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Revision of Section 16, Chapter XII of the Establishments Code

Your attention is drawn to Section 16, Chapter XII of the Establishments Code.

02. It has been decided at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on 13.02.2014 to grant no-pay leave to be spent out of the country as per the provisions of the above Section of the Establishments Code also to the spouse (who is serving in public sector) of the public officer leaving the country for higher education on scholarships, in order to leave the country with the relevant officer.

03. Accordingly, Section 16 of Chapter XII of the Establishments Code shall be revised with the inclusion of the following Sub Sections 16:1:9 and 16:1:10.

- 16:1:9 In order to leave the country with the relevant officer, no- pay leave shall be granted to the spouse (who is serving in public sector) of the public officer leaving the country with government sponsorship for scholarships in terms of the provisions of Section 14 of this Chapter, subject to the following condition.
 - 16:1:9:1 At such occasions where the spouse has not been granted visa, this shall not serve as an improper practice for him/ her to obtain visa to enter the relevant country.
- 16:1:10 All the other conditions stipulated in Section 16 in respect of granting no- pay leave for foreign employment shall also be applied when granting leave under Sub Section 16:1:9.

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