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Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms

Circular Letter No 33 of 2008

From: Supervising Officer, Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms

To: Supervising Officers i/c of Ministries/Departments

Civil Service Family Protection Scheme

A. Officers on Leave Without Pay

In the context of Pension Reforms, the Civil Service Family Protection Scheme Board has informed this Ministry that, , Section 17 of the Civil Service Family Protection Scheme Act, 1993 relating to Public Officers proceeding on leave without pay, has been amended to read as follows:

17 (2) Where a contributor, other than a member of the Assembly, has not made a contribution pursuant to subsection (1), he shall, within one year from the date of his resumption of duty, settle his outstanding contribution.

17 (3) Where the contributor, other than a member of the Assembly, fails to settle his outstanding contribution within the time specified under subsection (2), he shall forfeit any right to have such leave being reckoned as contributing period.

2. In view of the above, the clause concerning the contribution to be made to the Civil Service Family Protection Scheme in the letter granting leave without pay to officers should be amended to read as follows:

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You will be governed by the Provisions of the Civil Service Family Protection Scheme Act 1993 (as amended in 2008), during the period of leave without pay. You will have to continue your contribution to the Scheme. In case you do not contribute during the period of leave, you will have to settle your outstanding contribution within one year from the date of resumption of duty, failing which you will forfeit your right to have such leave being reckoned as contributory period.

B. Option to be exercised by Public Officers when they attain the age of 60

Following the issue of this Ministry's Circular Letter No 32 of 2008, it has been brought to our attention that officers in post as at 30 June 2008 are being made to exercise the option either to cease to contribute to the Civil Service Family Protection Scheme or to continue to do so **before** they have attained the age of 60. In fact, the Circular Letter clearly spells out that this option has to be exercised only by officers **when they attain the age of 60**. Officers who have already done so before attaining the age of 60 should re-exercise the option when they attain the age of 60.

I should be grateful if the contents of this Circular could be brought to the attention of officers concerned.

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