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**Agenda for the Cabinet Meeting
to be held on
Monday 22nd July 2024 at 3.00 p.m.**

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**Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting
held on
Monday 15th July 2024**



PART I

AGENDA FOR THE CABINET MEETING

TO BE HELD ON

MONDAY 22ND JULY 2024 AT 3.00 P.M.

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**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS
TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 22ND JULY, 2024 AT 3.00 P.M.
AT THE PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARIAT**

(A) Commencement of the Meeting :

01. Religious Observance.
02. Welcome of Members of the Cabinet and briefing by the Hon. President.
03. Excuses for absence.
04. (a) Confirmation of the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 15th July 2024.

(b) Matters arising from previous meetings, if any.

(B) Agenda Items :

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Item No.	Cabinet Paper No.	Ministry	Title & Date
(I). Cabinet Papers - Policy Matters			
05.	24/1380/601/002-I	President	Implementation of an International Application to Person (A2P) SMS Digital Hub - 2024-07-15
06.	24/1382/604/151	Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies	National Social Protection Policy of Sri Lanka - 2024-07-15
07.	24/1389/622/011	Environment	Preparation of the First and Second Biennial Transparency Reports and Fourth National Communication of Sri Lanka to be submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) - 2024-07-10

Item No.	Cabinet Paper No.	Ministry	Title & Date
08.*	24/0941/628/047-I (Item 08 of 2024-07-15)	Ports, Shipping and Aviation	The Report since numbered as CP No.24/0941/628/047-I submitted by the Committee appointed by the Minister of Fisheries for submitting recommendations pertaining to the Development of Oluvil Port, along with the further observations of the Minister of Fisheries dated 2024-07-08 as per the Cabinet decision dated 2024-06-24 on Cabinet Paper No.24/0941/628/047, a Memorandum dated 2024-05-09 by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation on "Investment Opportunities for Oluvil Port Area"
09.	24/1350/606/017	Fisheries	Provision of state-owned land in extent of 36.0123 hectares in Koralaipattu North Divisional Secretariat Division of Batticaloa District to the National Aquaculture Development Authority of the Sri Lanka (NAQDA), under long-term lease basis for a period of 30 years, for shrimp farming - 2024-07-08
10.	24/1355/607/111	Education	Vesting of the Plot of land located at No. 330, Dr. N.M. Perera Mawatha, Colombo 08 belonging to the Department of Irrigation, for which Cabinet approval was received to vest in the Institute of Indigenous Medicine for constructing a Mult-Purpose Building complex, to the University of Colombo for residential requirements of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine - 2024-06-20
11.	24/1386/607/112	Education	Upgrading of Diploma Programs of Institute of Engineering Technology (IET), Katunayake to Degree Level in Collaboration with University of Vocational Technology (UoVT) - 2024-07-11
12.	24/1347/608/061	Transport and Highways; and Public Security	Registration of motorcycles with engine capacity up to 1300 CC - 2024-07-10

Item No.	Cabinet Paper No.	Ministry	Title & Date
13.	24/1378/612/059	Agriculture and Plantation Industries	Granting Permission to Technically Specified Rubber Factories in Sri Lanka to import Cup Lumps under the Scheme for Temporary Import for Export Processing (TIEP) - 2024-06-11
14.	24/1363/615/003-II	Tourism and Lands	Provision of Necessary Transport Facilities for the Rapid Development of the Tourism Sector - 2024-07-12
15.	24/1342/618/064	Urban Development and Housing	Vesting of Old Canals at New Hospital Road, Thalapathpitiya, Maharagama with the Urban Development Authority - 2024-07-04
16.	24/1352/618/065	Urban Development and Housing	Providing the land plot located at Kurulu Island, Beira Lake belonging to the Urban Development Authority, to "Sri Jinarathana Bhikku Abhyasa Vidyala" Committee on a 50-year lease basis - 2024-07-05
17.	24/1360/619/021	Foreign Affairs	56 th and 57 th Sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC) - 2024-07-10
18.	24/1377/611/024-I	Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms; Foreign Affairs; and Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development	Tendering an apology for the mandatory cremation policy enforced in Sri Lanka during the COVID-19 pandemic - 2024-06-22

(II). Cabinet Papers - Public Expenditure Related Matters

19.	24/1346/605/053	Prime Minister and Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government	Completion of Balance Works of 2000 seats Auditorium for the Galle District Secretariat - 2024-07-10
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Item No.	Cabinet Paper No.	Ministry	Title & Date
20.	24/1388/604/153	Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies	Public Private Partnership to Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Maintenance of the Mahinda Rajapaksa National Tele-cinema Park – 2024-07-11
21.	24/1367/628/066	Ports, Shipping and Aviation	Deployment of Dry-bulk Carriers belonging to Ceylon Shipping Corporation (CSC) during the years from 2024-2027 - 2024-07-10
22.	24/1348/612/058	Agriculture and Plantation Industries	Payment of Annual Contributions to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - 2024-06-25
23.	24/1384/614/056	Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms	Extension of the term of contract of suppliers who supply food items to the Department of Prisons for the year 2023/2024 - 2024-07-15
24.	24/1364/615/026	Tourism and Lands	Request for the approval of a new estimate due to the Price Escalation of Construction Materials required for the Renovation of Interior Building No: 01 of the Mannar Fort - 2024-07-12
25.	24/1349/617/019	Industries	Obtaining approval for development projects with an estimated cost exceeding Rs 100 Million - Implementation of a special program for the economic empowerment of women and youth engaged in the Handloom Industry - 2024-07-09
26.*	24/0986/618/003-II (Item 45 of 2024-07-15)	Urban Development and Housing	The Report dated 2024-07-08 since numbered as Cabinet Paper No.24/0986/618/003-II submitted by the Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies as per the Cabinet decision dated 2024-06-19 on Cabinet Paper No.24/0986/618/003-I, a Memorandum dated 2024-05-20 by the Minister of Urban Development and Housing on "Metro Colombo Solid Waste Management Project - Calling for proposals to select a suitable investor for entrusting operational and maintenance work"

