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PART IV (A) — PROVINCIAL COUNCILS
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LIVELIHOOD MANAGEMENT SERVICES (LMS) STATUTE No. 1 OF 2022
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, NORTHERN PROVINCE

BY virtue of powers vested upon me, under Section No. (1) of the Livelihood Management Services (LMS.) Statute No. 1 of 2022 of Northern Province;

I, Jeevan Thiagarajah the Governor of Northern Province under the provisions of Article 154C of the 13th amendment to the constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and by Proclamation made by His Excellency the President under Article 154T of the said Constitution I JeevanThiagarajah, Governor Northern Province do by this order appoint **27th October 2022**, as the date on which this statute shall come into operation.

Governor,
Northern Province.

Northern Provincial Council,
Provincial Council Complex,
A9 Road, Kaithady,
Jaffna,
27th October 2022.



NORTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Livelihood Management Services (LMS) Northern Province

A STATUTE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND TO REGULARIZE THE ACTIVITIES OF LIVELIHOOD MANAGEMENT SERVICES OF THE NORTHERN PROVINCE AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO BE

It enacted by the Northern Provincial Council of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows: -

Short Title and Date of Operation By virtue of powers vested to the Honourable Governor under the provisions of Article 154 'C' of the 13th amendment to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and by proclamation made by His Excellency the President under article 154 'T' of the said constitution and published in the Government *Extraordinary Gazette* No. 1 dated 27 of October 2022. I, Jeevan Thiagarajah, the Governor of the Northern Province do hereby establish a Livelihood Management Services under the name of **LIVELIHOOD MANAGEMENT SERVICES (LMS) IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCE** having the following Structure, Powers, Duties and Functions as hereinafter provided.

This aforesaid Statute established on 27th October 2022 in the *Extraordinary Gazette* and may be cited as the Northern Province Livelihood Management Services Statute No. 1 shall come into operation on such date the Governor of the Northern Province may give his assent thereto.

Location It is Located at the Council in Jaffna District.

PART I

1. Objectives of the Statute

- Objectives of this Statute**
1. **The objectives of this Statute which is established under the Northern Provincial Administration shall be to:-**
 - 1.1. Essential services networks
 - 1.2. Ensure food supply
 - 1.3. To protect poor from poverty
 - 1.4. Supply essential needs
 - 1.5. Marketing Formal and non-formal community based products
 - 1.6. Management services for small entrepreneurs
 - 1.7. Livelihood sustainability for economically and socially marginalized citizen.
 - 1.8. Recognize pre-existing skills for certification

PART II

2. Powers, Role, Responsibility and Functions of Livelihood Management Services

- Functions, Role and Responsibility of Livelihood Management Services**
- 2.1. Lifting the poor from poverty, raising their standard of living and promoting their productive and income generating capacities
 - 2.2. Formulate Provincial Livelihood development programs in consultation with all stakeholders in line with the bottom- up planning approach to create a delivery network through effective programs for essential services
 - 2.3. Create market and sales networks for families and community groups
 - 2.4. Ensuring food supply

- 2.5. Management services for small enterprises of economically and socially oppressed people
- 2.6. Linking small entrepreneurs with markets
- 2.7. Helping those with pre skills obtain National Vocational qualifications
- 2.8. To enter into and implement such agreements and conventions as may be necessary to promote the development of livelihood activities and the objectives of this Act
- 2.9. To perform all other duties necessary and expedient for the proper and effective execution of the statute.

