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All Secretaries and Heads of Departments.

Distress Loans and other Loans -Amendments to Chapter XXIV of <u>the Establishments Code</u>

Please delete sub section 10:4 Chapter XXIV of the Establishments Code and substitute the following sub sections.

10:4 Sureties:

In respect of permanent and pensionable officers possessing less than 10 years service, one surety having not less than 10 years of service and who is permanent and pensionable, is required or, two sureties of not less than 5 years service each, and who are permanent and pensionable, are required. Sureties are not required in respect of permanent and pensionable officers possessing more than 10 years service.

10:4:1

In instances, where two sureties are furnished, both sureties are required to sign a bond binding them jointly and severally to pay the loan and the interest thereto in equal shares, in the event of default of payment by the debtor. General Form 158(A) of Public Administration Circular No. 10/95 will be used for this purpose.

02. This Circular is issued with the concurrence of the General Treasury.

Sgd: R.S. Jayaratne, Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Plantation Industries and Parliamentary Affairs.