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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

## **Government Notifications**

Directions issued by the Election Commission in addition to the Directions to prevent the misuse of movable or immovable state property published in the Gazette Notification No. 2141/52 of 19.09.2019

- 1. All public servants and the members of security forces and police officers engaged in active service, should refrain from taking photographs or videoing the marking of ballot papers, the marked ballot papers or the process in the polling stations or in postal voting centres, or aiding or providing opportunity to do so. Taking photographs and videoing or attempting to do so, is an offence. It is the responsibility of the officers engaged in polling stations to prevent the commission or any attempt to commit such illegal activity by any voter or officer. It is also an offence to publish photographs of polling stations, marked or unmarked ballot papers or videos through electronic, print or social media.
- 2. On the part of the public officers who do not have political rights and members of the Armed Forces and Police officers in active service, it is an offence to publish their photographs or declarations through electronic, print or any other media, for the purpose of promoting or prejudicing a political party or a candidate or aiding or consenting any others to do so.

Mahinda Deshapriya Chairman Election Commission N. J. ABEYSEKERE Member Election Commission

S. Ratnajeevan, H. Hoole Member Election Commission

Colombo, 27th October, 2019.

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