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L.D.—O. 42/2013   
 AN ACTTOAMENDTHE SHRAMA VASANA FUND

ACT, NO. 12 OF 1998   
BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

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| **1.** | This Act may be cited as the Shrama Vasana Fund | Short title. |

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| **2.** | Section 4 of the Shrama Vasana Fund Act, No. 12 of | Amendment of section 4 of Act, No. 12 of 1998. |
| 1998 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended— | |
| (1) | by the repeal of subsection (1) thereof and the |

substitution therefor of the following subsection:—  
 “(1) The Board shall consist of—  
 (*a*) the following *ex-officio* members,   
 namely—  
 (i) the Secretary to the Ministry   
 of the Minister who shall be   
 the Chairman of the Board   
 (hereinafter referred to as the  
 “Chairman”);   
 (ii) Commissioner General of   
 Labour;   
 (iii) General Manager of the   
 National Lotteries Board;   
 (*b*) one representative of the Ministry of   
 Finance, nominated by the Minister to

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whom the subject of Finance is   
assigned; and

(*c*) four persons appointed by the Minister   
 (hereinafter referred to as the  
 “appointed members”).”.

(2) by the insertion immediately after subsecion (1)   
 thereof, of the following new subsection:—

“(1A) Every *ex-officio* member of the Board   
shall hold office in the Board as long as such   
member holds the office by virtue of which he   
has been appointed to the Board.”; and

(3) in paragraph (*b*) of subsection (3) thereof, by the   
 substitution for the words,“three members.” of the   
 words, “five members.”.

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| Amendment of section 6 of the principal  enactment. | **3.** | Section 6 of the principal enactment is hereby |
| amended as follows:— | |
| (1) | in paragraph (*a*) thereof by the substitution for the |

word, “employees;” of the words, “employees and   
their dependents;”;

(2) in paragraph (*c*) thereof by the substitution for the   
 word, “employees” of the words, “employees and   
 their dependents”; and

(3) by the addition immediately after paragraph (*f*)   
 thereof of the following new paragraph:—

“(*g*) (i) to provide financial relief to obtain   
legal assistance to employees where   
proceedings in respect of termination of   
employment of an employee or of an   
industrial dispute, is initiated or pending   
under the provisions of any written law,   
before the Commissioner General of

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Labour, a Labour Tribunal, an Arbitrator   
or an Industrial Court or any court of law;

(ii) the financial relief provided under this   
paragraph shall be subject to such   
amount as the Board may determine by   
rules made in that behalf under this Act.”.

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| **4.** | Section 7 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of section 7 of the principal  enactment. |
| amended as follows:— | |
| (1) | by the repeal of paragraph (*a*) of subsection (2) |

thereof and the substitution therefor of the following   
paragraph:—

“(*a*) to arrange for the conduct of a Lottery by   
 the National Lotteries Board with the   
 inclusion of the expression “Shrama   
 Vasana” on the face of each such lottery   
 ticket;” and

(2) by the addition immediately after paragraph (*i*) of   
 subsection (2) of that section of the following   
 paragraph:—

“(*ia*) to promote and propagate the lotteries   
 conducted for the purpose of the Fund;   
 and”.

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| **5.** | Section 13 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of  section 13 of the principal  enactment. |
| amended— | |
| (1) | by the repeal of subsection (2) thereof and the |

substitution therefor of the following subsection:—

“(2) Every such Lottery shall have the   
expression “Shrama Vasana” on the face of each   
Lottery ticket and shall be conducted in such   
manner as may be agreed between the Fund and   
the Lotteries Board.”; and

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| by the insertion immediately after subsection (2) |

thereof of the following subsection:—

“(2A) The agreement between the Fund and   
the Lotteries Board shall include provisions, *inter*   
*alia* pertaining to –

(*a*) the prizes to be awarded in the Lotteries   
 so conducted;

(*b*) the manner in which unclaimed prizes   
 at such Lotteries are to be dealt with;   
 and

(*c*) the amount to be allocated from the   
 proceeds of the Lotteries to the Fund.”.

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| Amendment of  section 14 of the principal  enactment. | **6.** | Section 14 of the principal enactment is hereby |
| amended as follows:— | |
| (1) | by the renumbering of that section as subsection |

(1) of section 14;

(2) in the renumbered subsection (1) by the substitution   
 for the words, “performance of its powers, duties   
 and functions.” of the words, “performance of its   
 powers, duties and functions or any matter for which   
 rules are authorized or required by this Act to be   
 made.”; and

(3) by the addition immediately after subsection (1)   
 of that section of the following subsections:—

“(2) Every rule made by the Board shall be   
approved by the Minister, and be published in   
the *Gazette* and shall come into operation on the   
date of its publication or on such later date as   
may be specified therein.

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(3) Every rule made under subsection (1)   
shall, not later than six months after its   
publication in the *Gazette*, be brought before   
Parliament for approval. Any rule which is not   
so approved shall be deemed to be rescinded as   
from the date of such disapproval but without   
prejudice to anything previously done   
thereunder.

(4) A notification of the date of such   
disapproval shall be published in the *Gazette*.”.

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| **7.** | Section 21 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of  section 21 of the principal  enactment. |
| amended by the insertion immediately after the definition of the expression “Local Authority” of the following definition:— | |

“ “Minister” means, the Minister to whom the   
implementation of the provisions of this Act is   
assigned;”.

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| **8.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala | Sinhala text to  prevail in case  of inconsistency. |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | |

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