

2. **The Secretaries to the State Ministries, whose posts were abolished,**

Having regard to the fact that the then Secretaries to State Ministries were entitled to salaries, allowances and privileges attached to the posts of Secretary to the State Ministries while they were carrying out the duties of the relevant posts and urgent duties under the Covid - 19 situation as per the decision reached at the meeting of Cabinet of Ministers held on 03.06.2020.

- i. Granting approval for whose balance period of service to reach the mandatory age of retirement is one year or less than one year on the date of appointment the new Cabinet of Ministers enabling them to retire from service with the salary, allowances and other privileges they had received assuming that they have served up to 60 years of age.
- ii. To direct the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Service, Provincial Councils and Local Government to take measures to attach to the Ministry of Public Service, Provincial Councils and Local Government until such Secretaries retire from Public Service under the special provisions provided by Cabinet decisions or until they are reverted to the post of their previous service or appointed to another suitable post and to pay the salaries, allowances and all other privileges approved for the post that they received till such date by the ministry until 31.08.2020 or until they are appointed to another post or until they retire from Public Service under the special provisions provided by Cabinet decisions whichever date occurs first and to take measures to appoint such officers to a suitable posts before 31.08.2020.
- iii. To grant permission to retain the relevant salary scale regardless of the period of service in the post of Secretary to the State Ministry, even after appointment to a suitable post.
- iv. To grant permission to retain the allowance of Rs. 25,000.00 only for officers who have completed 06 months service and who were deprived of their posts.

You are, therefore, kindly requested to initiate further action in conformity with the aforesaid provisions.



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- CC: 1. Secretary to the Prime Minister
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