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

Seal

GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA

**PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE**

To:

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Retired Deputy Secretary to the Treasury
2. V. Sivagnanasothy Esquire  
Retired Secretary to Ministry
3. Prof. H.M.W. Ariyaratna Herath Esquire  
Senior Lecturer, University of Peradeniya
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University of Kelaniya
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Senior Lecturer, University of Jaffna



6. Nimal Abeysiri Esquire  
Retired District Secretary
7. Dr. Anuruddha Padeniya Esquire  
Consultant
8. Dr. (Ms.) Sajeewani Hapudeniya
9. Sumedha Perera Esquire  
Retired Major General
10. Ms. Gayathri Gunaruwan
11. Sanjeewa Gunawardana Esquire  
Executive Officer, M/s. E.W. Creasy and Company
12. Samantha Kumarasinghe Esquire  
Owner, M/s. Nature's Secrets

Greetings!

Whereas, I, in the exercise of powers vested in me by Article 33 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, have established a Task Force for Poverty eradication and Livelihood Development by the Presidential Directive dated 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2159/64 of January 25, 2020.

And whereas, the aforesaid Task Force must provide financial, education, health, food, sanitation and other infrastructure facilities within a short period of time, the basic needs that must be met to improve the living conditions of the rural and low income people.

And whereas, it is identified that necessity of access to the general public by its activities to achieved the desired objectives from the Task Force,

And, it is expected to complete the tasks of this Task Force within a year.

Now, therefore, I, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka do hereby appoint **S.B. Divarathne Esquire, Retired Deputy Secretary to the Treasury** and **Sumedha Perera Esquire, Retired Major General**, as the Co-Chairmen of the Task Force for Poverty Eradication and Livelihood Development, as established by the said Presidential Directive.

Given at Colombo, under the seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, Two thousand and Twenty.

By order of His Excellency,

P. B. JAYASUNDERA,  
Secretary to the President.