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All Secretaries of Ministries
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Providing Official Vehicles to Government Officials

Your kind attention is drawn to the news article appeared in "SUNDAY RIVIRA" newspaper on 30th September 2012 regarding the use of fuel by government officers. (A copy is attached).

Official transport facilities are provided to government officials who are entitled as per the provisions stipulated in the Public Administration Circular No. 22/99 dated 08.10.1999 and subsequent circulars issued in this regard.

According to the Public Administration Circular 14/2008 dated 26.06.2008, as a measure of reducing the government expenditure, instead of providing an official vehicle, it has been decided to pay a monthly allowance of Rs. 30,000 along with the entitled monthly fuel allowance to such post.

However, the above mentioned newspaper article reveals that in implementing the transport and fuel allowance, officers utilize this as a financial benefit and in addition to such allowance, government pool vehicles are also being used by them. This situation was reported earlier by media and also to the Treasury by various Trade Unions.

Therefore, Secretaries of Ministries and Head of Departments as Chief Accounting Officers and Accounting Officers are responsible to ensure that the conditions of the relevant circulars are strictly adhered to, in providing assigned vehicles to Government Officers.

Hence, you are kindly requested to get an internal audit done at least once in three months and review to ascertain that such incidents do not happen and take necessary action ensuring that those deficiencies will not take place in the future. Further, your personal attention is kindly drawn to avoid unfavorable criticisms of this nature against government officials and to manage public expenditure properly.

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