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To all Secretaries of Ministries,  
Heads of Departments and Chairmen  
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Drunkenness or Smelling of Liquor

Section 2 of Chapter XLVII of the Establishments Code provides as follows:-

- 2:1 Drunkenness or smelling of liquor whilst on duty will render an officer liable for disciplinary action.
- 2:2 An officer convicted of an offence under the influence of liquor will be dismissed from service after the first conviction in a Court of Law.
- 2:3 In a Departmental Inquiry into the offence of drunkenness or smelling of liquor, the evidence of two senior officers of Staff Rank will be sufficient to establish an officer's guilt and an officer so found guilty will be dismissed.

02. The Cabinet of Ministers has decided that the provisions of section 2:3 quoted above should be applied to officers who may be off duty but are in the premises of their departments or Corporations.

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