhpur may be considered and decided by the QMG in the Army HQs and an Officer of the same status in Naval and Air HQs on merits of each case. The request for dehiring of houses on compassionate grounds in Bombay, Calcutta, Bangalore, Secunderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune and Jodhpur will, however, continue to be considered by the Ministry of Defence.
- iii) Henceforth, no house will be dehired by the Station Commanders under the delegated powers vested in them. These powers will now be used by the Chief of Staff at Command's level. In the event of houses becoming unhygienic, uninhabitable and unpopular under Paras 7 and 8 of Army HQ letter No. 73150/Q3(B) dated the 19th November, 1979, a Board of Officers shall be convened with the GB and SEMO as members of the Board before the house is declared unfit/unsafe/unpopular for habitation. In doing so, the total process of dehiring should be completed within one month's time.

2. The seniority list of houses held on hire at each station should be properly maintained and followed carefully to avoid any allegations of mal-practices etc.

3. Head of the Services Headquarters shall submit a Half yearly return of houses dehired under these instruction in each Divisional Station to the respective administrative Sections in the proforma appended to this note.

4. Army HQs letter No. 73150/Q3(B) dated the 19th November, 1979 containing policy and procedure for dehiring of houses will be amended accordingly.

5. This issues with the approval of Additional Secretary (L).

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