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**Amendment of Sub Section 27:10 of Chapter XLVIII of Volume II
of the Establishments Code**

Your kind attention is drawn to sub section 27:10 of Chapter XLVIII of Volume II of the Establishments Code as amended by the Public Administration Circular 06/2004 dated 15.12.2004.

02. The Cabinet of Ministers at its meeting held on 27.08.2019 has decided to amend the sub sections 27:10:1 and 27:10:2 of such Section as given below:-

27:10:1 However, where legal proceedings are taken against a Public Officer for a corruption or criminal offence other than a solicitation of bribe or act of antigovernment or act of terrorism, the Disciplinary Authority / Administrative Authority should conduct a preliminary investigation against such Officer within a period not more than 02 months. The respective preliminary investigation report should be submitted to the Public Service Commission by the Disciplinary Authority / Administrative Authority and if the Public Service Commission determines that the reinstatement of the Officer concerned is not detrimental to the interests of the Public Service according to facts revealed by such report, such an Officer may be reinstated in service.

27:10:2 Where the Public Service Commission determines that the reinstatement of the Officer in service under Sub Section 27:10:1 is detrimental to the interests of the Public Service, such Officer should be further kept under interdiction pending the verdict of the Court of Law. If the delivery of the verdict of the Court takes a period more than one year against such a person, the Disciplinary Authority may authorize the payment of salary not exceeding half thereof to the Officer concerned.

03. Likewise, Disciplinary Authorities may act in accordance with the provisions in the amended Sub Sections 27:10:1 and 27:10:2 in the case of Officers interdicted from service in terms of the provisions already set out in Sub Section 27:10 of Chapter XLVIII of the Establishments Code.

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