Item No.	Cabinet Paper No.	Ministry	Title & Date
27.	24/1356/618/066	Urban Development and Housing	Making payments for completed work portions of Stage II of the Project of developing Kotagala Wetland Environmental Park commenced under financial provisions of the General Treasury - 2024-07-10
28.*	24/1331/620/023 (Item 31 of 2024-07-15)	Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs	Conserving the "Gedige" tradition, Statue Chamber in the Gadaladeniya Sadhdarmathilaka Rajamaha Viharaya - 2024-07-02
29.	24/1365/621/069	Power and Energy	Obtaining covering approval of the Cabinet of Ministers for importing petroleum and petroleum based products on single cargo basis during the months of April and May 2024 - 2024-07-08
30.	24/1372/621/070	Power and Energy	Sobadhanavi Limited's Claim under Change in Law Events as per the Provisions of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) of LNG Power Plant - 2024-07-10
31.	24/1371/626/020	Public Security	Procurement of Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) facility for personalization of Electronic Passports (E-MRTD) - 2024-07-12
32.	24/1379/611/030	Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development	Greater Colombo Water and Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Programme - Ambatale Water Supply System Improvements and Energy Saving Project (AFD Loan No: CLK 1008 - 01P/ ADB Loan No. 3029, 3030 - SRI) - 2024-07-15

(III). Cabinet Papers - Legislative Matters

33.	24/1387/604/152	Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies	Amendments to the Inland Revenue Act, No.24 of 2017 to expedite the Tax Appeals Process - 2024-07-03
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Item No.	Cabinet Paper No.	Ministry	Title & Date
34.	24/1357/609/008-I	Mass Media	Establishment of the Institution in the Name of "Films Sri Lanka" instead of the Name "National Films Development Commission" - 2024-07-09
35.	24/1383/614/055	Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms; and Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs	Introduction of a new law for the establishment of Buddhist Temple, Property Tribunal - 2024-07-04
36.	24/1381/626/002-I	Public Security	Amend the Online Safety Act, No.9 of 2024 - 2024-07-15
(IV). Cabinet Papers - Establishment Matters			
37.	24/1351/606/006-I	Fisheries	Recruitment to the Vacant Posts of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources on an open basis - 2024-07-08
38.	24/1385/607/070-I	Education	Appointment of Commissioner General of Examinations of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka on contract basis - 2024-07-16
39.	24/1395/608/062	Transport and Highways	Implementation of the provisions for promotions of the post of Station Master in the Department of Sri Lanka Railways - 2024-07-16

Note: Items Marked * have been deferred at the Cabinet meeting held on the date indicated within brackets at the end of each item.

(C) **Any other Business:**

(D) **Date, Time and Venue of the next Cabinet Meeting.**



PART II

MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING

HELD ON

MONDAY 15TH JULY 2024

(English Version)
Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers
held on Monday 15th July 2024 at 3.30 p.m.
at the Presidential Secretariat

Present

Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe
The President

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Prime Minister
Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs,
Provincial Councils and Local Government

Hon. Nimal Siripala de Silva
Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation

Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithra Devi Wanniarachchi
Minister of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation
Minister of Irrigation

Hon. (Dr.) Susil Premajayantha
Minister of Education

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardena
Minister of Transport and Highways
Minister of Mass Media

Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera
Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries

Hon. (Dr.) Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe
Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms

Hon. Harin Fernando
Minister of Tourism and Lands
Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs

Draft Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 2024-07-15

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Minister of Health
Minister of Industries

Hon. Prasanna Ranatunga
Minister of Urban Development and Housing

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
Minister of Power and Energy

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment

Hon. Tiran Alles
Minister of Public Security

Hon. Nalin Fernando
Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security

Hon. Jeevan Thondaman
Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development

Hon. Tharaka Balasooriya
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

In Attendance:

Mr. W.M.D.J. Fernando
Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers

Mr. J. Jayasundera
Additional Secretary, Cabinet Office

(A) Commencement of the Meeting:

01. The Cabinet Meeting commenced with religious observance.
02. At the commencement of the Meeting, the Hon. President welcomed the Members of the Cabinet.
03. Excuses for absence:

Hon. Douglas Devananda
Minister of Fisheries

Hon. Ali Sabry
Minister of Foreign Affairs
04. (a) Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on Tuesday 09th July 2024 were confirmed.

(b) Matters arising from the previous meetings: **None.**

(B) Agenda Items:

(I) Cabinet Papers - Policy Matters:

05. Cabinet Paper No.24/1226/604/135, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-21 by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies on "**Restructuring North Sea Limited**" - (Cabinet decision dated 2022-09-22 on CP No.22/1424/606/003 refers) was deferred for two (02) weeks at the request of the Minister of Fisheries, enabling to submit his observations in this regard.

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It was also decided to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same immediately to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **Secretary to the Cabinet**

My/Fisheries - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister.

Copied to: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies**
My/Industries

06. Cabinet Paper No.24/1290/604/142, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-28 by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies on **"The National Traditional Medicine Policy of Sri Lanka 2024 - 2034"** - the above Memorandum and the National Traditional Medicine Policy of Sri Lanka 2024 - 2034, attached as Annex-01 thereto, were considered by the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval -

- (i) to the National Traditional Medicine Policy of Sri Lanka 2024 - 2034 referred to above;
- (ii) to the Strategies attached to the National Policy referred to at (i) above; and
- (iii) to integrate the National Traditional Medicine Policy of Sri Lanka as appropriate with other relevant policies.

Action by: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies**

My/Health - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Commissioner General of Ayurveda - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

07. Cabinet Paper No.24/1310/628/062, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-03 by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation on **"Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the Cooperation in Development, Management and Operation of Airports in Sri Lanka"** - the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies; and the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms. After discussion, it was decided to direct the Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Aviation -

- (i) to take necessary action in the first instance, to amend the relevant sections of the above Memorandum of Understanding attached as Annex-3 to the Memorandum as appropriate, in consultation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Attorney General, giving due consideration to the matters stated in the observations of the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms and enabling to pursue action in future as stated in the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies; and
- (ii) to submit the Memorandum of Understanding amended as per (i) above, to the Cabinet through the Minister, for consideration.

Action by: **Attorney General** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Ports, Shipping and Aviation - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - above observations annexed.

My/Foreign Affairs - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - observations of the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms annexed.

My/Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms - observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies annexed.

