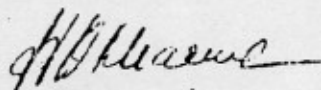


Subject: EXPEDITING OF ARBITRATION CASES.

Comprehensive instructions were earlier issued vide Standing Instruction NO. 313 dated 6/2/91, enjoining upon all E.Es. to ensure that counter statements of facts were submitted before the arbitrators without any delay and directing that postponement of the date of hearing should not be sought until and unless totally unavoidable. It was also directed that no adjournments should be sought from the arbitrators by the EEs without obtaining specific written prior approval of the C. E.

In spite of these explicit instructions already issued, complaints are continuing to pour in from the Arbitrators that the respondents, i.e. E.Es, are dilly-dallying in the matters of submission of counter-statement of facts as well as attending the arbitration proceedings, which not only results in the avoidable delay in the conclusion of the arbitration cases but also adversely affects the departments' interests.

It is, therefore, once again reiterated that the instructions as issued vide circular NO. 313 dt. 6/2/91 should be scrupulously followed, failing which, disciplinary action may be initiated against the erring EEs.


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