

**RETIREMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICERS WHO  
HAVE ENTERED INTO BONDS AND/OR AGREEMENTS**

THE Government has decided that Public Officers who have entered into a bond and/or agreement to serve Government for a specified period of obligatory service should not be permitted to retire from the Public Service until they reach the age of 55.

2. The effects of this decision are—

- (i) No officer will be permitted to retire while a bond and/or agreement entered into by him is in force.
- (ii) An officer who has entered into a bond and/or agreement which provides for a period of obligatory service extending beyond the age of 55 years, may however be permitted to retire on completing the age of 55 years subject to payment of any liability under the bond and/or agreement.
- (iii) The concession in *Treasury Circular* No. 700 of 4.9.66 which permits an officer under bond and/or agreement to obtain a discharge from its obligations on payment of pro-rata penalty in terms of *Treasury Circular* No. 298 of 23.2.56 for the purpose of retirement under Language policy is withdrawn.
- (iv) The concession at (iii) above is also withdrawn in respect of all other premature retirements from the Public Service, in the case of officers who are under bond and/or agreement.

3. This decision does not preclude the premature retirement of Public Officers who have completed the period of obligatory service or who have been medically condemned as unfit for further service by a duly constituted Medical Board.

4. This circular takes effect from 27th October, 1971, and should be brought to the notice of all officers in your Ministry/Department.

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