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(AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 56 OF 1998**

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**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*.”.

Sinhala text to
prevail in case of
inconsistency.

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