

Public Administration Circular: 07/2007 (III)

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Implementation of the Official Language Policy

Your attention is invited to Public Administration Circulars 7/2007 dated 28.05.2007 and 07/2007 (I) dated 29.08.2007 on the above subject. A decision has been taken at the meeting of the Cabinet of the Ministers held on 23.05.2012 to revise the provisions of the said Circulars in the following manner.

02. Accordingly, a period of concession will be granted in the following manner to obtain proficiency in the other official language which should be satisfied within a period of five years by the officers who are recruited/ appointed to the Public Service/ Provincial Public Service from 01.07.2007 mentioned under (A) of first paragraph of Public Administration Circular 07/2007.

- I. To provide a further concessionary period of two years, in addition to the five years period which has already been granted, to the officers who have been recruited/ appointed to the Public Service from 01.07.2007 to 30.06.2010, to obtain the prescribed level of proficiency in the official language.

03. Further, provisions of paragraph 2 of Public Administration Circular 07/2007 and paragraph 03 of Public Administration Circular 07/2007 (I) are revised in the following manner.

- I. To revise the term “deferment of increment” as “stoppage of increment”

04. In case of an officer who obtains the proficiency in the other official language relevant to him during such period where his increment has been withheld, such officer shall be placed on the salary step to which he could have reached during the said period spent for obtaining the said proficiency and no arrears of salary shall be paid. Further the date of salary increment of the officer shall remain unchanged.

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