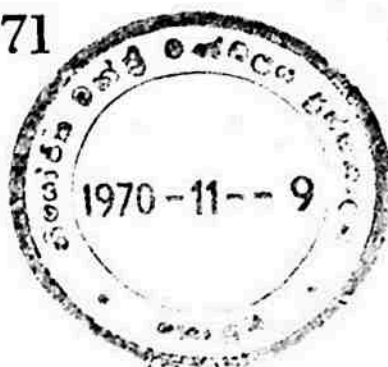


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## Trade Union Representatives (Entry into Estates) Act, No. 25 of 1970

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AN ACT TO SECURE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF  
TRADE UNIONS THE RIGHT TO ENTER ESTATES FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF VISITING MEMBERS OF SUCH UNIONS OR  
OF HOLDING OR ADDRESSING MEETINGS OF SUCH  
MEMBERS.

[Date of Assent: October 20, 1970]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,  
by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and  
the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present  
Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the  
same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Trade Union  
Representatives (Entry into Estates) Act, No. 25  
of 1970.

Short title.

2. (1) An authorized representative of a trade  
union shall, on producing a certificate of identity, if  
so required, have the right to enter an estate at all  
reasonable times—

Power of  
authorized  
represent-  
atives of  
trade unions  
to enter  
estates for  
certain  
purposes.

- (a) for the purpose of visiting members of such  
union who are resident on such estate, and
- (b) for the purpose of holding or addressing  
meetings of members of such union who are  
employed on such estate:

Provided, however, that entry into an estate for  
any purpose specified in paragraph (b) shall not be  
demanded as of right by such authorized representa-  
tive unless not less than one week's notice in writing  
of the intended entry for such purpose has been given  
to the person in charge of the estate.

(2) Any person who wilfully obstructs an authoriz-  
ed representative of a trade union in the exercise of  
any right under sub-section (1) shall be guilty of an  
offence and shall on conviction after summary trial  
before a Magistrate be liable to imprisonment of  
either description for a term not exceeding three  
months or to a fine not exceeding one thousand rupees  
or to both such imprisonment and fine.

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Interpre-  
tation.

3. In this Act—

“authorized representative”, when used with reference to a trade union, means any person who has been appointed by the President or the Secretary of that union to be a representative of that union for the purpose of this Act;

“certificate of identity”, when used with reference to any person who is an authorized representative of a trade union, means a document issued to such person by the President or the Secretary of that union and stating that for the purposes of this Act such person is a representative of that union;

“estate” means any land or group of lands—

(a) which forms a separate and distinct property;

(b) which belongs to or is held by one or several persons; and

(c) of which an extent of not less than fifty acres is under cultivation for any purpose other than the production of foodstuffs as defined in the Food Production (Estates) Act; and

“trade union” means any trade union registered under the Trade Unions Ordinance.

Cap. 443.

Cap. 133.