08. The Report since numbered as CP No.24/0941/628/047-I submitted by the Committee appointed by the Minister of Fisheries to submit recommendations pertaining to the development of Oluvil Port, along with the further observations of the Minister of Fisheries dated 2024-07-08 as per the Cabinet decision dated 2024-06-24 on Cabinet Paper No.24/0941/628/047, a Memorandum dated 2024-05-09 by

the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation on "**Investment Opportunities for Oluvil Port Area**" - was deferred for the next meeting, to be taken up for consideration when the Minister of Fisheries is present.

Action by: **Secretary to the Cabinet**
My/Ports, Shipping and Aviation
My/Fisheries

Copied to: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies**

09. Cabinet Paper No.24/1308/607/109, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-04 by the Minister of Education on "**Facilitating the admission of Foreign Students to Degree Awarding Institutes recognized under section 25A of the Universities Act**" - the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to the recommendations (3.1) and (3.2) in paragraph 3.0 of the Memorandum, subject to taking action by the Ministry of Education as stated in the said observations.
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Action by: **My/Education** - above observations annexed.
Chairman, University Grants Commission - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.
Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.
My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

10. Cabinet Paper No.24/1316/607/110, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-20 by the Minister of Education on "**Expanding further education facilities for the Students in the Estate Sector by developing the Teachers' Training College, Kotagala as a Higher Education Institute established under the Ministry of Education**" - the above Memorandum was considered along with
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the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided to direct the Secretary, Ministry of Education -

- (i) to prepare a detailed Project Proposal along with an Implementation Plan, enabling maximum utilization of the resources available in the Teachers' Training College, Kotagala, as proposed in the Memorandum, and submit the said proposal to the Department of National Planning, for its recommendations; and
- (ii) to forward the recommendations submitted by the Department of National Planning as per (i) above, to the Cabinet Sub-Committee appointed under the Chairmanship of the Hon. President in terms of the Cabinet decision dated 2023-04-24 on CP No.23/0779/601/027, pertaining to the formulation of the National Education Policy Framework, for further advice.

Action by: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

My/Education - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - above observations annexed.

Director General, Department of National Planning - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the Prime Minister** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

District Secretary/Government Agent, Nuwara Eliya - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Chairman, University Grants Commission - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

11. Cabinet Paper No.24/1337/624/020, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-09 by the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs on **"Granting authority under a 99-year lease basis to develop the stadiums and playgrounds which are maintained by old sports clubs"** - the above Memorandum was withdrawn by the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs and the Memorandum dated 2024-07-12, numbered as CP No.24/1370/615/027 on **"Providing Stadiums and Playgrounds maintained by Old Sports Clubs to those Sports Clubs on a 99-year Lease Basis"**, submitted by the Minister of Tourism and Lands tabled at this meeting instead, was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies dated 2024-07-15 thereon. After discussion, it was decided to direct the Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Lands -

(i) to appoint a Committee with the following composition to examine the recommendations (3.1), (3.2) and (3.5) in paragraph 03 of the above Memorandum dated 2024-07-12 and submit a Report with recommendations to the Cabinet:

- * an Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism and Lands nominated by the Secretary to the Ministry - (Chairman);
- * a Senior Officer of the General Treasury nominated by the Secretary to the Treasury;
- * Land Commissioner General;
- * Director General, Department of Sports Development (Secretary/Convenor of the Committee);
- * a representative each from the owners of stadiums and playgrounds / lessors / caretakers / occupants / lessees who have provided facilities for the continuation of the relevant sports during a period of over 100 years; and

- (ii) to take necessary action to re-submit the recommendations (3.3), (3.4) and (3.6) in paragraph 03 of the above Memorandum dated 2024-07-12, together with the recommendations submitted by the Committee referred to at (i) above, to the Cabinet through the Minister, for consideration.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies**

My/Tourism and Lands - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

My/Sports and Youth Affairs - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

Land Commissioner General - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

Director General, Department of Sports Development - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

My/Urban Development and Housing - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

- 12. Cabinet Paper No.24/1292/618/061, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-28 by the Minister of Urban Development and Housing on "Providing a block of land in extent of 08 Acres, 02 Roods, 16.26 Perches located at Wedamulla, Kelaniya to HMK Property Developers (Private) Ltd. for a Housing Project approved by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka" - the above Memorandum was considered along with the following, at this meeting:

- (I) the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies dated 2024-07-15; and
- (II) the further clarifications made by the Minister of Urban Development and Housing, stating that the block of land referred to in the Memorandum belonging to the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation will be provided to the above Company based on the current valuation of the Chief Government Valuer, to implement a housing project approved by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka and that action would be taken to transfer the ownership of the land to the persons who purchase such houses.

After discussion, it was decided -

- (i) to grant approval to pursue action as proposed in sub-paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum; and
- (ii) to direct the Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development and Housing to take necessary action without delay, giving due consideration to the matters stated in the penultimate paragraph of the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies in this regard.

Action by: **My/Investment Promotion** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Urban Development and Housing - above observations annexed.

Chairman, Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Chairman, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Attorney General - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

My/Tourism and Lands - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

13. *2G/PE* Cabinet Paper No.24/1293/618/062, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-28 by the Minister of Urban Development and Housing on **"Leasing out a plot of land located at Mudun Ela, Kelaniya belonging to the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation to Storight Logistics (Pvt.) Ltd."** - the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to provide the relevant plot of land on lease basis, for a period of 30 years as proposed in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum, subject to taking necessary action giving due consideration to the matters stated in the first, second and third paragraphs of the said observations.

Action by: **My/Urban Development and Housing** - above observations annexed.

Chairman, Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Attorney General - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

My/Investment Promotion - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Ports, Shipping and Aviation - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Tourism and Lands - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Chairman, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

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14. Cabinet Paper No.24/1311/618/063, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-28 by the Minister of Urban Development and Housing on **"Acquisition of lands for the construction of an International Cricket Stadium, a Sports Complex and the playground of St. Aloysius College under the Galle City Development Plan and vesting of those lands with the Department of Sports Development"** - (Cabinet decision dated 2016-11-29 on CP No.16/2473/724/098 refers) the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies; and the Minister of Education. After discussion, it was decided -

- (i) to grant approval to the proposals (3.1), (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4) in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum, subject to pursuing action as stated in the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies in this regard; and
- (ii) to instruct the Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development and Housing to direct the relevant authorities of the Urban Development Authority to give due consideration to the matters stated in the observations of the Minister of Education and take appropriate action in that regard.

