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To: All Secretaries to Ministries and
Heads of Departments.

Issue of restrictive passports for travel
abroad on scholarships.

In respect of a public officer awarded a scholarship, tenable abroad, a restrictive passport should be issued which would be valid only for the duration of the particular scholarship.

02. The notification calling for applications for scholarships tenable abroad should state that the public officer, if selected, would have to surrender his passport if he holds one, to the Controller of Immigration and Emigration or to the scholarship granting authority, and that a restrictive passport valid only for the duration of the scholarship would be issued to him. It is essential that would-be applicants are thus informed beforehand of the issue of a restrictive passport.

03. The scholarship granting authority should forward the application forms for such passports to the Controller together with a covering letter giving the duration of the scholarship.

04. The Controller of Immigration and Emigration will issue to the officer selected for a scholarship, a passport in which he will make an endorsement stating that the passport is valid for the period specified therein only. This restriction however will be in such a manner as to accommodate three months more at the beginning and at the end of the duration of the scholarship.

05. The restrictive passport holder, if he wishes to return prior to the expiration of the scholarship period, may do so but if he wishes to go abroad again to continue studies, he will have to obtain a fresh endorsement from the Controller of Immigration and Emigration for the balance period. The Controller may also issue a passport for a single journey allowing entry to the countries en route.

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