IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

In the matter of an Application for Special Leave to Appeal in terms of Article 128(2) of the Constitution of Sri Lanka.

- 1. Jamaldeen Abdul Latheef,
- 2. Koya Mohideen Nizardeen, Nachchaduwa.

DEFENDANT-APPELLANT-APPELLANTS

S. C. Appeal No. 104/05

S. C. (SPL) L. A. No. 5/05

-VS-

C. A. No. 908/94 (F)

D. C. Anuradhapura Case No. 12863/L

- 1. Abdul Majeed Mohamed Mansoor,
- 2. Abdul Majeed Mohamed Nizar, Of No. 1, Dharga Road, Govijana Mandiraya, Nachchaduwa.

PETITIONER-RESPONDENT-RESPONDENTS

BEFORE : Hon. J.A.N. de Silva, C.J.,

Hon. Saleem Marsoof, P.C., J., and Hon. P. A. Ratnayake, P.C., J.

COUNSEL : Faisz Musthapha, P.C., with N. M. Shaheed for the

Defendant-Appellants.

W. Dayaratne, P.C., with R. Jayawardane for the

Petitioner-Respondent-Respondents.

ARGUED ON : 18.03.2009 and 30.07.2009

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: 1.09.2009 and 23.10.2009

DECIDED ON : 27.10.2010

SALEEM MARSOOF, J.

This appeal arises from an action for declaration of title filed in the District Court of Anuradhapura in December 1989 by the Petitioner-Respondent-Respondents (hereinafter referred to as "Respondents"), who claimed title to the four acre land named "Palugahakumbura" situated in Mahawela (Pahalabaage) in the Pandiyankulama village, in Nachcha Tulana of Ulagalla Korale in Hurulu Palata in Anuradhapura District in the North Central Province of Sri Lanka, more fully