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From: Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service

To: Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments

Minimum Business Continuity in the Public Service

Please refer to this Office Circular issued on 09 March 2021.

2. It has been decided that the existing arrangements to ensure minimum business continuity in the public service should be maintained until further notice.

3. In this context, Supervising Officers are requested to ensure that, on a daily basis, a skeleton staff is physically present in Office to provide a minimum service to our stakeholders and to support the present efforts of Government to combat the spread of COVID-19.

4. Public officers:

(a) residing within the boundaries of the red zones and working outside these zones should work from home as far as possible; and

(b) residing outside the boundaries of the red zones and working inside these zones should work from home as far as possible.

5. Other public officers should as well, wherever possible, be authorised to work from home as provided in the Work-From-Home Protocol adopted by the Government on 19 March 2021 and detailed out in Circular No. 14 of 2021, issued by the Ministry of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms.

6. It would be appreciated if the content of this circular could be brought to the attention of all the Local Authorities/Parastatal Bodies/ State-owned Enterprises falling under your purview.

7. I rely on your collaboration and support.

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