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**Pension Circular 02/ 2011**

Municipal Councils – Municipal Commissioners,

Urban Councils – Secretaries of Urban Councils,

Pradeshiya Sabha – Secretaries of Pradeshiya Sabha,

**Awarding pension/ widows' & orphans' pension entitlement  
to officers absorbed to Local Government Service**

**Background**

01. Staffs of Local Government Institutions are categorized into following segments.

**1.1 Local Government officers retired before 03.09.1993.**

These officers are considered as who were not absorbed to the local government service and they are bound to the provisions of Local government Service Act No.16 of 1974 and Local government Service (Amendment) Act No.10 of 1985. Accordingly they are further entitled to receive benefits of local government pension and local government widows' and orphans' pension scheme.

**1.2 Officers appointed in provincial public service from the date 03.09.1993**

Permanent and pensionable appointees in Provincial Public Service from 03.09.1993, which the date effected the regulations of Local Government Pensions Act No. 17 of 1993 are considered under this category. Regulations of the Minutes on Pension dated 05.04.1934, Widows' and Orphans' Pensions Fund Ordinance and Widowers' and Orphans' Pension Fund Act which amended time to time are effective for these officers.

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**1.3 Officers appointed in permanent and pensionable posts of local government institutions before 03.09.1993 and absorbed to provincial public service.**

Regulations of above 1.2 are applicable for these officers also and the officers in this category should have been formally absorbed in to provincial public service. (Any officer in local government service, who absorbed to provincial public service at the time when the Local Government Act No. 42 of 1987 was enforced, belongs to this category.)

**02 Registration in Widows' and Orphans' Widowers' and Orphans' Pension System**

2.1 Officers appointed in provincial public service should be registered in Widows' and Orphans' Widowers' and Orphans' Pension System as the other public officers and the regulations and circulars issued by this department are effective for these registrations.

2.2 Above registration should be carried out in respect of the officers who absorbed in to provincial public service from local government service, deemed as they were in provincial public service. These officers should request for a civil number though they have local government widows' and orphans' pension number. It is mandatory to submit certified copy of the letter for absorption to provincial public service along with other relevant documents. Further, the administrative authorities of local government institutions should make sure to authenticate as to the widows' and orphans' contributions had been duly charged from the officer during his complete service period.

Applications for registrations of above 2.1 and 2.2 should directly forward to the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Division of this department by local government institutions concerned.

2.3 Registrations prior to 03.09.1993 in local government widows' and orphans' pension scheme (not absorbed to provincial public service) should further directed to Local Government Division of this department.

03 Since 20 years have been elapsed from the date nullified local government pension scheme, requests regarding regulations except for regulation number 20 of Local Government Regulation of 1975 are not entertained further and any such request should be forwarded to me with a detailed report and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioner of Local Government.

**04 General Instructions**

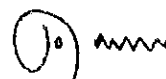
4.1 All staff, recruited on basis of casual or temporary by all local government institutions should have been awarded Public Service Provident Fund appointments. The regulations laid in Pension Circular 7/2010 should be followed in this regard. Accordingly the 8% contribution of the staff and 12% contribution of the local government should be forwarded to the Secretary & Accountant of Public Service

Provident Fund. Form General 234 should be duly maintained for the relevant staff members. If these officers were absorbed later to the provincial public service with pension entitlement, their Public Service Provident Fund service will be added to the pensionable service period.

4.2 The persons recruited with the employees' provident fund entitlement by the heads of local government institutions will not be treated as pensionable appointments. Therefore such service period should not be added for pension. If these appointees are absorbed into provincial public service and awarded pensionable appointments, they should be entitled to the benefits of the employees' provident fund for their previous service. If this service period to be considered as pensionable service, prior approval of this department should be obtained and the contribution of the institution should be paid to this department and the contribution for the widows' and orphans' pension fund should be charged from the officer's contributions. Addition of previous service disregarding said instructions would be considered as an offence.

4.3 Local government institutions should make sure that contributions of local government pensioners who were not absorbed to provincial public service but receiving pension at the moment are duly reimbursed to the Local Government Division of this department. (85% for employees served only in Municipal Councils, 70% for employees in Municipal Councils, Urban Councils, Pradeshiya Sabha, 55% for employees served only in Pradeshiya Sabha). Action should be taken to pay arrears payments promptly.

4.4 Steps should not be taken after death of the officer to issue back dated appointment letters aiming to provide pension / widows' and orphans' pension entitlement. Such actions should be taken only on concurrence of Provincial Public Service Commission or delegated Local Government Commissioner. If such decision has to be taken, a report stating the reason for the decision should be compiled to the Pension file/ widows' and orphans' registration.



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Director General of Pensions

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs
2. Secretary, Ministry of Finance
3. Secretary, Ministry of Provincial Councils
4. Chief Secretaries of Provincial Councils
5. Local Government Commissioners
6. Assistant Local Government Commissioners

1. The first step is to identify the problem or issue that needs to be addressed. This involves gathering information and understanding the context of the problem.

1. The first of these is the fact that the Commission has not yet received any information from the Government of the United States regarding the activities of the Committee for the Liberation of the People of the East (CLPE) in the United States. This is a serious omission, as the CLPE is a well-known and active organization which has been operating in the United States for many years. It is therefore essential that the Commission be kept informed of its activities, in order that it may be able to take appropriate action if necessary.

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