Action by: **My/Sports and Youth Affairs** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Urban Development and Housing - above observations annexed.

Director General, Department of Sports Development - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Chairman, Urban Development Authority - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - observations of the Minister of Education annexed.

My/Education - observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies annexed.

My/Transport and Highways - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Tourism and Lands - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

General Manager of Railways - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

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15. Cabinet Paper No.24/1264/611/012-I, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-20 by the Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development on "**Prioritization of the Appraisal and Selection Criteria Framework for Investments in the Drinking Water Sector in Sri Lanka**" - (Cabinet decision dated 2024-04-08 on CP No.24/0587/611/012 refers) the above Memorandum and the Report on the Appraisal and Selection Criteria Framework for Investments in the Drinking Water Sector in Sri Lanka, attached as Annex-01 thereto, were considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided to direct the Secretary, Ministry of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development to take action expeditiously as stated in the said observations.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development** - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

My/Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment
- copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Environment - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Chairman, National Agency for Public-Private Partnership - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

16. *OG/PE* Cabinet Paper No.24/1273/611/013-I, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-30 by the Minister of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development on "**Implementation of the Tariff Policy and Formula to review the Tariff for the National Water Supply and Drainage Board**" - (Cabinet decision dated 2024-04-08 on CP No.24/0609/611/013 refers) the above Memorandum was considered along with the following, at this meeting:

- (I) the Water Tariff Policy, attached as Annex-01 to the Memorandum;
- (II) the Cost Model to Determine the Unit Cost for Water and the Mathematical Model to Develop the Water Tariff Structure of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board, attached as Annex-02 to the Memorandum; and
- (III) the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies dated 2024-07-10.

After discussion, it was decided to authorize the Secretary, Ministry of Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development to pursue action as stated in sub-paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum, subject to not revising the water tariff during the

year 2024 and obtaining the consent of the Department of Public Enterprises as stated in the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies**

My/Water Supply and Estate Infrastructure Development - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - above observations annexed.

Director General, Department of Public Enterprises - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Chairman, National Water Supply and Drainage Board - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

(II) Cabinet Papers - Public Expenditure Related Matters:

17. Cabinet Paper No.24/1295/605/048, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-01 by the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government on **"Greater Colombo Water and Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Programme - EIB Loan - FI No.85.353 SERAPIS No.2014-0457 - Awarding of contracts for the procurement relating to the rehabilitation of existing Sewers in the Southern Catchment Area of the Colombo Municipal Council (GCWWMIP-P2/EIB/SR)"** - the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided -

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- (i) to grant approval to pursue action as proposed in 1, 2 and 3 in sub-paragraph 9.1 in paragraph 09 of the Memorandum, subject to taking action as stated under the relevant paragraphs of the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies in this regard; and
- (ii) to authorize the Department of External Resources to pursue action as proposed in 4 in sub-paragraph 9.1 in paragraph 09 of the Memorandum.

Action by: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies**

My/Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government - above observations annexed.

Director General, Department of External Resources - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Municipal Commissioner, Colombo Municipal Council - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Chief Secretary, Western Province - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Director General, Department of Project Management and Monitoring - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

18. Cabinet Paper No.24/1321/605/051, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-04 by the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government on "Extension of the Lease Agreement of the building belonging to Mrs. L.W. Lalithasili at No.321/1/A High Level Road, Makumbura, Pannipitiya, where the Office of the National Institute of Language Education and Training is located, till 2025-02-13" - (Cabinet decision dated 2019-11-05 on

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CP No.19/2988/131/026 refers) the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided -

- (i) to grant approval to the proposals (3.1) and (3.2) in paragraph 03 of the Memorandum; and
- (ii) to instruct the Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government to direct the relevant authorities of the National Institute of Language Education and Training to take future action as stated in the final paragraph of the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies in this regard.

Action by: **My/Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government** - above observations annexed.

Chairman, National Institute of Language Education and Training - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

19. Cabinet Paper No.24/1323/628/063, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-03 by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation on **"Limited National Competitive Bidding for the Operation of Currency Exchange Counters at Arrival Post Customs Area at the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA), Katunayake"** - (Cabinet decision dated 2024-01-08 on CP No.23/2536/628/117 refers) the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval
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to award the relevant contracts as recommended in sub-paragraph 3.1 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum, based on the recommendation of the Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee.

Action by: **My/Ports, Shipping and Aviation** - above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

Director General of Customs - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Chairman, Procurement Appeal Board - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

20. Cabinet Paper No.24/1324/628/064, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-01 by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation on "Awarding the Contract for the Provision of Automated Seat Upgrade Bidding Services and Associated Ancillary Services for SriLankan Airlines Limited" - the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to award the contract for the provision of Automated Seat Upgrade Bidding Services and Associated Ancillary Services for SriLankan Airlines Limited, to Plusgrade Inc for a period of five (05) years as recommended in sub-paragraph 3.1 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum, based on the recommendation of the Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee.

Cabinet also noted that no appeals have been received by the Procurement Appeal Board (PAB) from the unsuccessful bidders, in this regard.

Action by: **My/Ports, Shipping and Aviation** - above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

Chairman, Procurement Appeal Board - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

21. Cabinet Paper No.24/1254/608/057, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-24 by the Minister of Transport and Highways on "Township Development Component, Greater Colombo Urban Transport Development Project - Price variance for the construction of Makumbura Multimodal Transport Centre" - (Cabinet decisions dated 2021-06-28 and 2024-03-25 on CP No.21/1099/312/008-I and CP No.24/0518/608/022 respectively refers) the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided -
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- (i) to grant approval to implement the recommendations of the Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee as proposed in sub-paragraph 3.1 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum; and
- (ii) to direct the Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Highways to take necessary action to pay the relevant amount by managing the required additional provisions within the provisions already allocated to the Ministry of Transport and Highways for the year 2024, as stated in the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies pertaining to the proposal in sub-paragraph 3.2 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum.

