

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

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**DECLARATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (AMENDMENT)**

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**BILL**

**to amend the Declaration of Assets and Liabilities Law, No. 1 of 1975**

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*Presented by Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, M.P.*   
*for Colombo District on 08th of January, 2020*

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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE DECLARATIONOF ASSETSAND LIABILITIES

LAW, NO. 1 OF 1975   
BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist   
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:-  
 **1.** This Act may be cited as the Declaration of Assets and Short title. Liabilities (Amendment) Act, No. of 2020.

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| 5 | **2.** | Section 2 of the Principle Law is hereby amended by |

repealing sub-section 2 (1) of the said Law and by the substitution of the following paragraphs:-  
 “2. (1) The Provisions of this Law shall apply to every person belonging to anyone of the following 10 classes or descriptions of persons:-  
 (*a*) the President of the Republic;   
 (*b*) the Speaker of the Parliament;   
 (*c*) the Ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers, other Ministers and Deputy Ministers;

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| 15 | (*d*) | Members of Parliament; |
| (*e*) | Judges and public officers appointed by |

the President; public officers appointed   
by the Cabinet of Ministers;

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| 20 | (*f*) | Members of the Constitutional Council |
| who are not Members of Parliament |

appointed in terms of Article 41A (1) (*e*) of the Constitution;   
 (*g*) Members of the Commissions referred to in the schedule to the Article 41B of the 25 Constitution and all members of any other

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commission appointed by the President   
with the approval of the Constitutional   
Council;

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| 5 | (*h*) | Judicial Officers and scheduled public |
| officers appointed by the Judicial Service |

Commission;

(*i*) High Commissioners, Ambassadors and   
 Consuls employed in Sri Lankan missions   
 overseas;

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| 10 | (*j*) | Members of Provincial Councils; |
| (*k*) | Members of Local Authorities; |
| (*l*) | office-bearers of recognized political |

parties for the purpose of elections under the Presidential Elections Act, No. 15 of 15 1981, the Parliamentary Elections Act, No.

1 of 1981, the Provincial Councils   
Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988, and Local   
Authorities Elections Ordinance No. 20   
of 1981;

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| 20 | (*m*) | candidates nominated for the election to |
| be held under the Presidential Elections |

Act, No. 15 of 1981, the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981, the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 25 of 1988, and Local Authorities Elections Ordinance No. 20 of 1981;

(*n*) staff officers in Ministries and Government   
 Departments;

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| 30 | (*o*) | staff officers employed in Sri Lankan |
| mission overseas; |

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(*p*) chairmen, directors, members of the   
 board and staff officers of public   
 corporations and boards;

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| 5 | (*q*) | chairmen, directors and staff officers of | | | |
| companies | registered | under | the |
| Companies Act, in which the State or a | | | |

public corporation or a board holds not   
less than 25% percent of share capital;

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| 10 | (*r*) | the executives of the Trade Unions |
| (*s*) | registered under the Trade Unions |
| Ordinance; |
| proprietors, editors and members of the |

editorial staff of newspapers who ought to   
make declarations under section 02 of the

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| 15 | (*t*) | Newspapers Ordinance; |
| such categories of other officers as may be |

specified by the regulations.”.

**3**. Section 4 of the Principal Law is hereby amended by repealing it and by the substitution of the following:-

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| 20 | “4. | the declaration of assets and liabilities shall be | | |
| tendered in the following manner:- | | |
| (*a*) | to the Speaker - | |
| i. | | the President of the Republic; |
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| ii. | | Members of the Parliament; |
| (*b*) | to the President - | |
| i. | | the person referred to in paragraph (*b*), |

(*c*), (*e*), (*f*), (*g*) and (i) of Section 2 (1) of   
this Law;

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(*c*) to the Judicial Service Commission -

i. officers referred to in paragraph (*h*) of   
 Section 2 (1) of this Law;

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| 5 | (*d*) | to the Secretary of the relevant Ministry - | |
| i. | officers referred to in paragraph (*j*), (*k*), |

(*n*), (*o*), (*p*), (*q*), (*r*) and (*s*) of Section 2   
(1) of this Law;

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| 10 | **4.** | (*e*) | to the Election Commission - | |
| i. | | the person referred to in (*l*) and (*m*) of |
| Section 2 (1) of this Law.”. | | |
| Section 9 (1) of the Principle Law is hereby amended | | |

by deleting the words “not exceeding Thousand Rupees”and by the substitution the words “not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Rupees”.

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| 15 | **5.** | Section 10 (1) of the Principle Law is hereby amended |

by deleting the words “the Minister may make regulation”and by the substitution of the words “the President may make regulations”.

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| 20 | **6.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala | Sinhala text |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | | to prevail in |
| case of |

inconsistency.

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