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Attire of Public Officers

Your attention is hereby drawn to Public Administration Circular 13/2019 (I) dated 26.06.2019 issued on the above matter.

02. The provisions have been introduced with the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers to the effect that “When public officers arrive at their office premises during the office hours, male officers should be dressed in trouser and shirt or national dress whilst female officers should be dressed in saree, Kandian saree (*Osari*) or any other appropriate and modest attire so as to preserve the dignity of the public service” under I, Paragraph 03 of the said circular.
03. Even though, the said provisions were introduced in this manner, it has been reported that certain Heads of Institutions order the female officers to wear only saree or Kandian saree (*Osari*) when arriving at their office premises.
04. The public officers should be allowed to dress in appropriate and modest attire so as to preserve the dignity of the public service when arriving at their office and while performing duties. Further, it should be applicable for field duties as well.
05. The public officer should be dressed in the national dress or the prescribed attire at the parliament, court, special events such as national or international functions or conferences.
06. The provisions of Public Administration Circular 13/2019(I) dated 26.06.2019 shall remain unchanged.

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