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CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR'S SECRETARIAT

Establishment Division

Section Regulation-II

NOTIFICATION

Dhaka, the 27th January, 1983

No. S.R.O.34-L/83/ED(R-II)S-153/81.—In pursuance of the Proclamation of the 24th day of March, 1982, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the Chief Martial Law Administrator is pleased to make the following rules, namely:—

1. **Short title.**—These rules may be called the Bangladesh Civil Service (Foreign Affairs) Seniority Rules, 1983.
2. **Application.**—These rules shall apply to persons appointed to the Service.
3. **Definitions.**—In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—
  - (a) "Commission" means the Bangladesh Public Service Commission;
  - (b) "regular appointment" with its grammatical variation means appointment to the Service in accordance with the provisions of the Recruitment Rules, 1981;
  - (c) "Service" means the Bangladesh Civil Service (Foreign Affairs);
  - (d) "competent authority" means the Commission or the Selection Committee or, as the case may be, the Selection Board as may be specified by the Government.

4. Principles for determination of seniority.—The competent authority shall determine principles of seniority of the members of the Service in the following manner:—

- (i) in determining the seniority *inter se* of the members of the Service, the persons who were members of the erstwhile Pakistan Central Services on the 15th day of December, 1971, shall be deemed to be members of the respective Central Services for the purpose of weightage formula *vis-a-vis* the members of the erstwhile Pakistan Foreign Service;
- (ii) persons regularly appointed in Bangladesh against posts which would have been included in the cadre of the Service had the cadre not been treated as abolished after independence and whose terms and conditions are governed by the former cadre service rules shall also be deemed to have been appointed in the Service;
- (iii) the officers of the erstwhile Civil Service of Pakistan, Pakistan Foreign Service and those officers of the erstwhile Economic Pool shall be treated *at par* and grouped together in the same category. Their *inter se* seniority shall be determined on the basis of their position secured by them on merit in their respective year's open competitive examination;
- (iv) the other erstwhile Central Service, Class I Officers, namely, CIS, TSP, PIS, Postal Service, PA & AS, Customs and Excise Service, PMAS and other equivalent services shall yield one year's service to the former CSP/PFS/Economic Pool Officers. They shall be placed below the erstwhile CSP/PFS/Economic Pool Officers of the following year;
- (v) the officers of the erstwhile Central Secretariat Service, East Pakistan Civil Service and East Pakistan Secretariat Service shall yield 3 years' service to the officers mentioned in clause (iii);
- (vi) the *ex-cadre* officers recruited with or without the recommendation of the Commission or the erstwhile Central Public Service Commission shall yield 4 years' of Class I service to the officers mentioned in clause (iii);
- (vii) subject to the other provisions those officers encadred in the Service from amongst the promotee Section Officers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall count their seniority from the date of the constitution of the Service and those promoted earlier shall be senior to those promoted later;
- (viii) the officers recruited to the Service through open competitive examinations held by the Commission shall count their seniority from the date of recommendation of the Commission and in the order of merit as assigned by the Commission; and
- (ix) the seniority of the defence service officers encadred in the service shall be determined in accordance with the Defence Services Officers (Appointment and Fixation of Seniority in Civil Post) Rules, 1983.

5. Application of general principles.—A general principle of seniority shall be made applicable in cases where seniority *inter se* cannot be determined in accordance with these rules.

By order of the  
Chief Martial Law Administrator  
D. S. YUSUF HYDER  
Additional Secretary-in-charge.