Action by: **My/Transport and Highways** - above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

Director General, Department of Project Management and Monitoring - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

22. Cabinet Paper No.24/1274/608/058, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-24 by the Minister of Transport and Highways on "Rehabilitation and Improvement of Roads under the Road Network Development Project funded by Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) - Loan No.9/574 - Allocation of USD 1.5 Million from Badulla - Chenkalady Road Improvement Project (Loan No.10/639) to Miscellaneous Foreign Funded Projects (Loan No.9/574)" - (Cabinet decision dated 2024-04-08 on CP No.24/0608/608/028 refers) the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to pursue action as proposed in sub-paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 in paragraph 3.0 of the Memorandum.

Action by: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies**

My/Transport and Highways - above observations annexed.

Director General of National Budget - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Director General, Department of External Resources - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

23. Cabinet Paper No.24/1289/608/059, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-24 by the Minister of Transport and Highways on **"Repairing the damages caused to the Highway Network due to the recent intermittent heavy rain"** - the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided to instruct the Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies -

(i) to direct the Committee appointed under the Chairmanship of a Deputy Secretary to the Treasury in terms of the Cabinet decision dated 2024-05-06 on CP No.24/0736/608/034 pertaining to securing required provisions to settle the outstanding bills relating to Road Development Projects, to examine the proposal in this Memorandum as well and submit recommendations; and

(ii) to pursue action based on the recommendations submitted by the said Committee as per (i) above.

Action by: My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

My/Transport and Highways - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

24. Cabinet Paper No.24/1294/608/060, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-24 by the Minister of Transport and Highways on **"Domestic Financing Requirement for Payment of Interim Payment Certificates of the Integrated Road Investment Programme (iRoad1 and iRoad2 Programme)"** - the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided to direct the Secretary, Ministry of

Transport and Highways to give due consideration to the matters stated in the said observations and pursue action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies**

My/Transport and Highways - above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Director General, Department of Project Management and Monitoring - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

25. Cabinet Paper No.24/1251/609/014, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-20 by the Minister of Mass Media on "**Writing off the tax in arrears payable to the Department of Inland Revenue by the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation and obtaining provisions**" - the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided -

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- (i) not to pursue action on the proposals in the Memorandum, taking into consideration the matters stated in the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies; and
- (ii) to direct the Secretary, Ministry of Mass Media to discuss with the Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies and look into the possibility of paying in installments, the total Value Added Tax and the Surcharge therefor, to be paid to the Department of Inland Revenue by the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, and take necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies**

My/Mass Media - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - above observations annexed.

Commissioner General of Inland Revenue - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

26. Cabinet Paper No.24/1309/614/053, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-27 by the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms on **"Revision of fees for issuance of certified copies and certified photocopies of the proceedings by the Courts and Labour Tribunals"** - the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided to direct the Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms to give due consideration to the matters stated in the said observations and pursue action accordingly.
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Action by: **My/Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms** - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

27. Cabinet Paper No.24/1312/615/025, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-28 by the Minister of Tourism and Lands on **"Seeking approval for new estimated rates due to the price escalation of construction materials required for the modernization of the Nanu Oya Railway Station"** - (Cabinet decisions dated 2023-04-03 and 2023-11-13 on CP No.23/0539/615/021 and CP No.23/1931/615/021-I respectively refers) the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies; and the
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Minister of Transport and Highways. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval -

- (i) to the recommendation (3.1) in paragraph 3.0 of Memorandum, subject to pursuing action as stated in the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies pertaining to the said recommendation; and
- (ii) to the recommendation (3.2) in paragraph 3.0 of the Memorandum.

Action by: **My/Transport and Highways** - observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies annexed.

My/Tourism and Lands - above observations annexed.

General Manager of Railways - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Chairman, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Chairman, Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - observations of the Minister of Transport and Highways annexed.

My/Irrigation - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Urban Development and Housing - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

28. Cabinet Paper No.24/1339/624/021, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-09 by the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs on
26/INP **"Organizing the SMART Youth Exhibitions & Nights 2024**
26/INB **Programme implemented by the National Youth Services Council islandwide"** - the above Memorandum was considered

along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to pursue action as proposed in sub-paragraph 3.1 in paragraph 03 of the Memorandum, subject to taking action as stated in the said observations.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

My/Sports and Youth Affairs - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - above observations annexed.

Director General of National Budget - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Chairman, National Youth Services Council - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the Prime Minister** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

29. Cabinet Paper No.24/1335/610/051, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-03 by the Minister of Health on "**Procuring Medicinal Ginger required for manufacturing purposes in the Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation**" - the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided -
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- (i) to grant approval to release the stock of fifty (50) tons of Medicinal Ginger in the custody of the Sri Lanka Customs, to the Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation, at a concessionary price negotiated and agreed upon by the relevant authorities of the Sri Lanka Customs and the Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation; and

- (ii) to direct the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Plantation Industries and the Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Commerce and Food Security to jointly explore the possibility of reducing the retail price of Ginger to an affordable level for the consumer in the local market, while facilitating the local production of Ginger and take necessary action to submit a Report with appropriate recommendations in that regard as a Joint Memorandum, to the Cabinet through their Ministers within two (02) weeks, for consideration, as stated in the final paragraph of the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies in this regard.

Action by: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies**

My/Agriculture and Plantation Industries - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Health - above observations annexed.

My/Trade, Commerce and Food Security - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Director General of Customs - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Chairman, Sri Lanka Ayurvedic Drugs Corporation - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

30. Cabinet Paper No.24/1280/618/054-I, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-29 by the Minister of Urban Development and Housing on "Providing Houses for the Members of Parliament from the **'Viyathpura' Housing Project on temporary basis**" - (Cabinet decision dated 2022-07-04 on CP No.22/0970/502/019 refers) the above Memorandum was considered by the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to the proposal in sub-paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum.

Action by: My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - copy of Memorandum annexed.
My/Urban Development and Housing
Chairman, Urban Development Authority - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Copied to: Secretary to the President - copy of Memorandum annexed.
Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.
My/Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government - copy of Memorandum annexed.
Secretary General of Parliament - copy of Memorandum annexed.

31. Cabinet Paper No.24/1331/620/023, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-02 by the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs on "**Conserving the 'Gedige' tradition, Statue Chamber in the Gadaladeniya Sadhdarmathilaka Rajamaha Viharaya**" - was deferred for the next meeting, enabling the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to submit his observations in this regard.

