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## PART IV (A) — PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

### Provincial Councils Notifications

#### SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

##### Rural Development Statute No. 15 of 2017 of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council

Honourable Chairman of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council certified on 01.11.2017.

Honourable Governor of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council assented on 14.11.2017.

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SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT STATUTE NO. 15 OF 2017 OF THE SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

RURAL Development Statute No. 15 of 2017 of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council which is passed by the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council on 27.06.2017 and assented by the Honourable Governor of the Sabaragamuwa Province on 14.11.2017, is hereby published for the information of the public.

P. S. R. M. WIJAYARAJA,  
Council Secretary,  
Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council.

At the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council,  
22nd day of November, 2017.



## RURAL DEVELOPMENT CHARTER No 15 OF 2017 OF SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

### Ministry of Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Rural Development and Rural Industries

A charter for laying regulations for registration and supervision of rural development organizations, training of community leadership and conducting training centers, establishment of rural zones, establishment of rural authority, establishment of district and provincial authority of Sabaragamuwa Province and the consequential factors in connection with it.

Rural Development Charter No 5 of 2006 shall be repel and abrogate

Be it therefore enacted by Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:

Sabaragamuwa Provincial Rural Development Charter No 5 of 2006 shall be repel and abrogate with the enactment of this Charter.

Short title & date of operation

1. This Charter may be cited as the Rural Development Charter No. 15 of 2017 of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council and the effective date shall be the date on which the Provincial Governor approves the charter by setting his seal.

Objectives & Functions

2. To establish, register, conduct and supervise the Rural Development Societies for economic, social, cultural, educational and spiritual development with the participation of the public within the authoritative area of the Provincial Council.
  - a) Allow the community to be empowered themselves.
  - b) Training community leaderships.
  - c) To brighten the socio - economic condition of the rural women by displaying their inborn skills through women development centers
  - d) Making the rural youths changing actors for introduction and establishment of new development rules and regulations.
  - e) To direct the societies to monitor the societies according to participatory development approach and making aware on the development rules and regulations of the Provincial Council.
  - f) To empower the rural development societies to build a pious society.
  - g) To development the dignity of the Rural Development Societies by holding performance competitions.
  - h) As a whole guidance for the development of vocational skills of the community under the authority of rural development organization, to provide vocational trainings and to engage in self - employments.

Organizational Structure

3.
  - a) Secretary of the Ministry of Rural development shall be the chief authority on this Charter.
  - b) A Director from Sri Lanka Administrative Service class II for the assistance of the Secretary of the Ministry and an Assistant Director for two districts on the seniority of Rural Development Officers' Service shall be appointed.
  - c) Two Rural Development Officers shall be appointed for Rathnapura and Kegalle two districts on the seniority for the assistance to Director of Rural Development and a Head Quarters rural development Officer shall be appointed for preparation of projects in the province, monitoring and evaluation.

- d) Rural Development Officers shall be appointed in order to assist District Officers, for each Divisional Secretary's Division.
- e) Sewing Instructors shall be appointed for conducting women development centers covering every divisional secretary's division.
4. a) All the Rural Development Societies shall be Reregistered in Provincial Ministry of Rural Development with the reformatations within 3 months since the day this charter comes in to effect. Reformation of Rural Development Societies
- b) Establishment and registration of new Rural Development Societies shall be done under the rules of new minute and regulations since the effective date of this Charter.
- c) Minutes applicable to Rural Development Societies shall be approved by the Secretary of the Ministry of Rural development.
- d) One Rural Development Committe shall be established for each Divisional Secretary's Division.
- e) Two Committees shall be established for Rathnapura district and for Kegalle district.
- f) Provincial committee shall be established for the province.
- g) Separate funds and accounts shall be maintained for each Divisional Committee and Provincial Committee.
- h) Funds of Divisional Committee and provincial committee shall be made subject to the minute of that Committee.
5. A) One fund shall be maintained for Sabaragamuwa Province. Funds  
The funds shall be consisting of following sources.
  - I) Allocations of the annual budget of the Provincial Council.
  - II) Foreign grants given by the government.
  - III) Donations made by the institutions or person.
  - IV) The money charged by the income earned by Rural Development Societies from Construction contracts.
  - V) Money earned by Lotteries, shows and other approved ways.
  - VI) Membership fees, money received by the Performance Competition achievements and special donations.
- B) A committee for the fund consists of 07 persons shall be appointed by the Subject Minister for this task. As the members of the committee.
  - I) Secretary of the Ministry
  - II) Provincial Director of Rural Development
  - III) Five persons shall be appointed, two on the recommendation of Subject Minister of the Rural Development and three on the recommendations of the Financial Minister and the cabinet (This five shall be public officials or educated persons about the subject)
  - IV) The Secretary of the Rural Development Ministry shall be the Chairman of the committee on the official capacity.
- C) The quorum at least shall be three
- D) This fund shall be subject to the audit under section 154 of the Constitution.

6. A) To assist for implementation of community leadership development programme.
- B) To appraise Projects done productively with community participation, Organizations and community leaders each year in Divisional, District and Provincial level and gift them with monitory gifts or ceremonials.
- C) To assist, implement and introduce the fields of assistance to timely development.
- D) To introduce and assist for the implementation of productivity projects for the economical, religious, social and good conduct development.
7. A) Solutions and decisions on the disputes of the Rural Development Societies shall be made by the Secretary in charge of the subject.
- B) A person or organization that unsatisfied with the decision may appeal to the Subject Minister. Final decision on the dispute shall be on the consent of the Subject Minister.
8. Orders for the related tasks of this Charter shall be enacted by the Minister and the approval shall be grant by the Provincial Council.
9. A) Title of all the buildings built by Provincial Council Fund shall be to Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council and only the guardianship shall be to the registered Rual Development societies.
- B) Title of other stable and unstable properties of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council is belong to Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council and guardianship shall be to relevant Rural Development Society.
- C) Prior approval shall be obtained by the Secretary of the Ministry in any task such as break and remove, new construction or changing the structure in any property belong to Rural Development Societies.
- D) A property of Rural Development Societies may allow for a work out of Rural Development Societies, Charging or not shall be decided on a decision of general meeting.
10. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Charter, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

Enactment of  
Orders &  
Regulations