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Department of National Budget General Treasury Colombo 01.

To all secretaries to the Ministries/ Chief Secretaries of the Provincial Councils/ Heads of Departments

Public Expenditure Management and Incurring of Expenditure for the year 2007

As per decision taken by the Cabinet on 2007.03.14, the sub para 4.2 of para 4 in the Budget Circular 133 issued on the above matter on 29.12.2006 is amended as follows:

- 4.2 As per budget proposals of 2007, the distress loan should be paid based on the basic salary of the respective year excluding allowances with effect from 01 January. When the distress loan is paid the following instructions should be followed.
- (a) Priority should be given to minor employees and to those who apply for the said loan for the first time.
- (b) The distress loan should be paid within the maximum expenditure limit and according to the waiting list.
- (c) The maximum expenditure limit will not be revised on any request whatsoever. The minimum receipt limit and maximum debit balance limit will be considered for revision on justifiable reasons.
- (d) Advance loan payment should be made subject to the following order of priority.
 - 1. Festival Advance
 - 2. Special Advance
 - 3. Distress Loan

Sgd./ P.B. Jayasundara Secretary to the Treasury.

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