Action by: Secretary to the Cabinet
My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

Copied to: My/Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

26/PE 32. Cabinet Paper No.24/1332/620/024, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-02 by the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs on **"Reservation of the 'Nelum Pokuna' Theatre on concessionary basis"** - the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided -

- (i) to grant covering approval for taking action as stated in sub-paragraph 03.01 in paragraph 03 of the Memorandum; and
- (ii) to inform the Secretary to the President to take necessary action to submit the Report of the Committee chaired by Mr. Ajitha de Zoyza, stated in the Cabinet decision dated 2023-05-08 on CP No.23/0756/620/012-I, to the Cabinet without delay, enabling to pursue action as stated in the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies in this regard.

Action by: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs - above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the Prime Minister** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

(III) Cabinet Papers - Legislative Matters:

26/LA 33. Cabinet Paper No.24/1330/612/057, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-08 by the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries on **"Obtaining approval for the Amendments made to the Animal Welfare Bill at the Sectoral Oversight Committee Stage"** - (Cabinet decision dated 2022-01-10 on CP No.21/2096/323/033-I refers) the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and

National Policies; and the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to move the amendments attached to the Memorandum, prepared by the Legal Draftsman for the Animal Welfare Bill for which the clearance of the Attorney General has been received, at the Committee Stage of the said Bill in Parliament.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Agriculture and Plantation Industries** - above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Attorney General - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - observations of the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms annexed.

My/Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms - observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies annexed.

Secretary General of Parliament - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary to the Leader of the House of Parliament - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Legal Draftsman - copy of Memorandum annexed.

- 26/LA 34. Cabinet Paper No.24/1297/614/022-I, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-20 by the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms on "**Amendments to the Primary Court's Procedure Act, No.44 of 1979**" - (Cabinet decision dated 2024-03-18 on CP No.24/0475/614/022 refers) the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies;

and the Minister of Public Security. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval -

- (i) to publish the Primary Court's Procedure (Amendment) Bill, attached as Annex-2 to the Memorandum, in the Government Gazette; and
- (ii) to present the said Bill published in the Government Gazette as per (i) above, thereafter in Parliament for approval.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms** - above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Attorney General - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - observations of the Minister of Public Security annexed.

My/Public Security - observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies annexed.

Secretary to the Leader of the House of Parliament - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

Legal Draftsman - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

(IV) Cabinet Papers - Establishment Matters:

35. Cabinet Paper No.24/1338/605/052, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-08 by the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government on **"Extension of the appointment to the Post of Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Local Loans and Development Fund"** - (Cabinet decision dated 2023-07-24 on CP No.23/1291/602/008 refers) the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval -

- (i) to re-appoint Mr. K.D. Chitrapala, retired Special Grade Officer of the Sri Lanka Accountants' Service, to the Post of Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Local Loans and Development Fund on contract basis, with effect from 2024-07-27, until the date on which an officer is formally appointed to the said Post as per the approved Scheme of Recruitment or up to 2025-07-26, whichever date occurs earlier; and
- (ii) to the proposal (3.2) in paragraph 03 of the Memorandum.

Action by: **My/Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government** - above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.
Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.
My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies

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26/NB 36. Cabinet Paper No.24/1333/620/025, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-02 by the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs on "**Appointment of Mrs. Y.I.D. Gunawardana, Grade I Officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, to the Post of Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs**" - the above Memorandum was considered along with the following, at this meeting:

- (I) the observation of the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies dated 2024-07-15; and
- (II) the letter dated 2024-07-11 by the Secretary, Public Service Commission addressed to the Secretary to the Cabinet.

After discussion, it was decided -

- (i) to appoint Mrs. Y.I.D. Gunawardana, Grade I Officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, to the Post of Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs, with immediate effect; and
- (ii) to grant covering approval for the appointment of Mrs. Y.I.D. Gunawardana, to attend to the duties in the Post of Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs from 2023-07-27, until the date she assumes duties in the said Post as per the decision referred to at (i) above.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs** - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - copy of the letter dated 2024-07-11 of the Secretary, Public Service Commission annexed.

My/Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

Secretary, Public Service Commission - above observations annexed.

(C) Supplementary Agenda Items:

26/LA 37. Cabinet Paper No.24/1358/601/083-I, a Joint Memorandum dated 2024-07-11 by the President; and the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms on "**Amendment to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**" - (Cabinet decision dated 2024-07-09 on CP No.24/1329/601/083 refers) the above Memorandum was considered by the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval -

- (i) to publish the draft Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution, attached as Annex-I to the Memorandum, in the Government Gazette; and
- (ii) to submit the draft Twenty Second Amendment to the Constitution published in the Government Gazette as per (i) above, thereafter to Parliament for approval.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms

Copied to: **Attorney General** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary to the Leader of the House of Parliament - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Legal Draftsman - copy of Memorandum annexed.

38. Cabinet Paper No.24/1343/601/031-I, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-04 by the President on "**Agriculture Modernization Programme**" - (Cabinet decision dated 2024-03-04 on CP No.24/0428/601/031 refers) the above Memorandum was considered by the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to implement the Second Stage of the Agriculture Modernization Programme as proposed in sub-paragraphs 2.1 to 2.6 in paragraph 2 of the Memorandum.
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It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **Secretary to the President**

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Agriculture and Plantation Industries - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the Prime Minister** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Fisheries - copy of Memorandum annexed.

All Chief Secretaries of Provinces - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Director General of Agriculture - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Director General, Department of Export Agriculture - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Director General, Department of Animal Production and Health - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Director General, Department of Cinnamon Development - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Chairman, National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka - copy of Memorandum annexed.

39. *DC/INP*
Dq/LA Cabinet Paper No.24/1344/601/084, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-10 by the President on "**Granting permission for Oil Palm Cultivation on limited basis, on lands managed by Regional Plantation Companies**" - (Cabinet decisions dated 2019-02-12 and 2019-11-11 on CP No.19/0215/117/009 and No.19/Misc (055) respectively refers) the above Memorandum was considered along with the following, at this meeting:

- (I) the observations of the Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries;
- (II) the observations of the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms dated 2024-07-15; and
- (III) the letter dated 2024-05-09 by the Attorney General addressed to the Secretary to the Cabinet pertaining to this matter.

