

IV. SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF GRANT OF ADVANCES FOR THE PURCHASE OF OTHER CONVEYANCES INCLUDING BICYCLES

Rule 31. A Government servant, whose basic pay and dearness pay taken together does not exceed Rs. 7,500 (Rupees Seven thousand five hundred) per month may be granted an advance for the purchase of a bicycle:

Provided that:

(i) the amount of such advance shall not exceed Rs. 1,500 (Rupees One thousand five hundred) and shall be restricted to the anticipated price, inclusive of sales tax, of the bicycle. If the actual price of the bicycle paid by the Government servant is less than the amount of the advance sanctioned, he shall refund the balance to Government forthwith.

(ii) the amount of such advance shall be recovered in the manner prescribed in Rules 23 and 24 in equal monthly installments not exceeding thirty;

(iii) the amount of interest calculated under Rule 20 shall be recovered in the manner prescribed in Rules 25 and 26.

Rule 32. If a Government servant, without a substantive appointment, is granted an advance for the purchase of a bicycle, but ceases to be in Government service before the amount of the advance and the interest thereon is completely repaid, the balance shall, to the extent possible, be adjusted against the pay and allowances due to the Government servant. Any amount, as then remains unpaid, shall be recovered forthwith from the surety, if any.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA'S DECISIONS

(1) **Instructions for grant of subsequent advance.**-Advance for the purchase of bicycles should be granted after close scrutiny of the application with a view to ensuring that they are granted only in genuine cases and that the Budget provision for the purpose is not exhausted quite early in the financial year. Such advances should not ordinarily be granted within three years of the grant of previous advance for the same purpose, unless satisfactory evidence is produced by the Government

servant concerned to the effect that the bicycle purchased with the help of the earlier advance has been lost or has become unserviceable. In the latter type of cases, the authority sanctioning the advance should, while communicating the sanction to the Audit Officer and/or the Accounts Officer, as the case may be, include a certificate that it has satisfied itself that the bicycle possessed by the Government servant has been lost or has become unserviceable, as the case may be.

[G.I., M.F., O.M. No. F. 51 (1)-E.V/53, dated the 13th February, 1953.]

(2) Priority to be given to those who have not drawn similar advance during the preceding five years.-According to Decision (1) above, a Government employee can be granted an advance for the purchase of a bicycle on second occasion after the lapse of a period of 3 years of the earlier advance. It has now been decided that hereinafter priority in the matter of sanctioning advance for the purchase of a bicycle may be given to the requests of those employees who have not drawn similar advance during the last five years and the requests of other employees for advance under the normal rule may also be considered subject to the availability of funds on this account.

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(3) Certificate to be furnished in application if it is for a subsequent occasion.-Where a Government servant who has drawn an advance for the purchase of a bicycle, is transferred from one establishment to another, after completion of the recovery of the advance with interest thereon, if any, and applies to the latter for the grant of a similar advance, he should furnish in his application for the grant of such an advance a certificate to the effect that he had not drawn the advance applied for prior to his transfer within the period of three years. Such a certificate may be test-checked by the Head of Office where it is considered necessary.

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