3. Management of Council

Management of Council

- 3.1 The administration , management and control of the Livelihood Management Services Council shall be governed by the Council of Management (hereinafter referred to as the “Council of Management”).
- 3.2 Managing Director , to preside over this ; (hereinafter referred to as “Managing Director”)
- 3.3 To achieve the objectives of the Livelihood Management Services the Council shall advise the Managing Director
- 3.4 The Council shall consist the following persons;
 - 3.4.1 Managing Director
 - 3.4.2 Assistant Commissioner for Co-operative Development (Head Quarters) of Northern Provincial Council
 - 3.4.3 Secretary, Local Government of Northern Provincial Council.
 - 3.4.4 Deputy Chief Secretary, Finance of Northern Province Treasury
 - 3.4.5 Secretary to the Chief Minister’s Ministry who should be a member of Northern Provincial Council
 - 3.4.6 A representative of the Ministry of Northern Provincial Council who is responsible for the particular subject
 - 3.4.7 A representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, Northern Provincial Council
 - 3.4.8 A representative of the Department of Rural Industry and Development of Northern Provincial Council
 - 3.4.9 A representative of the Department of Social Services, Northern Provincial Council
 - 3.4.10 District Representatives of Farmers, Fishermen, livestock breeders’ societies *etc* in Northern Province
 - 3.4.11 District representatives of Rural Development Societies and Women Development societies.NP
 - 3.4.12. One representative from each of the Multipurpose Co-operative Societies. NP (Hereinafter referred to as “Designated members”) the name under sub sections 3.4.6, 3.4.7, 3.4.8, and 3.4.9, named by the respective Head of the Department. As mentioned in 3.4.10 and those referred in 3.4.12 suitably named by the District Co-operative council, to whom it may be referred in sub section 3.4.11 name of the representatives sent by the registered societies under the Department
- 3.5 Livelihood Management Services (LMS) Managing Director (MD) to be appointed by Hon. Governor, Northern Province seconded from existing department cadre in the NPC
- 3.6 The Managing Director shall be paid such remuneration as may be determined by the Governor with the approval of Northern Provincial Council and the Managing Director may be removed from office if required, for reasons specified therefore;
- 3.7 Whenever the Managing Director is unable to execute or perform any of his duties due to the reasons of sickness or absence from Sri Lanka or for any other reason, with the concurrence of the Governor the Council, may appoint any other senior officer of the council to act in his place during such absence
- 3.8 Powers of the Managing Director
 - 3.8.1. Administering provision of Livelihood Management Services

Appointment of Managing Director of the Livelihood Management Services

Powers of the Managing Director

	3.8.2	Ensure its sustainability
	3.8.3	To perform duties as a Manager for Livelihood Management Services in all five Districts in Northern Province
	3.8.4	Supervision, Control, and Managing District Livelihood Management Services
Organizational Structure	3.9	Organizational Structure
	3.9.1	Managing Director is the Head of the Organizational Structure
	3.9.2	The Managing Director will appoint persons with recognized qualifications in the fields of Economic, Administration, and Technology as his subordinates' staff with concurrence of the Governor
Period of the service of member	3.10	Designated member of the Council shall hold the office for a period of three years from his/her date of appointment unless his/her office is terminated in advance by death, resignation or removal from office
Resignation and removal of the Member	3.11	Any member appointed by the Hon. Governor of Northern Province may remove themselves From office only after obtaining written permission of Governor specifying the reasons
	3.12	Any appointed member if he/she wants to resigns from his/her position at any time he/she may resign through a letter addressed to the Governor and sent by registered post
	3.13	Member in any manner referred in the above sub sections from 3.10 to 3.12, in case of resignation, Hon. Governor can nominate another person as a member to replace him/her subject to the provisions of sub sections from 3.10 to 3.12 of the section 3 above Any member appointed for the vacant position should cover the remaining balance term of the previously appointed member
Acting arrangement of the member	3.14	A nominated member has sickness, physically not fit or absent in the country for a period of not less than three months, when temporarily unable to perform duties it is mandated to inform to Hon. Governor in writing regarding his /her inability
	3.15	Considering such information according to the subsection from 3.4.2 to 3.4.12 in section 3 one can be appointed to act the position, by the Hon. Governor
Rules and Procedure of meeting of the Livelihood Management Council	4.	Rules and Procedure of meeting of the Livelihood Management Services Council
	4.1	The forum a meeting of Council shall consists 5 members
	4.2	As a Chairperson, the Managing Director shall be head every meeting, If his/her absence to any meeting such meeting be presided over by an ex-officio member elected by the members
	4.3	All questions for decision at any meeting of the Council shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present at such meeting. In case of equality of votes, the Chairman in addition to his/her own vote he/she must have one vote for final decision
	4.4	The meeting and carrying out functions of the said meetings shall regulated by the Council
	4.5	No proceeding of the Council shall be invalidated merely by reason of any vacancy in the Council or by reason of any defect in the appointment of a member of the Council
Payment for the Council members	4.6	The payment to the members of the Council should be made as may be determined by the Governor according to approval granted by the Treasury in such manner
Funding of Livelihood Management Service	5.	Financial Arrangements of Livelihood Management Services
	5.1	Self – Funding of Livelihood Management Services
	5.2	Maintenance of a separate account for the same in a recognized bank.
	5.3	For Livelihood Management Services through the means mentioned below funds will be collected;
	5.3.1	Provision of funding arrangement from time to time made by Northern Provincial Council for Livelihood Management Services
	5.3.2	Funds received from National and International project organizations and development institutions

