Allowance to Married Officers

Reference is requested to paragraph 2 (h) of Treasury Circular No. 795 of 10.4.1970 containing instructions for the payment of "allowances to married officers".

- 2. In cases where the spouse of a public officer is employed under a Public Corporation, Statutory Board or other similar Government Institution (including the Universities, Central Bank, other Government Banks, etc.) which pays such an allowance, then the allowance should be paid only to one spouse. The allowance should be paid on the salary which gives the higher allowance as indicated in paragraph 2 (a) of the Treasury Circular under reference.
- 3. In these cases the Government Department concerned on the one hand and the Public Corporation, Statutory Board or other Institution concerned on the other hand could each pay half the allowance due. Alternatively, if the spouse employed by the Public Corporation, Statutory Board or other Institution is entitled to the lower married allowance, then the Corporation, Board or Institution could pay this allowance in full to the spouse employed under it and the Government Department in which the other spouse is employed could pay the difference between the lower allowance paid by the Public Corporation, Statutory Board or other Institution and the higher married allowance to which the other spouse is entitled to in the Government Department.

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