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PART IV (A) — PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Provincial Councils Notifications

NORTHERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Notice of Hon. Governor of Northern Province

- AN inquiry to be conducted under section 277(1A) of the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252), Ordinance No. 29 of 1947, read together with section 02 of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 1989.
- In the exercise of the powers vested in me, 1. Nagalingam Vethanayahan, Governor of the Northern Province, under section 277(1A) of the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252), Ordinance No. 29 of 1947, read together with section 02 of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 1989, do hereby appoint Retired District Judge Kandiah Ariyanayagam as the Individual Inquiry Board in terms of section 277(1A)(b) of the Municipal Councils Ordinance (Chapter 252), to investigate, inspect, and inquire in to the following matters or allegations and to submit his report within a period of two months.
- matters or allegations to be inquired in to
 - Whether, in granting land owned by the Vavuniya Municipal Council, located in front of the Police Station, by lotting and allocating it to traders, there was an abuse of the powers vested by law by failing to obtain prior approval as required under section 40(1)(f) of the Municipal Councils Ordinance.
 - Whether the powers vested by law were abused by granting land belonging to the Vavuniya Municipal Council, located in front of the Police Station, by lotting and allocating it to traders in contravention of the decisions of the Council.



- III. Whether misconduct in duty was committed by granting land belonging to the Vavuniya Municipal Council, located in front of the Police Station, by lotting and allocating it to traders in violation of government procurement procedures.
- IV. Whether misconduct in duty was committed by granting land belonging to the Vavuniya Municipal Council, situated in front of the Police Station, by lotting and allocating it to traders without entering in to any written agreement setting out the terms and conditions and bearing the requisite signatures.
- V. Whether misconduct in duty was committed by granting land belonging to the Vavuniya Municipal Council, situated in front of the Police Station, by lotting and allocating it to traders without obtaining valuation from the Government Valuation Department and without recovering lease rent.
- VI. Failure to implement the council decision regarding “Expenses on dredging work and reconstruction of the main canal located at Thirunavatkulam” amounts to a violation of the powers vested by law.
- VII. The repair and dredging work of the main canal at Thirunavatkulam was awarded to the Bandaravanniyan Community Centre, and an agreement was signed on 15th September 2025. However, only the Mayor of the Municipal Council signed the agreement. This is contrary to the provisions of section 227 of the Municipal Councils Ordinance, as the Commissioner did not sign the agreement as required by law.
- VIII. Misconduct in duty was committed as the sand that was excavated was unloaded at several locations without assessing or recording the quantity as required by the sand assessment procedures.

NAGALINGAM VETHANAYAHAN,
Governor,
Northern Province.

Governor's Secretariat,
Old Park,
Chundikuli,
Jaffna,
On the 31st day of December, 2025.

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