After discussion, it was decided to direct the Secretary, Non Cabinet Ministry of State Plantation Enterprises Reforms -

- (i) to seek further advice of the Attorney General pertaining to the implementation of the proposals stated under paragraph 3 of the above Memorandum, giving due consideration to the matters indicated in the observations referred to at (I) and (II) above, and the matters pointed out in the letter of the Attorney General dated 2024-05-09 referred to at (III) above and the opinion expressed in the last three paragraphs therein; and

- (ii) to take necessary action to amend the proposals in the Memorandum appropriately, if found necessary, based on the advice given by the Attorney General as per (i) above and re-submit the same to the Cabinet through the Hon. President, for consideration.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **Secretary to the President** - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

Attorney General - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

Non Cabinet Ministry of State Plantation Enterprises Reforms - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the Prime Minister** - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

My/Environment - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

My/Irrigation - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

My/Agriculture and Plantation Industries - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

My/Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

40. Cabinet Paper No.24/1354/619/020, a joint Memorandum dated 2024-07-11 by the President and Minister of Defence; the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms; and the *26/1A* Minister of Foreign Affairs on "**Commission for Truth, Unity and Reconciliation in Sri Lanka Bill**" - (Cabinet decisions dated 2023-04-03 and 2023-12-18 on CP No.23/0647/619/015 and CP No.23/2445/619/015-II respectively refers) the above Memorandum was considered by the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided -

- (i) to grant approval to the proposal (1) in paragraph 3.0 of the Memorandum;
- (ii) to instruct the Legal Draftsman to prepare a new Bill to establish a Commission for Truth, Unity and Reconciliation in Sri Lanka, based on the initial draft attached as Annex-1 to the Memorandum; and
- (iii) to direct the Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs to take necessary action to submit the Bill prepared as per (ii) above, together with the clearance of the Attorney General for the same, to the Cabinet through the President and Minister of Defence; the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms; and the Minister of Foreign Affairs as a joint Memorandum, for consideration.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Foreign Affairs - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister.

Legal Draftsman - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Copied to: **Attorney General** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Defence - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/ Public Security - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary to the Leader of the House of Parliament - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Chairman, Office for National Unity and Reconciliation - copy of Memorandum annexed.

41. Cabinet Paper No.24/1359/614/010-I, a Joint Memorandum dated 2024-07-04 by the President; and the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms on "**Amendments to the Bills of Exchange Ordinance (Chapter 82)**" - (Cabinet decision dated 2024-01-24 on CP No.24/0095/614/010 refers) the above Memorandum was considered along with the observations of the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval -

- (i) to publish the Bills of Exchange (Amendment) Bill, attached as Annex-I to the Memorandum, in the Government Gazette; and
- (ii) to submit the said Bill published in the Government Gazette as per (i) above, thereafter to Parliament for approval.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.
My/Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms - above observations annexed.

Copied to: **Attorney General** - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.
Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.
My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.
Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.
Secretary to the Leader of the House of Parliament - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.
Legal Draftsman - copy of Memorandum and above observations annexed.

42. Cabinet Paper No.24/1361/604/148, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-05 by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies on "Amendments to the Bank of Ceylon Ordinance, No.53 of 1938 (Chapter 397)" - the above Memorandum was considered by the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided -

- (i) to grant approval to amend the Bank of Ceylon Ordinance, No.53 of 1938 (Chapter 397) as stated in the Memorandum;
- (ii) to instruct the Legal Draftsman to prepare a Bill for the purpose referred to at (i) above, based on the proposed amendments in Annex-1, attached to the Memorandum; and
- (iii) to direct the Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to submit the Bill prepared as per (ii) above, together with the clearance of the Attorney General for the same, to the Cabinet through the Minister, for consideration.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies**

Legal Draftsman - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Chairman, Bank of Ceylon - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Attorney General - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka - copy of Memorandum annexed.

43. *DG / TIP* Cabinet Paper No.24/1353/631/035, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-10 by the President and Minister of Investment Promotion on "**Colombo Port City (Fees) Regulations No.2 of 2024**" - the above Memorandum was considered by the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to submit the Colombo Port City (Fees) Regulations No.2 of 2024, made under the provisions of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No.11 of 2021 and published through the Gazette Extraordinary Notification No.2387/38 dated 2024-06-06, attached as Annex-1 to the Memorandum, to Parliament for approval.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Investment Promotion**

Chairman, Colombo Port City Economic Commission - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary to the Leader of the House of Parliament - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Chairman, Board of Investment of Sri Lanka - copy of Memorandum annexed.

44. *DG / LA* Cabinet Paper No.24/1345/614/054, a Memorandum dated 2024-06-28 by the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms on "**Amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No.15 of 1979 (Increase of Fines)**" - (Cabinet decision dated 2023-12-05 on CP No.23/2198/614/082 refers) the above Memorandum was considered by the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval -

- (i) to publish the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, attached to the Memorandum, in the Government Gazette; and
- (ii) to submit the said Bill published in the Government Gazette as per (i) above, thereafter to Parliament for approval.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms**

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Attorney General - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Public Security - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary to the Leader of the House of Parliament - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Legal Draftsman - copy of Memorandum annexed.

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45. The Report dated 2024-07-08 since numbered as CP No.24/0986/618/003-II submitted by the Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies as per the Cabinet decision dated 2024-06-19 on Cabinet Paper No.24/0986/618/003-I, a Memorandum dated 2024-05-02 by the Minister of Urban Development and Housing on "**Metro Colombo Solid Waste Management Project - Calling for proposals to select a suitable investor for entrusting operational and maintenance work**" - (Cabinet decision dated 2023-07-10 on CP No.23/1236/618/019-I refers) was deferred for the next meeting.

