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To all District Secretaries and

Divisional Secretaries

Verification of the certificate of life of pensioners by finger prints - Pilot Project

The certificate applied for the verification of the life/ residence of the pensioners should be duly perfected and referred to Divisional Secretariat through the respective Grama Niladhari every year in order to minimize the misuse of pension and payments in excess whilst ensuring the accuracy of the management process of the payment of pension.

02. Therefore initiatives have been made by the Department of Pensions to make facilities for the issuance of the certificate of life to the pensioner with the application of finger prints and further by way of simplifying the process.

03. This new process is applied as a pilot project of year 2020 and accordingly the facility for the issuance of certificate of life with the application of finger print is provided by the Head Office of the Department of Pension, identified Divisional Secretariats, and branches of the state as well as private banks approved by the Department of Pensions.

04. Accordingly facilities have been made available under this pilot project to issue the certificate of life to all the pensioners, who have registered their finger print in the activation of first pension with the arrival of Sathkara Piyasa of the Department of Pensions on their retirement after 01.01.2016.

05. Any pensioner, who has been registered under this scheme, can confirm their certificate of life by way of providing finger print at any institution of the Island, where relevant facility is available. For this purpose it is compulsory to submit either the national identity card or pensioner's identity card to prove his/ her identity. The pensioners, who have provided their certificate of life by way of finger prints, are not required to submit again the certificate of life/ residence through Grama Niladhari.

06. Depending on the progress of this pilot project, the pensioners, who have not registered their finger print at the Department of Pension on their retirement before 01.01.2016, would also be provided opportunity in due course for registering in the new scheme. Accordingly the officers, who have retired before 01.01.2016, also can register under new scheme either on arrival at the Sathkaraka Piyasa of the Department of Pensions or any other place approved by the Department. Instructions in this regard will be issued in due course.

07. In addition to the above, attention is hereby drawn to the Circular Letter No: 02/2019, which has been issued in respect of avoiding the payment of pension to demised pensioners. Over payments as well as incorrect payments can be avoided implementing the instructions indicated in the aforesaid circular and every Grama Niladhari and Registrars should take action in this regard. In the meantime the collaboration of Grama Niladhari is expected further for the verification of the particulars of pensioners in the management of pension.

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Divisional Secretariats, where the facility is available for the issuance of certificate of life by finger print.

1. Divisional Secretariat, Kaduwela
2. Divisional Secretariat, Homagama
3. Divisional Secretariat, Maharagama
4. Divisional Secretariat, Kesbewa
5. Divisional Secretariat, Mawanella
6. Divisional Secretariat, Galle Four Gravets
7. Divisional Secretariat, Gampaha
8. Divisional Secretariat, Kandy Four Gravets
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18. Divisional Secretariat, Mathale
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