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Pension Circular 8/ 2010

To Secretaries of all Ministries,
Chief Secretaries of Provincial Councils,
Heads of Departments/ Commanders of Three Forces,
District Secretaries/ Divisional Secretaries,

**Revision of the Payment of Cost of Living Allowance
to the same person in several ways**

This refers Pension Circular 4/ 2008 dated 01.07.2008, Pension Circular 7/ 2009 dated 20.02.2009 and Pension Circular 4/ 2008, 7/ 2009 (Amendment) dated 03.12.2009 issued by me in compliance to Public Administration Circular 6/ 2008 dated 06.02.2008 on above subject.

Instructions issued by above circular to not to pay cost of living allowance for pensioners exceeding the cost of living allowance payable for public officers.

However, I was informed that some Divisional Secretariats are not properly following the instructions issued in above circulars. Your strict attention to the following points is drawn to adhere accordingly.

1. Cost of living allowance should not pay for dependents' allowances when monthly salaries paid for parents of unmarried officers and members of armed forces died due to terrorist actions. Furthermore, the cost of living allowance should not pay with dependents' allowance when the relevant salary paid for parents by divided.


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2. Cost of living allowance should not pay with widows' and orphans' pension, widowers' and orphans' pension and dependents' allowance when monthly salary paid for spouses of married officers and members of armed forces died due to terrorist actions. Furthermore, the cost of living allowance should not pay with other allowances when the salary paid for parents and spouse as divided salary.
3. Since some persons draw armed forces monthly salary with services pension, disability pension till 55 years of age, action should be taken to obtain detailed report of them. The cost of living allowance which paid for them should stop.
4. Cost of living allowance paid with pension for the officers serve in statutory institutions such as corporations, boards, authorities while drawing pension should be stopped. Divisional Secretaries should obtain reports from Grama Niladhari regarding such persons.
5. Cost of living allowance should not pay for orphans' pension when it paid with monthly salary for orphans of officers and members of armed forces / public service. (This instruction should be followed when the salary divided for several children)
6. Cost of living allowance should not pay with widows' and orphans' pension/ widowers' and orphans' pension/ dependents' allowance paid for public officers in respect of their deceased children/ husbands/ wives.
7. Accordingly it is emphasized that the cost of living allowance payable for pensioners should not exceed the cost of living allowance payable for public servant.

Since the recovery of over paid cost of living allowance has been caused to arise some difficulties, it has been informed to cancel the process of recovering over paid cost of living allowances.

As the decision mentioned above is with regard the recovery of over paid cost of living allowance, the instructions in this circular should apply from 03.12.2009 and overpaid cost of living allowance from 03.12.2009 should be recovered.



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