

Public Administration Circular No.125.

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Ministry of Public Administration
and Home Affairs,
Independence Square,
Colombo-7. 15th September, 1978.

To: All Secretaries of Ministries,
Heads of Departments and Heads
of Public Corporations.

Strike on 28th September, 1978.

The Government has taken note of the decision of the Joint Trade Union Action Committee to stage a token strike on 28.09.78.

2. The demands for which the strike is called refer to political matters and are not relevant to any issues arising out of an industrial dispute.

3. The Government has therefore decided to treat any public officer or any employee of a Public Corporation who participates in the strike on 28.09.78 as having vacated office.

4. No leave whether for the whole day or half the day should be granted to any person in respect of 28.09.78. Any leave already approved should be treated as cancelled and the person concerned should be informed of such cancellation immediately.

5. A person may be permitted to absent himself on this date only on medical grounds and that too supported by a Medical Certificate from a Government Medical Officer only even though it be in respect of this one day.

6. Any person who incites any other to absent himself on 28.09.78 should immediately be interdicted and disciplinary action should be taken against him.

7. A person who absents himself on 28.09.78 should be deemed to have vacated post and should not be permitted to resume duties except under the provisions of paragraph 5 above.

8. Before noon 28.09.78 the Head of an office or sub-office should convey to the Head of the Department or the Institution the names and designations of all those who have absented themselves on this date. The Heads of Departments and Institutions should convey the information to the Secretary

of the Ministry. Heads of Departments not grouped under any Ministry should forward such particulars to the Secretary, Ministry of Plan Implementation.

9. The Secretary of each Ministry should forward such particulars immediately to the Secretary, Ministry of Plan Implementation, 8th Floor, Central Bank Building, Colombo 1.

10. The Secretary, Ministry of Plan Implementation will, acting through the Job Bank, immediately convey to the Secretary concerned the names and addresses of those who are appointed, with effect from 29.09.78 to fill the vacancies created by those deemed to have vacated post, and such appointees should be permitted to assume duties accordingly.

11. For purposes of communication it should be noted that radio facilities are available -

(a) from Kachcherries to the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs, and

(b) from Police Stations to Police Headquarters.

Information received by either of these points regarding persons deemed to have vacated post on 28.09.78 should be transmitted immediately on receipt to the relevant Secretaries of the Ministries to enable them to forward the information to the Secretary, Ministry of Plan Implementation for action in terms of paragraph 10 above.

12. Adequate steps should be taken to ensure that -

(i) Government property is kept secure, and

(ii) officers presenting themselves for duty have access to official files and documents and all Government property is available for their use so that the work of the Department/Institution proceeds without interruption.

Sgd: D.B.I.P.S. Siriwardhana,
Secretary,
Ministry of Public Administration
and Home Affairs.