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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**

**Government Notifications**

**CONSTITUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**

**Notification**

IT is hereby notified that the notification issued by me in the exercise of powers vested in me under Articles 44 (1), 45 (1) and 47 (1) (a) (b) respectively of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2187/27 of 09<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 and amended from time to time, is further amended with effect from February 23, 2022 in the manner set out below.

**GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA,**  
President.

Presidential Secretariat,  
Colombo 01,  
February 23, 2022.



(1) “04. Institutional and Legal Framework” under the Heading “Presidential Secretariat – National Priority Programme” of the said Notification is as follows:

#### 04. Institutional and Legal Framework

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Laws and Acts to be Implemented</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board of Investment of Sri Lanka</li> <li>2. Colombo Port City Economic Commission</li> <li>3. Presidential Task Force to build a Secure Country, Disciplined, Virtuous and Lawful Society</li> <li>4. Covid-19 Ministerial Task Force</li> <li>5. Presidential Task Force for Archaeological Heritage Management in the Eastern Province</li> <li>6. Presidential Task Force on Sri Lanka’s Education Affairs</li> <li>7. Presidential Task Force for the creation of a Green Sri Lanka with sustainable Solutions for Climate Changes</li> <li>8. Presidential Task Force for Green Agriculture</li> <li>9. Presidential Task Force for One Country, One Law</li> <li>10. Presidential Task Force for Economic Revival and Poverty Alleviation</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater Colombo Economic Commission Law (Board of Investment of Sri Lanka Law, No. 4 of 1978)</li> <li>• Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021</li> </ul>

(2) “03. Special Priorities” under the Heading “No. 6.0 Minister of Finance” of the said Notification is as follows :

#### 03. Special Priorities

1. Establishing a sustained, high economic growth rate that distributes benefits to all, covers all provinces, and minimizes income disparities.
2. Reducing unemployment giving priority to low income earners and increasing per capita income.
3. Ensuring price stability by maintaining annual average inflation rate at a low level.
4. Reducing uncertainties in public revenue policies by reducing budget deficit and public debt.
5. Expanding financial resources and economic needs by maintaining loan interest rate at a lower level.
6. Stabilizing the interest rates, financial and balance of payment policies in order to ensure that the exchange value of the rupee is maintained at a stable level.
7. Introducing measures to promote domestic production empower low-income earners and incentivize investments.
8. Expanding the business environment for the domestic business community in a manner that would provide benefits to general public.
9. Strengthening public enterprises.
10. Strengthening the institutional structure required for the efficient management of state revenue and expenditure.

11. Implementing reforms to strengthen banks, financial institutions in such a manner that would encourage savings and investments.
12. Implementing institutional reforms to revive failed financial institutions and businesses.
13. Broaden and co-ordinate national development, financial and capital market programmes for development of agricultural, construction, Information Technology, small and medium enterprises, tourism and exports sectors.
14. Making the government bonds and stock market attractive.
15. Strengthening the regulatory and reform activities of treasury bills and bonds, and primary markets.
16. Providing facilities required for International Business Giants to set up their Head offices in Colombo and the Port City.
17. Launching an international publicity campaign to promote the "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour" New Economic Plan with the assistance of private sector as well in order to attract foreign investors to the country.
18. Expanding facilities for large-scale local investors to commence production of high technology products.
19. Implementing special programmes for domestic entrepreneurs to duly and competitively gain access to the business fields protect and empower entrepreneurs.
20. Introducing reforms to strengthen the contribution made by state enterprises to the national economy both economically and socially, and enhance their financial capacity.

(3) "02. Subjects and Functions, 03. Special Priorities and 04. **Related Institutional and Legal Framework**" under the Heading "No. 7.0 Minister of Justice" of the said Notification is as follows :

#### 02. **Subjects and Functions**

Providing policy guidance to relevant State Ministry and formulating policies in relation to the subject of Justice, in conformity with the prescribed Laws, Acts and Ordinances, implementation of projects under the national budget, state Investment and National Development Programme, and formulating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating policies, programmes and projects, related to subjects and functions under below-mentioned Departments, State Corporations and Statutory Institutions for "protecting the rule of law" based on the national policies implemented by the government, and in line with the policy statement "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour".

#### 03. **Special Priorities**

1. Removing ambiguities in the Constitution and amending the Constitutional provisions to ensure the sovereignty of the people, national security, inclusive economic development, human rights, rule of law and sovereign state of the country.
2. Effecting necessary reforms to match country's laws with the international law in such a way that the national identity and sovereignty are protected.
3. Formulating and implementing a programme in coordination with all institutions, in order to effect amendments to obsolete laws, procedures, acts and Ordinances.
4. Development of infrastructure and human resources required for the judicial sector and formulating appropriate methodologies by adoption of advanced technology to prevent law's delays.
5. Empower the Mediation Boards process so that civil disputes could be settled without resorting to Courts.

6. Provide the latest knowledge and technical training on law enforcement procedures and mechanisms to relevant personnel
7. Coordination with the Information Technology related institutions in the introduction of digital technology to improve coordination between justice system and the related agencies.

