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Provincial Treasury Circular No: PT/33/2008.

Secretaries,
 Deputy Chief Secretaries,
 Heads of Departments,
 Northern Province.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR INCURRING EXPENDITURE FOR 2009 AND
 PUBLIC EXPENDITURE MANAGEMENT**

This has reference to the National Budget Department Circular No.142 dated 31st December 2008.

1. Authorization for incurring expenditure for 2009.

In accordance with the provisions of section 27 of the Provincial Council Act No. 42 of 1987 as amended by Act No. 28 of 1990, the Hon. Governor, Northern Province has signed the warrants to incur expenditure for the financial year 2009.

2. Management of Public Expenditure

2:1. In terms of the above mentioned Budget Circular, 2 percent (2%) of Recurrent Expenditure excluding Personal Emoluments, Retirement Benefits, Subsidies and Interest payments of Public debts and 15 percent (15%) of Capital expenditure (PSDG & CEG) in the Provincial Estimate for 2009 will be frozen in order to effect efficient public expenditure management. Accordingly you are requested to set aside the above percentages and make arrangements to utilize the balance provision for 2009.

2:1:1 In order to achieve the proposed 2 percent (2%) target of savings under Recurrent Expenditure, it has been decided to freeze 10 percent (10%) of the provisions under the two object codes of Fuel (1202) and Water and Electricity (1404) and 2 percent (2%) under rest of the Recurrent object codes.

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2.2. Additional allocation and transfer of provisions under PFR 45 will not be allowed under normal circumstances. Therefore action should be taken to control the expenditure within the available provisions.

3. Provincial Public Officers' Advance Accounts

3.1. Since the Advances to Provincial Public Officers Account needs to be managed within the recoveries made during the Financial year and the Maximum Expenditure Limits indicated in the Second schedule of the Estimate the instructions given below should be followed in making the Distress Loan with effect from 1st January 2009.

3:1:1. Distress Loan for the year 2009 should be paid, on the basis of basic salary excluding allowances. Maximum loan should be limited to Rs.250, 000/=

3:1:2. Priority should be given to the employees of the Minor staff grades who applied Distress Loans for the first time.

3:1:3. A proper waiting list should be maintained and payments should be made accordingly.


3:1:4. **No payment will be made to those who have obtained Distress Loans during 2008.**

4. General

4:1. No payment/settlement of bills shall be postponed or delayed on account of the above changes. No commitments or liabilities shall be made outside the Budgeted provision.

4:2. In order to release the monthly imprest you are requested to mention **only the imprest limit** to be informed by the Provincial Treasury in the Monthly Flash Report.

4.3 Secretaries, Deputy Chief Secretaries and Heads of Departments are kindly requested to comply with these circular instructions.


A. Sellathurai,
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Copy to: 1. Hon. Governor, Northern Province.
2. Secretary to the Finance Commission.
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