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To

The Deputy Director  
Military Lands and Cantonments  
Lucknow.

SuB : HIRING OF ACCOMMODATION UNDER PARA 4 OF QUARTERS & RENTS.

Reference your No. 21765/REQN dated 28 Aug 1965.

It is confirmed that no financial restrictions have been imposed on Station Commanders in the matter of according Sanctions for hiring of Properties under para 4 of 'Quarters and Rents' but these powers can be exercised only for the hiring of properties for accommodations required for all Military officers (including IAF Officers) and in pay and allowance Regulations or in other Government orders and are subject to the prescribed scales of accommodation.

Sd/-  
For Director  
Military Lands and Cantoments.

## QUARTERS AND RENTS.

Para-4 Appropriation and hiring of houses for Military Officers and Messes, etc (a) Accommodation required for all Military Officers (including RAF Officers and departmental Officer) and messes for units, etc. for which a mess allowance is laid down in pay and allowance Regulations or in other Govt. orders, may be appropriated under the Cant (House Accommodation) Act, No. VI of 1923 as amended by Act IX of 1930 or higher hired, except in a hotel, by the local MES Officers concerned under the orders of the O.C Station provided that suitable quarters owned or hired by Govt. are not available (but see exceptions mentioned in para 3 (b) (iii).

In such cases endeavour should be made to adhere as closely as possible to the authorized scales of accommodation.

(aa) Similarly private accommodation for other authorized purpose or for any individual entitled to be housed by the State may be hired on a lease not extending beyond 10 years, or on a monthly tenure, under the orders of the District or Independent Area Commander or any superior authority.

The Hiring of accommodation other than for residential purposes on a lease extending beyond 10 years or for an unauthorized purpose, requires the approval of the Govt. of India, As regard R.I.N. see Appendix 'F' Regulations of the MES.

(b) The OC Station/GOC Distt may not sanction the appropriation or hiring of a house for himself without previously obtaining the orders of the G.O.C District.

Similarly the previous sanction of the Govt. of India is required for appropriating or hiring a house for the GOC-in-C, or the GOC of an Independent District.

(c) Accommodation may be allotted to, and if necessary, appropriated under the Cantts (house Accommodation) Act ( No. VI of 1923, as amended by Act IX of 1930) or hired for Chaplains of the Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment (Church of India) Military Stations and Church of Scotland Chaplains attached to Scottish Regiments. The rent payable for the houses appropriated or hired for these Chaplains will be debited to Head 32 Ecclesiastical Works and rent recovered from them (i.e. assessed rent or ten percent of pay, whichever is less) will be credited to Head XLVI Miscellaneous Ecclesiastical Receipts.

NOTE. 1. It will be incumbent upon the local military authorities to restrict the appropriation and hiring of houses to the numbers sufficient to meet the normal requirements of the garrison after account has been taken of the quarters owned by Govt.

NOTE. 2. In cases where the hiring of houses on a monthly tenancy is resorted to the local MES Officer Should consult the OC Stn, as to the desirability of retaining any of these houses during the period they are likely to remain vacant, e.g. during the hot weather when the officers move to the hills on duty. If the retention of any of these houses remaining vacant is considered essential, it may be done under the orders of the OC Stn. With the concurrence of the GOC Distt and rent will be orders of the MES for the period in question. To minimize the amount of loss to the State in such cases attempts should be made to find out suitable tenants for such buildings for the periods they are likely to remain vacant.