### 03. Related Institutional and Legal Framework

<i>Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations</i>	<i>Laws and Ordinance to be Implemented</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attorney General's Department</li> <li>2. Legal Draftsman's Department</li> <li>3. Department of Debt Conciliation Board</li> <li>4. Department of Government Analyst</li> <li>5. Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court</li> <li>6. Law Commission of Sri Lanka</li> <li>7. Superior Courts Complex Board of Management</li> <li>8. Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka</li> <li>9. Mediation Boards Commission</li> <li>10. Council of Legal Education</li> <li>11. Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka</li> <li>12. Sri Lanka International Arbitration Centre (Guarantee) Ltd</li> <li>13. Office for National Unity and Reconciliation</li> <li>14. Office of Missing Persons</li> <li>15. Office for Reparations</li> <li>16. National Authority for the Protection of Victims and Witnesses of Crime</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superior Courts Complex Board of Management Act, No. 50 of 1987</li> <li>• Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction Act, No. 10 of 2001</li> <li>• Council of Legal Education Law, No. 6 of 1974</li> <li>• Debt Conciliation Ordinance, No. 39 of 1941</li> <li>• Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Ordinance, No. 15 of 1956</li> <li>• Government Analyst (Disposal of Articles) Act, No. 69 of 1988</li> <li>• High Court of the Provinces (Special Provisions) Act, No. 19 of 1990</li> <li>• Institute of Corporation Lawyers Law, No. 33 of 1978</li> <li>• Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978</li> <li>• Language of the Courts Act, No. 3 of 1961</li> <li>• Judges Institute of Sri Lanka Act, No. 46 of 1985</li> <li>• Law Commission Act, No. 3 of 1969</li> <li>• Legal Aid Law, No. 11 of 1978</li> <li>• Mediation Boards Act, No. 72 of 1988</li> <li>• Prevention of Frauds Ordinance, No. 7 of 1840</li> <li>• Prevention of Social Disability Act, No. 21 of 1957</li> <li>• Primary Courts' Procedure Act, No. 44 of 1979</li> <li>• The Crown (Liability in Delicts) Act, No. 22 of 1969</li> <li>• Prevention of Crimes Ordinance, No. 2 of 1926</li> <li>• Quazi Courts (validation of appointment) Act</li> <li>• Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act, No. 4 of 2015</li> <li>• Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka Act, No. 44 of 2000</li> <li>• Office of the missing persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of functions) Act, No.14 of 2016</li> <li>• Office for Reparations Act No. 34 of 2018</li> </ul>

(4) “By insertion of the following new Heading and “01. Subjects and Functions, 02. Special Priorities and 03. Related Institutional and Legal Framework ”under thereof after the Heading No. “7.0 Minister of Justice” in that notification :

**7.1 State Minister of Prison Management and Prisoners' Rehabilitation**

**01. Subjects and Functions**

Assisting in the formulation of policies in relation to the subject of Prison Management and Prisoners' Rehabilitation for “protecting the rule of Law” under the direction and guidance of the Minister of Justice in conformity with the prescribed Laws, Acts and Ordinances and implementing, projects under the National Budget, State Investment and National Development Programme, and implementing, monitoring and evaluating subjects and functions of the below-mentioned Departments, State Corporations and Statutory Organizations.

**02. Special Priorities**

1. Taking measures in collaboration with the Presidential Task Force to eliminate anti-social activities in the prisons.
2. Taking measures to develop infrastructure facilities in prisons in collaboration with the Presidential Task Force.
3. Establishing advanced technological methodologies to monitor criminals in prisons.
4. Formulating a mechanism to grant special pardon through a review process in addition to the policy process of granting general pardon to reduce prison overcrowding.
5. Preparing a broad mechanism for the rehabilitation of prisoners.
6. Resolving administrative issues relating to officers and employees of the Department of Prisons in an expeditious manner.

**03. Related Institutional and Legal Framework**

<i>Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations</i>	<i>Laws and Ordinance to be Implemented</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Department of Prisons</li> <li>2. Community Based Correction Department</li> <li>3. Training Schools for Youthful Offenders</li> <li>4. Rehabilitation Commissioner General's Office</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prisons Ordinance, No. 16 of 1877</li> <li>● Youthful Offenders (Training Schools) Ordinance, No. 28 of 1939</li> <li>● Community Based Corrections Act, No. 46 of 1999</li> </ul>

(5) The Heading No. “8.0 Foreign Minister” and “02. Subjects and Functions” under thereof in the said notification is as follows :

**8.0 Minister of Foreign Affairs**

**02. Subjects and Functions**

Providing policy guidance to the relevant State Ministry, and formulating policies in relation to the subject of Foreign Affairs, in conformity with the prescribed Laws, Acts and Ordinances, implementation of projects under the national budget, State Investment and National Development Programme, and formulating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating policies, programmes and projects, related to subjects and functions under the

below-mentioned Departments, State Corporations and Statutory Institutions for the creation of "Friendly and non-aligned Foreign Policy" based on the other national policies to be implemented by the government, and in line with the policy statement "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour".

- (6) "01. Subjects and Functions" under the Heading No. "8.1 State Minister of Regional Cooperation" of the said Notification is as follows :

**01. Subjects and Functions**

Assisting in the formulation of policies in relation to the subject of Regional Cooperation for the creation of "Friendly and Non-aligned Foreign Policy" under the direction and guidance of the Minister of Foreign Affairs in conformity with the prescribed Laws, Acts and Ordinances and implementing projects under the National Budget, State Investment and National Development Programme, and implementing, monitoring and evaluating subjects and functions of the below-mentioned Departments, State Corporations and Statutory Organizations.