5.3.3 Requirements of Foreign grants, donations related to the matters of Livelihood Management Services with prior written approval from the Department of External Resources

5.3.4. Cash assistance received from other means of donations

6. Financial Management

**Financial
Management**

- 6.1 The Council is empowered to carry out financial management and control
- 6.2 Fund activities of Livelihood Management Services should be used to carry out the activities to achieve its objectives and to complete its tasks

7. Disqualification for being a Council Member

**Disqualification
for being a
council member**

A person referred under sub section 3.4, from 3.4.2 to 3.4.12 in section 3 shall be disqualified from being appointed or continued as a Member of the Council in the following situation;

- 7.1 If a Member or becomes a Member of Parliament, or any of the Provincial Councils or any of the Local Authority
- 7.2 If he/she declared as insolvent or undercharge insolvent under any law in Sri Lanka or any other country
- 7.3 If he/she is found or revealed to be paranoia under any law in force in Sri Lanka or any other country
- 7.4 If he/she is convicted of an offence involving immorality and punishable with imprisonment for a term not less than six months
- 7.5 If he/she is serving or serving a sentence of imprisonment imposed by a court of Sri Lanka or any other country

Or

- 7.6 As he/she fulfills his/her duties as a Council Member, If he/she has any interest including finance or any other related interest which may affect the performance of the institution

Part III

8. Computational activities of Livelihood Management Services

**Computational
activities of
Livelihood
Management
Services**

- 8.1 Books of account shall be maintained as per approved accounting procedures
- 8.2 Cash payments must be made by cheques and the Council shall determine the signatory
- 8.3 The Council shall cause appropriate accounts to maintain all income and expenses of the Livelihood Management Services.
- 8.4 All annual statement of income received and financial expenditure for the following year shall be prepared at the beginning of each financial year from the 1st of January to December 31st to be submitted to the Council not later than 31st of March

9. Audit

Audit

- 9.1 A qualified auditor recommended by the Council, to be appointed by the Northern Provincial Co-operative Commissioner with the approval of the Governor, Northern Province to audit the accounts of the Livelihood Management Services
- 9.2 A qualified Accountant must be able to act quickly and prepare annual report with his / her recommendations and comments on financial administration under auditing principles of income and expenditure of Livelihood Management Services
- 9.3 An audit report prepared by a qualified auditor as stated in 10.2 above to be forwarded to Governor, Deputy Chief Secretary, Finance and Treasury
- 9.4 The provisions of Article 154 of the Constitution and any financial rule for the time being in force shall be applicable to the audit of the accounts of the institution

