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Heads of Public Corporations and Statutory Boards.

**Granting of Special Leave during the  
Ramalan (Ramazan) Season 2015**

As the forthcoming Ramalan (Ramazan) Season is due to commence on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and end on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015 you are requested to make arrangements to enable Muslim officers 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 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 in the Public Service, Public Corporations and Statutory Boards 14 days before the expiry date of Ramalan (Ramazan).

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