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Bhubaneswar the 23rd February, 1957.

To

All Departments of Government.

Subject:- Plural marriages - Government servants.

The undersigned is directed to say that the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, has made the following amendment in the Central Civil Service (Conduct) Rules :-

"Rule 13 of the said Rules shall be renumbered as sub-rule (1) of that Rule and to the sub-rule so re-numbered the following sub-rule shall be added, namely :

"(2) No female Government servant shall marry a person who has a wife living without first obtaining the permission of Government."

2. The State Government has decided that the same principle should also govern the condition of service of the female employees under its rule making power. A provision similar to the above, is, therefore, included in the revised Government Servants' Conduct Rules which will be issued shortly.

3. A further provision as below, is also being made for the female candidates for posts under Government:

"No female candidate who has already married a person who has more than one wife living, will be eligible for appointment to the State Service"

4. The Departments of Government are requested to make this provision in their rules and orders relating to recruitment to services and posts with which they are concerned. Pending final incorporation of the above provisions in the relevant rules, Government has decided that these should be observed as if they had been incorporated in the relevant Rules.

5. A female candidate for employment should, in future, be asked to indicate whether she has married a person who has already a wife living and, in the event of a declaration in the negative being found to be incorrect after her appointment, she will be liable to be dismissed from service. The decision contained above should be brought home to all the female employees in the service as well as to all the appointing authorities under the administrative control of all the Departments.

