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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**

**Proclamations &c., by the President**

P.O. No. : CSA/4/Com/01.

**BY HIS EXCELLENCY MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA, PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**

Seal

MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA.

To :

1. Tilakaratne Arachchige Mahanama Tilakaratne Esquire.  
(Retired Judge of the High Court)
2. Sembukutti Vidanelage Piyasoma Munidasa Nanayakkara Esquire.  
(Retired Magistrate)

*Greetings :*

WHEREAS, Joseph Pararajasingham, Member of Parliament was assassinated on or about December 25, 2005 at Batticaloa.

And whereas numerous allegations have been made that the investigation into the above-mentioned assassination was not conducted in a proper and impartial manner ;

And whereas it appears to me to be necessary to establish a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of inquiring into the matters hereinafter mentioned ; being matters in respect of which an inquiry will, in my opinion, be in the public interest ;

Now, therefore, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, President, reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, do, in pursuance of the provisions of Section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, (Chapter 393), by these presents, appoint you, the said :

1. Tilakaratne Arachchige Mahanama Tilakaratne Esquire.
2. Sembukutti Vidanelage Piyasoma Munidasa Nanayakkara Esquire.

to be my Commissioners to inquire into and obtain information in respect of the circumstances relating to the assassination of the late Joseph Pararajasingham at Batticaloa on or about 25th December, 2005 and the person or persons directly or indirectly responsible for such assassination ; and whether the manner in which the investigations were carried out by the Police and other security personnel assisting were adequate and impartial having due regard to the proceedings established by law ; and to make such recommendations with reference to any of the matters that have been inquired into under the terms of this Warrant.

And I do hereby appoint you the said Tilakaratne Arachchige Mahanama Tilakaratne Esqr. Retired Judge of the High Court to be the Chairman of the said Commission.

And I do hereby authorize and empower you, the said Commissioners to hold all such inquiries and make all other investigations into the aforesaid matters as may appear to you to be necessary, and require you to transmit to me within three months from the date hereof, a report or interim reports thereon, under your hands, setting out the findings of your inquiries and your recommendations.

And I do hereby direct that such part of any inquiry relating to the aforesaid matters as you may in your discretion determine, shall not be held in public.

And I do hereby require and direct all state officers and other persons to whom you may apply for assistance or information for the purposes of your inquiries and investigations to render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may be properly rendered and furnished, in that behalf.

And I do hereby declare that the Provisions of Section 14 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, (Chapter 393), shall apply to this Commission.

Given at Colombo, under the seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on this Twenty Fourth day of April, Two Thousand and Six.

By His Excellency's command,

LALITH WEERATUNGA,  
Secretary to the president.