Action by: **Secretary to the Prime Minister**
My/Urban Development and Housing

Copied to: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies**

(D) Cabinet Papers Tabled at the Meeting:

46. Cabinet Paper No.24/1368/605/054, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-13 by the Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government on "**Appointment to the Post of District Secretary/Government Agent of the Administrative District of Anuradhapura**" - the above Memorandum tabled at this meeting was considered along with the letter dated 2024-07-15 by the Secretary, Public Service Commission addressed to the Secretary to the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided -

- (i) to attach Mr. J.M.J.K. Jayasundara, Special Grade Officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, presently serving as the District Secretary/Government Agent of the Administrative District of Anuradhapura, to the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government, with immediate effect, enabling to attach him to a suitable Post in consultation with the Public Service Commission; and
- (ii) to appoint Mr. K.G.R. Wimalasuriya, Special Grade Officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, presently serving as an Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Industries, to the Post of District Secretary/Government Agent of the Administrative District of Anuradhapura falling vacant as per (i) above, with immediate effect.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government** - copy of the letter of Secretary, Public Service Commission dated 2024-07-15 annexed.

My/Industries - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

Chief Secretary, North Central Province - copy each of the relevant documents annexed.

Secretary, Public Service Commission

47. *OG/LA* Cabinet Paper No.24/1369/617/018-I, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-12 by the Minister of Industries on "**Amendments to the Companies Act, No.07 of 2007**" - (Cabinet decision dated 2024-07-09 on CP No.24/1320/617/018 refers) the above Memorandum tabled at this meeting was considered by the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval -

- (i) to publish the Companies (Amendment) Bill, attached as Annex-(01) to the Memorandum, in the Government Gazette; and
- (ii) to submit the said Bill published in the Government Gazette as per (i) above, thereafter to Parliament for approval.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Industries**

Registrar General of Companies - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum annexed.
Attorney General - copy of Memorandum annexed.
Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.
My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - copy of Memorandum annexed.
My/Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms - copy of Memorandum annexed.
Secretary to the Leader of the House of Parliament - copy of Memorandum annexed.
Legal Draftsman - copy of Memorandum annexed.

48. *2G/NB*
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2G/PF Cabinet Paper No.24/1373/607/077-I, a Joint Memorandum dated 2024-07-11 by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies; and the Minister of Education on "**Suraksha Student Insurance Programme - 2024 - Awarding of Contract**" - (Cabinet decision dated 2024-05-06 on CP No.24/0796/607/077 refers) the above Memorandum tabled at this meeting was considered by the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to the proposals (3.1) to (3.5) in paragraph 3.0 of the Memorandum.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies** - copy of Memorandum annexed.
My/Education - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed..

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum annexed.
Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.
My/Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment - copy of Memorandum annexed.
Director General of National Budget - copy of Memorandum annexed.

49. Cabinet Paper No.24/1362/604/149, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-11 by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies on **"Appointment to the Post of Deputy Secretary to the Treasury - Mr. W.A. Sarath Kumara"** - (Cabinet decision dated 2022-09-12 on CP No.22/1412/604/032 refers) the above Memorandum tabled at this meeting was considered by the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to the proposals (1) and (2) in paragraph 03 of the Memorandum.
- Adh Sec.
DG/MS*

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies**

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Director General of Pensions - copy of Memorandum annexed.

50. Cabinet Paper No.24/1374/604/150, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-15 by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies on **"Implementation of the Cabinet Decision dated 2024-07-09 on CP No.24/1328/601/082"** - the above Memorandum tabled at this meeting was considered by the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to the proposals (i) to (vi) in paragraph 02 of the Memorandum.
- DG/NB
DG/MB*

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies**

My/Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Director General of National Budget - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary, Public Service Commission - copy of Memorandum annexed.

51. Cabinet Paper No.24/1375/621/055-I, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-15 by the Minister of Power and Energy on "**Revisiting the National Energy Policy related to the development of Natural Gas Infrastructure in the Country**" - the above Memorandum and the Report dated 2024-07-10 submitted by the Cabinet Sub-Committee appointed in terms of the Cabinet decision dated 2024-06-19 on CP No.24/1115/621/055, attached as Annex-4 thereto, tabled at this meeting, were considered by the Cabinet. After discussion, it was decided to grant approval to implement the recommendations (3.1) to (3.5) in paragraph 3.0 of the above Report of the Cabinet Sub-Committee.

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09/PE

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **Attorney General** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Power and Energy - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister.

Chairman, Ceylon Electricity Board - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Chairman, Sustainable Energy Authority of Sri Lanka - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the President** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Secretary to the Prime Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Environment - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Ports, Shipping and Aviation - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Transport and Highways - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Foreign Affairs - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Chairman, Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka - copy of Memorandum annexed.

52. Cabinet Paper No.24/1376/601/085, a Memorandum dated 2024-07-15 by the President on "**Personal Security of the Candidates of the forthcoming Presidential Election**" - the above Memorandum tabled at this meeting was considered by the Cabinet and taking into consideration the recent attack on Mr. Donald Trump, former President of the United States of America, during a campaign rally at Pennsylvania, the Cabinet noted that there is a pressing need to ensure the personal security of the candidates contesting the forthcoming Presidential Election in Sri Lanka.

After discussion, it was decided -

- (i) to appoint an Officials' Committee comprising of the following, to oversee the personal security arrangements of the candidates of the forthcoming Presidential Election, as well as the former Presidents, based on the threat assessments at the said Election:

- * Secretary, Ministry of Public Security - (Chairman);
- * Chief of Defence Staff;
- * Inspector General of Police;

- * Chief of National Intelligence;
 - * Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police (Elections);
- (ii) to instruct the Secretary, Ministry of Public Security to direct the Inspector General of Police to nominate a Police Officer not below the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police, to coordinate all matters relating to the personal security of the Presidential candidates and the former Presidents, during the forthcoming Presidential Election; and
- (iii) to direct the Officials' Committee appointed as per (i) above and the Police Officer designated as per (ii) above, to work closely with the Election Commission to ensure smooth coordination of the security arrangements as stated above.

It was also decided to treat this decision as confirmed and to authorize the Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers to convey the same to the relevant authorities for necessary action accordingly.

Action by: **Secretary to the President**

My/Defence - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Public Security - to be brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Chief of Defence Staff - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Inspector General of Police - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Copied to: **Secretary to the Prime Minister** - copy of Memorandum annexed.

My/Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies - copy of Memorandum annexed.

Chairman, Election Commission - copy of Memorandum annexed.

(E) Any Other Business: None.

The Meeting terminated at 5.00 p.m. It was decided that the next meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers be held on **Monday 22nd July 2024 at 3.00 p.m. at the Presidential Secretariat, Colombo 01.**
