Ministry of Civil Service Affairs and Administrative Reforms
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From: Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Civil Service Affairs and Administrative Reforms
To: Supervising Officers in Charge of Ministries/Departments

Public Sector Collaborative Research Grant Scheme (PUSCRGS)

Please refer to this Ministry’s circular letter No. 14 of 2005 on the abovementioned subject.

2. Now that the scheme has been launched and taking into consideration that the scheme is targeted exclusively to public officers, it is imperative that Heads of Ministries and Departments, officers pertaining to administrative, technical, personnel and other grades be sensitised on the objectives and research opportunities provided in the scheme as well as on the methodology to be adopted in the submission of projects.

3. As stated in the guidelines, the scheme is open to all public officers either individually or in teams constituted within or across Ministries to undertake research. Research can be carried out as follows:

   (i) Some research projects need not be academic-based or call for great expertise. Such projects could be of practical nature geared towards finding solutions to specific problems in the Public Sector such as transport congestion, flexitime, productivity, etc.
(ii) Other research projects of a more academic nature could be appealing to MSC holders and above within the Public Sector and who have to undertake projects as part fulfillment of their courses of study.

4. This Ministry will soon organize two workshops to elaborate further on the methodology to be adopted for the submission of projects for the two categories of research mentioned above. The timing of the workshops will be communicated to you soon.

5. Meanwhile, it would be appreciated if at the level of Ministries, Departments, Divisions and outstations, focused group discussions on agreed topics of research could be effected. Please disseminate the contents of the circular to all officers concerned.

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