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ACT, No. 6 OF 1980**

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRISONS ORDINANCE.

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Prisons (Amendment) Act, No. 6 of 1980.

Short
title.

2. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 11, and shall have effect as section 11A, of the Prisons Ordinance :—

Insertion
of new
section 11A
in
Chapter 54.

'Power to
make rules
for the
establishment
and
operation
of a
scheme
for the
grant of
compensation
in respect
of the
permanent
total or
partial
disablement
or death
of prison
officers
in the
discharge
of their
duties.

11A. (1) The Minister may, with the concurrence of the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, make rules providing for the establishment and operation of a scheme for the grant of compensation to any prison officer who is permanently totally or partially disabled, or to the legal heir or heirs of any prison officer who is dead, in any case where such disablement or death, as the case may be, is due to any injury—

(a) received by such officer while on duty,
or

(b) received by such officer while not on duty in the performance of some act which is within the scope of his ordinary duties, or

(c) received by such officer in consequence of any act performed in the execution of his duties, or

(d) received by such officer as a result of any act of reprisal occasioned by or arising out of any action taken by him in the execution of his duties.

Such rules may provide for the principles, exceptions, restrictions and conditions according, and subject, to which such compensation

will be granted and for all other matters necessary or expedient for the establishment and operation of such scheme.

(2) Any compensation granted in accordance with rules made under the preceding provisions of this section shall be a charge on the Consolidated Fund.

(3) Where in any case a dispute arises as to whether or not compensation is payable or as to the amount of compensation payable under any rules made under the preceding provisions of this section, such dispute shall be determined by the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Justice.

(4) Any compensation granted in accordance with rules made under the preceding provisions of this section in respect of the disablement or death of a prison officer shall be in addition to any pension, gratuity, compensation, allowance, or other benefit, granted in respect of such disablement or death under the Minutes on Pension.

(5) For the purposes of this section "prison officer", means the Commissioner of Prisons, Deputy Commissioner of Prisons, officers of the prison staff and includes any other person employed in the Department of Prisons.