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Implementation of the Official Languages Policy and payment of incentive allowances to public officers who have proficiency in more than one language

Since the medium of language which is applicable when graduates are recruited as per the procedure of appointment and absorption in to Development Officers' Service is not clearly defined, the first medium of language of the respective officer should be determined following the provisions of Public Administration circular No. 29/98 (I) dated 23.06.2004 where it can be Sinhala or Tamil as mother tongue at G.C.E. (O/L) examination.

02. Accordingly, as per the Service Minute of Development Officers who have been recruited to the service considering the degree as a basic qualification, at occasions where no condition has been set out to the effect that the relevant degree should have been followed in English medium or the English language ability has not been considered as a pre-qualification for recruitment to the post, those officers are entitled to receive incentives on language proficiency as per the provisions of Public Administration Circular No. 29/98 and Public Administration Circular No. 29/98 (I) if they have satisfied the qualifications mentioned from 3:2:1 - I to 3:2:1 - VIII in the Public Administration Circular No. 29/98.

03. Accordingly, having successfully completed a degree in English medium can be made applicable under the sub para 3:2:1 - VII of Public Administration Circular No. 29/98 and having studied English language as a main subject of the degree can be made applicable under sub para 3:2:1 - VI of the same. It is kindly informed that the allowance mentioned in sub para 3:2:5 of Public Administration Circular No. 29/98 can be paid for the said qualifications.

04. It is hereby kindly informed to take necessary action to pay the incentives on language proficiency relevant to the Development Officers complying with the above provisions.

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