MINISTRY OF CIVIL SERVICE & ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS

12.1 Interdicted Officers

At paragraph 5.2 of the Audit Report 2005-06, I pointed out that 241 public officers were under interdict as of 30 June 2006 and were paid salaries totalling some Rs 34 million during the financial year 2005-06.

In order to manage more efficiently and economically cases of interdiction of public officers, I recommended that

- consideration be made to set up a Public Service Tribunal and
- the legal provisions for disciplinary procedures to be revisited.

In October 2006 the Ministry informed me that the whole matter is being referred to the High Level Public Sector Reform Implementation Unit for an in depth examination.

Ministry’s Reply

The Ministry is looking into the possibility of putting in place a Fast Track mechanism with the collaboration of all parties concerned, that is the Police, the DPP’s Office and the Judiciary to deal with cases of officers under interdiction requiring prosecution in an expeditious manner.