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### Government Notifications

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION - 2015

#### SUSPENSION OF BROADCASTING OF PRESENT AND PREVIOUS STATEMENTS EXPRESSED BY A CANDIDATE TO PROMOTE ANOTHER CANDIDATE

“IN terms of the provisions in the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Amendments and the powers vested in the Election Commission *alias* Commissioner of Elections and in particular to ensure voting at such elections shall be free and fair which is the objective of the Election Commission, whereas the powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed by law in force in relation to the aforesaid election should be implemented, accomplished and fulfilled, and the conducting of an election is not only including into the aforesaid powers, duties and functions but also not limited only to them, and whereas the duty of the Commissioner of Elections is to enforce and secure every law in relation to the conduct of an election, following rules are given hereby .”

- \* All media institutions shall refrain from broadcasting news, feature articles or in the form of advertisements which are about the activities and speeches conducted by a contesting candidate to promote the candidature of another candidate, after the date of nomination.
- \* Comment of a candidate which was made prior to handover the nominations by another contesting candidate of this Presidential Election should not be broadcast without the written approval of the candidate who made such comment.

Owners and Heads of all Media Institutions are kindly informed to consider these rules as directions issued to conduct a free and fair election and as media guidelines to be followed. It is also eagerly and kindly requested to perform as such and thereby co-operate with the Department of Elections to conduct a free and fair election.

Elections Secretariat,  
Sarana Mawatha,  
Rajagiriya.  
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MAHINDA DESHAPRIYA,  
Commissioner of Elections.



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