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ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
TASHICHHO DZONG



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As part of the austerity measures to curtail recurrent expenditure, the Government has decided to adopt the following cost cutting measures till the economic situation improves:

1. **Pay scale and benefits:** The existing pay scale of Nu.78,000-1,560-85,800 and benefits shall be applied for the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and equivalent post holders with effect from 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013.
2. **Accommodation:** The Cabinet Ministers and equivalent post holders shall occupy the furnished official residences at Lhengye Densa to avoid the need for payment of house rent allowance.
3. **Transport/vehicle:** The Hon'ble Prime Minister will use the old vehicle (Toyota Prado) as his duty vehicle and the Cabinet Ministers will use one of the pool vehicles assigned by the respective Ministries. No new vehicles shall be procured by the Government. The WagonR car provided for the secretarial duty of the Cabinet Ministers shall be used as pool vehicle in the respective Ministries.
4. **Domestic staff:** The practice of keeping domestic staff at the respective residences of the Lhengyes at Lhengye Densa has been discontinued, and the Department of National Property's Maintenance Unit shall look after the flower gardens and the general cleaning of premises on regular basis.

This is issued as per the Government directives conveyed vide letter No.C-3/4/32 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013.

  
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1. The Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers, Thimphu
2. The Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Gyalong Tshogkhang
3. The Auditor General, RAA, Thimphu
4. The Secretaries, All Ministries, Thimphu
5. The Secretary General of National Assembly and National Council, Thimphu
6. The Director General, DNP, Thimphu.
7. PS to Hon'ble Prime Minister, Gyalong Tshogkhang.