

**Cabinet Secretariat (Department of Cabinet Affairs) O.M. No.85/11/CF-61(1),
dated the 28th December, 1961, to the Ministries/Departments,*etc.***

Subject :—Classification of posts as 'scientific or technical' for the purposes of granting extensions of service beyond the prescribed age of retirement.

The undersigned is directed to invite a reference to the Joint Secretary to the Cabinet letter No. 164/CP/59, 60, dated December 29, 1960 on above subject. It was stated in that letter that at the meeting of the Committee of Secretaries held on December 20, 1960, it has been decided that for the purposes of granting extensions of service beyond the prescribed age of retirement, the posts which should be classified as 'scientific or technical' should be those, the incumbents of which have to use a knowledge of the exact/natural sciences or of technology, in the discharge of their duties and are engaged in or in charge of research, development, designing, construction, production, inspection, survey, testing or teaching. The Ministries/Departments were requested to prepare or revise the already prepared lists of posts and services under their administrative control in the light of the above decision and to forward them to this Secretariat for examination by the Committee of Secretaries.

2. On receipt of the revised lists from some of the Ministries/Departments, the matter was re-examined by the Committee of Secretaries. Having regard to the present overall shortage of scientific and technical personnel of all descriptions in the country, it was decided that the definition of 'scientific or technical' posts evolved by the Committee at its meeting held on December 20, 1960, should be liberalised so as to include all posts for which qualifications in the natural/exact sciences, or applied sciences or in technology are prescribed and the incumbents of which have to use that knowledge in the discharge of their duties. The lists of posts received from the Ministries/Departments, so far, have been examined by the Committee in the light of the revised definition and the decision taken has been notified to the concerned Ministries/Departments, with copies to the Ministries of Home Affairs and Finance.

3. If the Ministries/Departments have any further posts and services under their administrative control which they wish to recommend for being classified as 'scientific or technical' in the light of the revised definition, it is suggested that supplementary lists of those posts may be prepared in the attached proforma, and 10 copies of the list forwarded to this Secretariat for examination by the Committee of Secretaries.

The lists of posts which may be ready by now on the basis of the previous definition need not be held over pending re-examination. It is requested that those lists may be sent to this secretariat for examination by the Committee of Secretaries.
