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Secretaries to State Ministries,
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District Secretaries,
Divisional Secretaries,

Granting Monthly Allowance of Rs.5, 000/- to Pensioners

Your attention is hereby drawn to the Public Administration Circular 03/2022 dated 13.01.2022. A monthly allowance of Rs.5,000/- which is not applicable for the calculation of pension will be paid to the pensioners with effect from 01.01.2022.

02. All pensioners are entitled to this allowance from January, 2022. This allowance will be paid by the Department of Pensions and arrangements have been made to start payment with the pension payment of February 2022. The following instructions should be followed when granting the allowance.

- I. If a pensioner receives multiple pensions or Widows' / Widowers' and Orphans' Pension along with a pension, such pensioner is strictly entitled to only one monthly allowance of Rs.5,000/-
- II. A person who receives Widows' / Widowers' and Orphans' Pension while serving as a public officer is not entitled to this allowance with the pension, as they are to paid this allowance along with their salary.
- III. The officers in Tri forces and Sri Lanka Police who become disabled due to terrorist activities or dependents of the deceased officers of Tri forces and Sri Lanka Police who receive salaries and allowances up to the age of 55 years are not entitled this allowance with the pension.

- IV. Foreign Pensioners are not entitled to this allowance.
- V. Widows' / Widowers' who have remarried and receive 50% of the pensions are entitled to the 50% or a half of this allowance.
- VI. Arrangements should be made to pay this allowance based on the relevant percentage of the pension (orphan's pension) which is shared among more than one beneficiary.
- VII. When pay this allowance, it should be confirmed that the pensioner is alive.

03. The Department of Pensions will start the payment of this Rs.5, 000/- allowance to the pensioners who fulfill the above conditions.

04. As the pensioners who have been re-employed are not entitled to the allowance with their salary they should submit a request confirming the same to the Divisional Secretariat which manages the pension payment.

05. Actions should be taken to submit the request through the Arrears Source Document for the pensioners who are entitled to the payment but have not started the payment by the Department of Pensions.

06. Although the pensioner has been granted this allowance by the Department of Pensions, if the above conditions make him ineligible to receive the same, the payment of such allowance should be stopped immediately.

07. Action should be taken to recover if any overpayments made.

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