

Ministry of Public Administration,
Independence Square,
Colombo 7.

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To: All Secretaries to Ministries,
Heads of Government Departments and
Heads of Public Corporations/
Statutory Boards.

Duty Leave, to Members of Poor Relief
Committees

As from 1st December 1985, Food Stamps, which have hitherto been issued by the Department of Food Commissioner will be issued by the Department of Social Services.

02. In terms of the Regulations published under the Poor Relief Act, No.32 of 1985, the assessment of need for Food Stamps will be made by a Committee, known as the Poor Relief Committee, established in each Grama Seva Niladhari Division.

03. While the Grama Seva Niladhari, the Special Services Officer and the Cultivation Officer would be members of this Committee, provision has been made for the Chairman of the Gramodaya Mandalaya of the area or a representative nominated by him from among the members of the Gramodaya Mandalaya, and a nominee of the Assistant Government Agent of the Division concerned, to be members of the Committee. In areas where Poor Relief Committees cannot be constituted in this manner, the Regulations have empowered the Government Agents to constitute Committees in such manner as they deem fit.

04. A public officer of an employee of a Public Corporation or a Statutory Board who is the Chairman of a Gramodaya Mandalaya or who has been appointed by such Chairman or a Government Agent or an Assistant Government Agent as a member of a Poor Relief Committee, should be granted duty leave for the purpose of attending meetings of such Committees.

Sgd; D.B.I.P.S. Siriwardhana
Secretary,
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