9.5 Remuneration and disbursements of the Auditor shall be paid from the fund of the Livelihood Management Services

Part IV

10. General

Annual report

- 10.1 The Managing Director should be prepared annual report and to be submitted the previous year report to the Governor before March 31st of every year
- 10.2 Regulations can be made by Governor for the purpose of carrying out or giving effect to the provisions of this Statute
- 10.3 All regulations made by Governor should be published in *gazette*
- 10.4 A notice of the date on which the regulation considers to be repealed shall be published in the *gazette*

Livelihood Management Services should be treated as a scheduled institution

- 10.5 Livelihood Management Services should be treated as a scheduled institution within the Bribery Act (Chapter 26) and the meaning of the provision of this Statute should be arranged accordingly
- 10.6 No suit or prosecution shall lie against any member of the Council, officer or service provider of the institution for any provision done or deemed to have been done by them in good faith of the institution under this Statute or on the activities of the Council

Protection against litigation

- 10.7 Under this Statute, with the request of the Council any member mentioned in chapter 3 under sub section from 3.4.2. to 3.4.12. Any expenses claimed in any suit or prosecution against any such person for any activity done or purported to have been done by such person referred to shall, if the court determines that such activity was done in good faith, be paid out of the funds of the institution

In this Statute, unless the occasion otherwise requires-

Meaning

“Governor” means the Governor of the Northern Province

“Written Laws” means any Statute and subordinate legislation and includes Statutes made by Northern Provincial Council and orders, proclamations, rules, by-laws, and regulations made or issued by any group or any person empowered under any law to make or provide them

Tamil text to prevail in the case of inconsistency

11. In case of any inconsistency between Tamil, Sinhala and English texts of this Act the Tamil text shall prevail on the subject of inconsistency

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NORTHERN PROVINCE TOURISM BUREAU STATUTE No. 2 OF 2022

Provincial Council Northern Province

I, JeevanThiagarajah the Governor of Northern Province under the provisions of Article 154C of the 13th amendment to the constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and by Proclamation made by His Excellency the President under Article 154T of the said Constitution I JeevanThiagarajah,

Governor Northern Province do by this order appoint 27th October 2022, as the date on which this statute shall come in to operation.

Governor,
Northern Province.

27th October 2022,
Northern Provincial Council
Provincial Council Complex,
A9 Road ,Kaithady,
Jaffna.

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NORTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL TOURISM BUREAU STATUTE

Northern Province

A STATUTE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND TO REGULARIZE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TOURISM BUREAU OF THE NORTHERN PROVINCE AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO BE

It enacted by the Northern Provincial Council of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:

By virtue of powers vested to the Honourable Governor under the provisions of Article 154 ‘C’ of the 13th amendment to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and by proclamation made by His Excellency the President under article 154 ‘T’ of the said constitution and published in the Government **Extraordinary Gazette No. 2** dated **27th of October 2022** . I, JeevanThiagarajah, the Governor of the Northern Province do hereby establish a Tourism Bureau under the name of “**TOURISM BUREAU IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCE**” having the following Structure, Powers, Duties and Functions as hereinafter provided. This aforesaid Statute established on 27th October 2022 in the *Extraordinary Gazette* and may be cited as the Northern Province Tourism Bureau Statute No. 2 shall come into operation on such date the Governor of the Northern Province may give his assent thereto.

**Short Title and
Date of
Operation**

Location of Tourism Bureau

It is Located at the Council in Jaffna District.

Location

PART I

Establishment of Tourism Bureau of the Northern Province

1. (1.i) There shall be established for the purpose of this Statute, a Bureau called the Tourism Bureau of the Northern Province (herein after referred to as the “Bureau”).
(1.ii) The Bureau shall, by the name assigned to it by this section be a body Corporate and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in such name
2. The objects of this Bureau shall be—
 - (2.i) To promote and develop tourism within the Northern Province in accordance with the National Policy on tourism
 - (2.ii) To develop and promote adequate, attractive and efficient tourist services, inclusive of the hospitality

**Establishment of
Tourism Bureau.**

**Objects of the
Bureau.**

industry in a sustainable manner within the Northern Provincial Council Limit Subject to the Provision of Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005

