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**WIDOWERS AND ORPHANS PENSION
(AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 56 OF 1998**

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L.D.—O. 58/94.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE WIDOWERS AND ORPHANS PENSION
ACT, NO. 24 OF 1983.

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Widowers and Orphans
Pension (Amendment) Act, No. 56 of 1998.

Short title.

2. The following section is hereby inserted immediately
after section 28 of the Widowers and Orphans Pension Act,
No. 24 of 1983, (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal
enactment") and shall have effect as section 28A of the
principal enactment :—

Insertion of new
section 28A in Act
No. 24 of 1983.

"Refund of all
contribution in
certain cases.

28A.(1) Notwithstanding anything to the
contrary in this Act, where on or after the coming
into operation of this section, a contributor who
is a widow without children—

(a) retires from the public services on
pension ; or

(b) leaves the public service by resignation
or otherwise ; or

(c) dies whilst in the public service,

such contributor or the legal representative of
such contributor, as the case may be, shall be
entitled to a refund of the entirety of her
contributions with compound interest thereon at
two and a half *per centum* per annum :

Provided that a contributor who has retired
from, or left, the public service before attaining
the age of fifty-five years, shall not be entitled to
receive such refund until she attains such age.

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(2) Any contributor who receives a refund under this section shall have no further claim upon the fund.

(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act, any contributor referred to in subsection (1) who has prior to the date on which this section comes into operation, received a refund of any contribution, may claim the benefit of this section only if she pays back the amount of such refund within one year from the said date together with compound interest thereon at two and a half *per centum per annum*.”

3. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.