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SABBATICAL LEAVE TO TEACHERS AND OFFICERS

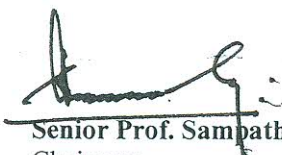
Your attention is invited to the paragraph 05(b) of the Commission Circular No. 408 of 20.10.1989 and Commission Circular No.19/2016 of 16.12.2016, on the above subject.

02. The Commission at its 1045th meeting held on 17.12.2020 noted the difficulty encountered by entitled staff to utilize air passage entitlement of sabbatical leave, due to closure of airports, non-operations of air flights and banning of foreigners for some countries, owing to COVID-19 outbreak; which specially impact for the Teachers and Officers who are utilizing last sabbatical leave entitlement prior to reaching 64th or 59th birthday as the case may be.

03. Thus, having considered the current global COVID-19 epidemic situation, the Commission decided to allow only those staff members reaching their 64th birthday in the case of Teachers or 59th birthday (or one year prior to retirement if wish to retire between 55 to 59 years of age) in the case of Officers, who could not utilize the air passage of sabbatical leave due to current COVID -19 outbreak, **to utilize such air passage beyond those age limits for 14 days** if he/she is having such period of unutilized sabbatical leave entitlement, until their date of retirement.

04. However, the above concession will be initially applicable only for 06 months from the date of this Circular.

05. Please take action accordingly.



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