No.F.1(11)-E.III(B)/71. Government of India Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure) New Delhi-1, the 7th January, 1974. OFFICE MEMORANDUM Subject: - Deputation of Central Government officers on forcign service to the developing countries -Gratuity payable by foreign Government. Reference is invited to this Ministry's Office Memorandum of even number dated the 13th December, 1971 on the above subject. A question has been raised whether Central Government officers on foreign service to the developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America who are allowed to receive gratuity payable by the foreign Governments should have the option to make pension contributions to the Government of India and count the foreign service for The President has been pleased to decide that as the gratuity offered by these foreign Governments is not a pensionary benefit, Central Government employees deputed to these Governments should be required to pay the usual pension contributions to the Central Government and thus count the period for pension under the Central Government. A specific condition to the effect should invariably be included in the terms of deputation. 2. As regards employees already on foreign service with such Governments on the date of issue of these orders, they will have the option of paying pension contributions to Government of India to enable them to count the period of foreign service for the purpose of pension. The officers would be required to exercise the option within three months from the date of issue of these orders and those who opt to pay the same for the past period, they can pay the amount of pension contribution for the earlier period in monthly instalments not exceeding 12 along with the contribution for the current period. In so far as the persons sarving in the Indian Audit and Accounts Department are concerned, these orders have been issued in consultation with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India. Sd/-Kirpa Singh. Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India. To All Ministries etc.