- (2.iii) To collect information and publish such information, maps and other matters relating to tourism within the Northern Province in collaboration with recognized Tourism Associations of Sri Lanka;
- (2.iv) To encourage and collaborate with persons or bodies of persons in the private and / or public sector in the promotion of the tourism industry and the promotional and training activities connected with such industry within the Northern Province
- (2.v) To work towards the enhancement of tourism and travel sectors in order to secure contribution for the expansion and development of Sri Lanka's economy
- (2.vi) To work in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority established under section 2 of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005
- (2.vii) To develop Northern Province as a tourist and travel destination both in Sri Lanka and abroad
- (2.viii) Develop revenue generation mechanisms directly or in partnership with state or commercial entities in the leisure sector within and outside of the country

Constitution of the Board of Management of the Bureau.

- 3. (3.1) The affairs of the Bureau shall be administered and managed by the Board of Management (herein after referred to as the "Board"), which shall consist of the following
 - (3.i.i) The Deputy Chief Secretary—Finance Northern Province (Ex-Officio)
 - (3.i.ii) Five other members (hereinafter referred to as the "Appointed Members") appointed by Hon. Governor (hereinafter referred to as "the Governor") as follows each of whom shall possess recognized qualifications and have distinguished themselves in the fields of Tourism
 - (3.ii) The Governor shall appoint a person who is having qualifications and experience in the field of Tourism as a Chairman of the Bureau, who shall be the Chairman of the Board of Management
 - (3.iii) Every appointed member shall unless he vacates office earlier by death, resignation or removal, hold office for a term of three years from the date of his appointment and shall unless he has been removed, be eligible for re appointment
 - (3.iv) The Governor may, if he considers it expedient to do so, remove from office any appointed member after assigning reasons
 - (3.v) Any appointed member may, at any time resign his office by letter addressed to the Hon. Governor sent by registered post
 - (3.vi) In the event of vacation of office by death, resignation or removal of any appointed member, the Governor may having regard to the provisions under this statute, appoint any other person to succeed such member. Any member so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term of office of the member whom he/she succeeds
 - (3.vii) Where an appointed member, by reason of illness, infirmity or absence from Sri Lanka for a period of not less than three months, is temporarily unable to perform his duties, it shall be the duty of such member to inform the Governor in writing of such inability. The Governor may, on receipt of such information, having regard to the provisions under this statute appoint some other person to act in his/her place

Quorum and meetings of the Board.

- 4. (4.i) The quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be three members
- (4.ii) The Chairman shall preside at every meeting of the Board. In the absence of the Chairman from any meeting of the Board, a member elected by the members present shall preside at such meeting
- (4.iii) All questions for decision at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by the vote of majority of members present at such meeting. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall, in addition to his/her vote have a casting vote
- (4.iv) Subject to the preceding provisions of this section, the Board may regulate the procedure in relation to the meetings of the Board and the transaction of business at such meetings

