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All Secretaries to the Ministries

All Provincial Chief Secretaries

All Heads of Departments

Director General of Establishments

Education Service Committee of the Public Service Commission

Health Service Committee of the Public Service Commission

Summoning the Officers of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for Preliminary Investigations and Formal Disciplinary Inquiries Conducted against the Public Officers on Bribery Offences

The Public Service Commission has drawn the attention of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption on the practical problems that have been arisen in taking disciplinary action against public officers who are accused of committing bribes, due to the inability in obtaining the necessary written and oral evidence in Preliminary Investigations and Formal Disciplinary Inquiries conducted against such officers.

02. Accordingly, the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption has granted approval to the Inquiry Officers of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption to attend and give evidence in the Preliminary Investigations and Formal Disciplinary Inquiries, in cases where the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption has filed cases against the Public Officers on bribery charges, and the same has been informed to me by the letters No. BC/SEC/07/2022-II dated 07.10.2022 and 14.02.2023 of the Director General of the said Commission.

03. Furthermore, the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption has further informed that, in the event that the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption has filed cases against Public Officers on bribery charges, the request to summon the Inquiry Officers of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption to give evidence for Preliminary Investigations and Formal Disciplinary Inquiries conducted regarding the Public Officers as stated above, has to be submitted to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption by the institution concerned through the Public Service Commission.

04. Accordingly, by order of the Public Service Commission, I kindly inform that it has been decided to take action as follows, in cases where the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption has filed cases against the Public Officers on bribery charges.

a) that, action to be taken to forward requests to obtain evidence from the Inquiry Officers of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for Preliminary Investigations and Formal Disciplinary Inquiries conducted regarding the Public Officers who fall under the disciplinary authority of the Public Service Commission, to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption by the respective Institution through the Administrative Authority and the Public Service Commission.

b) that, action to be taken to forward the requests to summon the Inquiry Officers of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption to give evidence for the Preliminary Investigations and Formal Disciplinary Inquiries conducted against the officers of the respective officer categories, to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption by the respective Institution through the Administrative Authority, Disciplinary Authority and the Public Service Commission, in cases where the Public Service Commission has delegated disciplinary powers to any Committee or Secretary to Ministry, or Head of Department or Public Officers when implementing the powers on disciplinary control over Public Officers.

Accordingly, I kindly inform you to take action as mentioned above.

Thanuja Murugeson

Acting Secretary

Public Service Commission

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Director General, Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption , vide your letters No. BC/SEC/07/2022-II and dated 07.10.2022 and 14.02.2023 – for kind information

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