Public Administration Circular: 15/2014

My No. EST-7/LEAVE/03/3125 Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs Independence Square Colombo 07.

09.06.2014.

Secretaries to Ministries
Chief Secretaries of Provinces
Heads of Departments
Heads of Public Corporations and Statutory Boards

Granting of Special Leave during the Ramalan (Ramazan) Season 2014

As the forthcoming Ramalan (Ramazan) Season is due to commence on 28^h June 2014 and end on 29th July 2014 you are requested to make arrangements to enable Muslim officers/employees to take part in prayers and religious activities during this period.

02. The times during which such prayers and religious activities will take place daily are as follows:

```
* 03.30 a.m. to 06.00 a.m.
* 03.15 p.m. to 04.15 p.m.
```

- * 06.00 p.m. to 07.00 p.m.
- * 07.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
- 03. Work shifts may be arranged wherever possible to enable those officers/employees to take part in religious activities during these periods. Only in case of unavoidable circumstances, special leave may be approved.
- 04. Please take action to grant the Festival Advance to eligible Muslim officers/employees in the Public Service, Public Corporations and Statutory Boards 14 days before the expiry date of Ramalan (Ramazan).

Sgd./ P.B. Abeykoon Secretary Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs