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PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE



MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA.

APPOINTMENT of a Task Force chaired by His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in the exercise of powers vested in His Excellency by Article 33 of the Constitution of Sri Lanka to direct, coordinate and monitor the development activities in the Northern and Eastern Provinces.

1. Honourable Ranil Wickremesinghe - Prime Minister & Minister of National Policies & Economic Affairs
2. Honourable Mangala Samaraweera - Minister of Finance and Mass Media
3. Honourable D. M. Swaminathan - Minister of Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Northern Development & Hindu Religious Affairs
4. Honourable Mano Ganesan - Minister of National Integration, Reconciliation and Official Languages
5. Honourable Kabir Hashim - Minister of Highways & Road Development
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14. Honourable (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama - Minister of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandy Heritage
15. Honourable Rauff Hakeem - Minister of City Planning and Water Supply
16. Honourable Duminda Dissanayake - Minister of Irrigation & Water Resources & Disaster Management
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18. Honourable Rohitha Bogollagama - Governor of the Eastern Province
19. Honourable C. V. Wigneswaran - Chief Minister of Northern Provincial Council
20. Honourable Chief Minister - Eastern Provincial Council



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22. Honourable K. Kader Masthan - Member of Parliament (Wanni)
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35. Mr. K. D. N. R. Asoka - Secretary to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce
36. Mrs. W. M. K. S. D. Wijayabandara - Secretary to the Ministry of Science, Technology, Research, Skills Development & Vocational Training and Kandyan Heritage
37. Mr. Bernard Wasantha - Secretary to the Ministry of Housing & Construction
38. Mr. D. G. M. V. Hapuarachchi - Secretary to the Ministry of City Planning and Water Supply
39. Mr. N. A. Sisira Kumara - Secretary, Irrigation and Water Resources & Disaster Management
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47. Major General Santhusitha Pananwala - Commander, Security Forces Head Quarters - East
48. Director General of Civil Security Department

Greetings !

Whereas the Government is desirous of establishing a Task Force to -

review the development projects so far launched in the Northern and Eastern Provinces in Sri Lanka since the end of the 26 year long conflict.

accelerate the development process under way in the said provinces.

provide necessary guidance and advice in relation to the development activities launched by the Government in the said provinces,

And whereas it is considered that the development process is essential to ensure National Unity and Integration and creation of a balanced socio-economic and income growth ;

Now, Therefore, I, Maithripala Sirisena, in pursuance of the provisions of Article 33 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, do by these presents, appoint you the said :

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as members of the Presidential Task Force chaired by me to direct, coordinate and monitor the Northern and Eastern provincial development and direct you to take all such steps as may be considered necessary to proceed with the implementation of the tasks as set out at (a) to (g) below :

- (a) To review status of progress of various sectoral plans, programmes and projects now being implemented in the Northern and Eastern Provinces.
- (b) To initiate and formulate new plans, programmes and projects targeting sectors and groups that need priority attention, and facilitate finances for projects/programmes and other actions.
- (c) To intervene and direct as necessary, in matters relating to all development activities in the Provinces.
- (d) To encourage and enlist the support and participation of the private sector, by-lateral and multilateral development institutions, for investing and implementing development projects and programmes in the two Provinces.
- (e) To coordinate work between the Government and Provincial administrations and between Public and Private Sectors and non-governmental and civil society sections.
- (f) To carry out overall monitoring of the implementation of the development activities in the regions.
- (g) To identify any constraints which impede expeditious implementation of development programmes in the regions and advise the relevant authorities on speedy solutions to overcome them.

And, I, further appoint Mr. **V. Sivagnanasothy** as Secretary to the Task Force

AND I, do hereby authorize the Task Force which is established to issue instructions made such inquiries and investigate such matters as may be considered necessary in relation to the execution of the tasks the said Task Force is hereby entrusted with ;

AND I, do hereby require and direct all public officers and such other officers to whom the Task Force which is established to direct, coordinate and monitor the development activities in the Northern and Eastern Provinces may issue instructions or apply for assistance for information to comply with such information, render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may be properly complied with, rendered and furnished in that behalf.

Given at Colombo, under the seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the day of 05th of June in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

By His Excellency's command,

SUMITH ABEYSINGHE,
Acting Secretary to the President.

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