The Accountant-General has, in a letter dated 24th June 2016, informed Supervising Officers of the arrangements which have been put in place under Vote on Account to incur public expenditure from 1st July 2016 to 31st December 2016 until the coming into operation of the Appropriation Act 2016-2017.

2. With regard to expenditure for official Missions and Training/Workshops/Seminars abroad, an amount of Rs120 million was voted in Estimates 2015-2016 under the Centralised Vote. In line with the Circular issued by the Accountant-General, the maximum provision for the above purpose under Vote on Account is Rs60 million for period 1st July to 31st December 2016.

3. As from 1st July 2016 and until further notice, Supervising Officers are required to seek financial clearance from this Ministry in respect of any Official proceeding on each Mission or Training/Workshop/Seminar abroad before seeking Prime Minister’s approval.

4. Once financial clearance is obtained, a Departmental Warrant will be issued to meet expenses in relation to mission and training/workshop/seminar abroad.

5. You are kindly requested to bring the contents of this Circular to the attention of the Accounting Officers and other relevant officers concerned in your Ministry/Department.

V. Lutchmeeparsad
for Financial Secretary

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Accountant General