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To: All Secretaries to Ministries and Heads of Departments.

Revision of obligatory period of service in respect of full pay study leave within the island

The period of obligatory service in respect of full-pay study leave within the island granted under Establishments Circular Letter No. 178 of 28.02.1975 is hereby amended. A public officer who is granted full pay study leave within the island for the purposes of study or training should enter into an agreement to serve an obligatory period as follows:-

- (i) as at present, no obligatory service for a period of one month or less.
- (ii) in respect of a period over one month, the period of obligatory service should be twice the period, subject to a minimum of six months and a maximum of 5 years.
  - (iii) the period of obligatory service should be calculated to the nearest whole month.
- The period of obligatory service specified above will also apply to bonds/agreements already entered into by officers.

Sgd:D.B.I.P.S.Siriwardhana Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration.