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Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2022

Secretaries of Ministries,
Provincial Chief Secretaries,
Secretaries of State Ministries,
Heads of Departments,

Appointment of officers promoted to Special Grade of All-Island Services to the Special Grade Posts

The Public Service Commission makes promotions in the special grade of all-island services based on the number of vacancies existing in the special grade of that services. The Public Service Commission has been informed of several instances where the officers thus promoted to special grade have been denied and returned from assuming duties when they are assigned to institutions to assume duties in special grade posts after appointing them to those posts. This Commission intends that neglecting the decisions made by this Commission by virtue of powers vested by the Constitution can be considered as a punishable offence that should be dealt with in terms of Article 61 C (1) of the Constitution.

02. I would like to draw your attention to the Public Service Commission Circular No. 01/2021 which has been issued on reporting to duties of relevant posts by the special grade officers. As per the provisions of such circular, if an officer who is promoted and appointed to a post in special grade does not assume duties of his new post within two (02) weeks from the date of receipt of the relevant appointment letter, the officer's promotion to the special grade will be cancelled. In such an instance where the provisions of the aforesaid Circular are being strictly in effect, it is your responsibility as the Heads of Institutions to make necessary arrangements to release the relevant officers from your institutions so as to enable them to assume duties of their new post and also to hand over duties to the special grade officers who report to your institution to assume duties in the vacant posts.

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03. Furthermore, it has been observed that not only the officers who were promoted to special grade but also the Appointing Authorities and Administrative Authorities have happened to face various problems due to the deployment of non-special grade officers in the posts approved under the special grade. The Public Service Commission observes that, in case there is a possibility to get done the duties assigned to the approved posts in special grade by non-special grade officers, such posts should be treated as non-special grade posts and it would be more appropriate to inform the same to the General Treasury and take necessary action to suppress such posts.

04. Under these circumstances, a severe adverse effect has been caused in the process of promotion of the officers in all-island services and their appointment to the posts. Hence, on the direction of the Public Service Commission, you are kindly informed to pay your personal attention to this matter and take action to appoint the officers who report to your institution with an appointment to a post in special grade to the relevant post and promptly release the officers who get promotions to the special grade enabling them to report to the duties of their new post.

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