

**PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT    CIRCULAR No.3/2001    REF No. 20/20.  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.**

FROM:            Permanent Secretary,  
                    Public Service Management  
                    Office of the President

SUBJECT  
Rental of Government Quarters  
in Regions.

TO:                All Permanent Secretaries,  
                    Heads of Departments and  
                    Regional Executive Officers.

DATE:            2001-01-10

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- Public Service Rule N3 specifies that for the occupation of Government quarters, Public Servants are required to pay rent to be fixed by the Public Service Ministry, except where entitlement to rent-free Government quarters had been approved previously, as a condition of service.
2. The current rates effective from the date of occupation, which have been notified, from time to time, in response to inquiries from Ministries/Departments/Regions where Government quarters are located are as follows:-
    - (i) Unfurnished quarters 10% of salary;
    - (ii) Furnished quarters 12% of salary;
  3. Regrettably in reply to the Regional Executive Officer, Region No. 2 by Public Service Management's memorandum No. 20/20/37 dated 2000-12-05; rates inconsistent with those stated at (i) and (ii) above, have been quoted erroneously.
  4. With sincere apologies to the Regional Executive Officer, Region No. 2 and the officer/s affected, the aforesaid memorandum is hereby withdrawn and is therefore, of no effect.
  5. Accordingly, paragraph 2 above replaces that memorandum entirely.
  6. It has come to notice, that except in approved cases, a number of Public Servants have been occupying Government quarters without paying rent. This should cease immediately; and pending a decision on the arrears incurred, which should be reported to this Ministry as soon as possible, the current rates as set out in paragraph 2 (i) and (ii) above, should be put into effect from January 01, 2001 inclusive, by salary deductions.

7. Please ensure that this Circular is brought to the attention of and for implementation by all Accounting Officers and others who are liable to pay rent for the occupation of Government quarters.

/N. K. Gopaul,  
Permanent Secretary,  
Public Service Management  
Office of the President.