5. No act or proceeding of the Board shall be invalid by reason only of the existence of any vacancy in the Board or any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board **Acts or proceedings of the Board deemed not to be invalid by reason of any vacancy.**
6. The members of the Board shall, with the approval of the Provincial Council be remunerated in such manner and at such rates as may be determined by the Governor **Remuneration of the members of the Board.**
7. A person referred to in paragraph (3.iii to 3.vi) in sub section 3 shall be disqualified from being appointed or continuing as a member of the Board **Disqualification from being a member of the Board.**
 - (7.i) If he/she is elected as a Member of Parliament, Member of any Provincial Council or any local Authority;
 - (7.ii) If he/she has been declared an insolvent or an un-discharged bankrupt under any law in Sri Lanka or any other country
 - (7.iii) If he/she is under any law in force in Sri Lanka or any other country found or declared to be of unsound mind;
 - (7.iv) If he/she is convicted of an offence involving in moral turpitude and punishable with imprisonment for a term not less than six months;
 - (7.v) If he/she is serving or has served a sentence of imprisonment or a suspended sentence for over six-month imprisonment imposed by a Court of Sri Lanka or any other country; or
 - (7.vi) If he/she has any financial or other interest as is likely, to affect prejudicially the discharge by him/her of his/her functions as a member of the Board.
8. (8.i). The seal of the Bureau shall be in the custody of such person as the Board may decide from time to time **Seal of the Bureau.**
 - (8.ii) The seal of the Bureau may be altered in such manner as may be determined by the Board
 - (8.iii) The seal of the Bureau shall not be affixed to any instrument or document except with the sanction of the Board and in the presence of two members of the Board nominated by the board itself who shall sign the instrument or document in token of their presence
 - (8.iv) The Board shall maintain a register of the instruments and documents to which the seal of the Bureau has been affixed
9. The powers, functions and duties of the Bureau shall be— **Powers, Functions and duties of the Bureau.**
 - (9.i) To act in consultation with the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority established under the provisions of section 2 of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005;
 - (9.ii) To plan, implement, generate revenue and develop Tourism in the Province
 - (9.iii) To assist the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority in operating tourist enterprises and providing tourist services and to coordinate the activities of the persons operating tourist enterprises and providing tourist services within the Northern Province
 - (9.iv) To acquire, hold, take on lease, hire, pledge or otherwise dispose of any movable or immovable;
 - (9.v) To co-ordinate, assist and encourage studies, researches and trainings that are essential to achieve the objects of this Bureau;
 - (9.vi) To receive grants, gifts or donations in cash or kind, provided that, the Board shall obtain a prior written approval of the Department of External Resources of the Government in respect of all foreign grants, gifts or donations made to the Bureau
 - (9.vii) To enter into such contracts and agreements as may be necessary for the furtherance of the objects of the Bureau
 - (9.viii) To appoint, employ, terminate, remunerate, exercise disciplinary control over and dismiss officers and servants required for the carrying out of the objects of the Bureau; and
 - (9.ix) To do all other things as are necessary or expedient for the proper and effective carrying out of the objects of the Bureau.

PART II

Staff of the Bureau

10. (10.i) There shall be appointed through the recruitment procedure by the Hon. Governor a fit and proper person to be the Director of the Bureau, who shall be its Chief Executive Officer
- (10.ii) The Director shall be entitled to be present at all meetings of the Board and to speak at such meetings, but shall not be entitled to vote at any such meetings
- (10.iii) The Director shall, subject to the general direction and control of the Chairman and the Board, be responsible for the conduct of all affairs of the Bureau, including the administrative control of the officers and employees of the Bureau
- (10.iv) The Director shall be paid such remuneration as may be determined by the Governor with the approval of the Provincial Council
- (10.v) The Governor may with reasons assigned therefor remove from office the Director appointed under subsection (10.i)
- (10.vi) Whenever the Director is by reason of illness or absence from Sri Lanka or for any other cause unable to discharge or perform any of his functions or duties, the Governor may with the concurrence of the Board, appoint any other senior officer of the Bureau to act in his place during such absence
11. (11.i) The Board may appoint such officers and other employees as it considers necessary for the efficient exercise, discharge and performance of its powers, functions and duties under this Statute
- (11.ii) The officers and other employees appointed under subsection (3.ii) shall be remunerated in such manner and at such rates and shall be subject to such conditions of service, as may be determined by the Board
12. At the request of the Board, any officer in the public service may, with the consent of the Secretary to the Ministry in charge of the subject of Tourism, Governor of the Northern Province shall appoint the staff of the Bureau for such period as may be determined by the Board from the Provincial cadre

PART III

Fund

Fund of the Bureau.

13. (13.i) The Bureau shall have its own Fund
- (13.ii) There shall be paid into such Fund
 - (13.ii.i) All such sums of money as may be voted upon from time to time by the Northern Provincial Council for the use of the Bureau
 - (13.ii.ii) All such sums of money granted by the Government
 - (13.ii.iii) All such sums received by way of grant, donation and gift *etc.* and
- (13.iii) All such sums collected by way of the following
 - (13.iii.i) For Consultancy services offered to individuals/ organizations regarding establishing any Tourism related services.
 - (13.iii.ii) For Consultancy services offered to Local Authorities in establishing Tourist destinations.
 - (13.iii.iii) For publication of Tourism related
 - (13.iii.iv) For value addition, training programs me to small and medium level entrepreneurs who are involved in making souvenirs / memorable items
- (13.iv) All other sums otherwise accruing to the credit of Fund of the Bureau under this Statute or by any other written law

- (13.v) There shall be paid out of the Fund all such sums of money required to defray the expenditure incurred by the Bureau in the exercise, discharge and performance of its powers, functions and duties.
14. The financial year of the Bureau shall be the calendar year. **Financial year.**
15. (15.i.) The Board shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept of the assets and liabilities, income and expenditure and all other transactions of the Bureau. **Accounts and audits.**
(15.ii.) The provisions of Section 23(1) and 23(2) of the Provincial Councils Act, No. 42 of 1987, shall apply in this regard and the accounts of the Northern Province Tourism Bureau shall be audited annually by the Auditor General or a Qualified auditor appointed by the Auditor General in terms of Article 154 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

PART IV

General

16. The Director may with the approval of the Board and whenever he considers it necessary to do so, delegate to any officer of the Bureau, any function or duty imposed on or assigned to him and such officer shall discharge and perform such function or duty, subject to the direction and control of the Director. **Director may delegate his functions.**
17. (17.i) The Director shall cause to be prepared an annual development plan in respect of the following year accordance with the Long Term Plan and submit to the board and in turn to the Hon. Governor every year on or before 31st of March **Annual report.**
(17.ii) The Director shall cause to be prepared and submit a detailed report of the activities relating to previous year to the board and in turn to the Hon. Governor on or before 31st of March every year
(17.iii) The Hon. Governor shall present such report to the Provincial Council within 3 months of receipt of same.
18. The Governor may, time to time issue such general or special directions to the Board relating to the exercise, performance and discharge of the powers, functions and duties under this Statute and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with such directions **Directions of the Minister**
19. All members of the Board, officers, employees and agents of the Bureau shall be deemed public officers within the meaning and for the purpose of the Penal Code (Chapter 19) **All members of the Board etc. deemed to be public officers.**
20. The Bureau shall be deemed a Scheduled Institution within the meaning of the Bribery Act (Chapter 26) and the provisions of that Act shall be construed accordingly. **Bureau deemed to be a Scheduled Institution.**
21. (21.i) No action or prosecution shall be instituted- **Protection of action**
(21.i.i) Against the Bureau, for any act, which in good faith is done or purported to be done by the Bureau under this Statute; or
(21.i.ii.) Against any member, officer or employee of the Bureau for any act which in good faith is done or purported to be done by him under this Statute or on the direction of the Board
(21.ii) Any expenses incurred by any such person as is referred to in subsection (21.i.ii), in any action or prosecution instituted against him/her in respect of any act which is done or purported to be done by him/her under this Statute or on the direction of the Board, shall be paid out of the Fund of the Bureau, if the Court holds that such act was done in good faith

Regulation.	22.	The Governor may make regulations for the purpose of carrying out or giving effect to the principles and provisions of this statute (22.i) Every regulation made by the Governor under Section (1), shall be published in the <i>Gazette</i> and shall come into operation on the date of such publication or on such later date as may be specified in the regulation
Provisions of Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 to supersede.	23.	Where any provision of this Statute is contrary to any provision of the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005, the provisions of the Tourism Act, No.38 of 2005 shall supersede
Tamil text to prevail in the case of inconsistency	24.	In the event of any inconsistency between the Tamil, Sinhala and English texts of this Statute, the Tamil text shall prevail

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