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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

#### THE CONSTITUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

##### Notification

IT is hereby notified that the notification issued by me under paragraph (1) (a) of Article 44 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2289/43 of July 22, 2022, and amended from time to time, is further amended in the exercise of powers vested in me under paragraph (1) of Article 44 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, with effect from October 23, 2023 in the manner set out in the schedule below.

**RANIL WICKREMESINGHE,**  
President.

Presidential Secretariat,  
Colombo 01,  
October 23, 2023.



### SCHEDULE

(1) With reference to the Heading, No. “06. Minister of Investment Promotion” of the said notification, as follows:-

(a) In Column I thereof, by insertion of the following item immediately after itemNo. 9;

10. Implementation of a technology based programme for sparse water utilization in sugarcane cultivation

(b) In Column I thereof, by re-numbering of item numbers 10 and 11 respectively, as numbers 11 and 12;

(c) In Column II thereof, by insertion of the following items immediately after item No. 5;

6. Hingurana Sugar Industry Ltd.

7. Ceylon Sugar (Pvt.) Ltd.

8. Kantale Sugar Company Ltd.

9. Sugar Cane Research Institute

(d) In Column III thereof, by insertion of the following item after the item “Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021”;

- Sugarcane Research Institute Act, No. 75 of 1981

(2) With reference to the Heading, No. “11. Minister of Mass Media “ of the said notification, as follows:-

(a) In Column II thereof, by substitution of following item instead of item No.10;

10. Selacine Media Solutions (PVT) LTD

(3) With reference to the Heading “No. 14. Minister of Agriculture” of the said Notification, as follows :-

(a) By omission of the said Heading and Columns I, II and III under the said Heading and insertion of the following Heading and Columns I, II and III;

SCHEDULE (Contd.)

14. Minister of Agriculture and Plantation Industries

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>	<i>Column III</i>
<i>Duties &amp; Functions</i>	<i>Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations</i>	<i>Laws and Ordinances to be Implemented</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, programmes and projects, in relation to the subject of Agriculture and Plantation Industries, and those subjects that come under the purview of Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations listed in Column II based on the national policies implemented by the government.</li> <li>2. Provision of public services under the purview of the Ministry in an efficient and people friendly manner</li> <li>3. Reforming all systems and procedures using modern management techniques and technology, thus ensuring that the functions of the Ministry are fulfilled while eliminating corruption and waste.</li> <li>4. Food production in such a way has to ensure food security</li> <li>5. Maintenance of stocks and implementation of supply activities, harnessing new technology</li> <li>6. Taking necessary measures to enhance agricultural production based on crops diversification</li> <li>7. Formulation of strategies to guarantee to the consumer community the quality of local agricultural products</li> <li>8. Direct to traditional farmers, youth and students towards agricultural education opportunities with modern technology</li> <li>9. Encourage the development of young agricultural entrepreneurs</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Department of Agriculture</li> <li>2. Department of Agrarian Development</li> <li>3. Agriculture and Agrarian Insurance Board</li> <li>4. Paddy Marketing Board</li> <li>5. Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute</li> <li>6. Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy</li> <li>7. National Agricultural Diversification and Settlement Authority</li> <li>8. National Fertilizer Secretariat</li> <li>9. Ceylon Fertilizer Company Ltd.</li> <li>10. Colombo Commercial Fertilizer Company</li> <li>11. National Hunger Eradication Campaign Board of Sri Lanka (National Food Promotion Board)</li> <li>12. Institute of Post-Harvest Technology</li> <li>13. Department of Animal Production and Health</li> <li>14. National Livestock Development Board and affiliated companies</li> <li>15. Milco (Pvt.) Ltd</li> <li>16. Mahaweli Livestock Enterprise Limited</li> <li>17. Regional Economic Centers</li> <li>18. National Institute of Plantation Management</li> <li>19. Sri Lanka Tea Board</li> <li>20. Tea Small Holdings Development Authority</li> <li>21. Tea Research Institute</li> <li>22. Tea and Rubber Estates (Control and Fragmentation) Board</li> <li>23. Department of Rubber Development</li> <li>24. Rubber Research Institute</li> <li>25. Sri Lanka Rubber Manufacturing and Export Corporation</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Act, No. 20 of 1999</li> <li>• Agrarian Development Act, No. 46 of 2000</li> <li>• Gramodaya Mandala Act, No. 28 of 1982</li> <li>• Felling of Trees (Control) Act, No. 9 of 1951</li> <li>• Seed Act, No. 22 of 2003</li> <li>• Soil Conservation (Amendment) Act, No. 24 of 1996</li> <li>• Paddy Marketing Board Act, No. 14 of 1971</li> <li>• Agrarian Research and Training Institute Act, No. 5 of 1972</li> <li>• Sri Lanka Council For Agricultural Research Policy Act, No. 47 of 1987</li> <li>• State Agricultural Corporation Act, No. 11 of 1972</li> <li>• Control of Pesticides Act, No. 33 of 1980</li> <li>• Plant Protection Act, No. 35 of 1999</li> <li>• Regulation of Fertilizer Act, No. 68 of 1988</li> <li>• National Hunger Eradication Campaign Board of Sri Lanka Act No. 18 of 1973</li> <li>• Animal Diseases Act, No. 59 of 1992</li> <li>• Animal Feed Act, No. 15 of 1986</li> <li>• Animal Act, No. 29 of 1958</li> <li>• Veterinary Surgeons and Practitioners Act, No. 46 of 1956</li> <li>• National Institute of Plantation Management Act, No. 45 of 1979</li> <li>• Tea and Rubber Estates (Control of Fragmentation) Act, No 2 of 1958</li> <li>• Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No 14 of 1975</li> </ul>

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<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>	<i>Column III</i>
<i>Duties &amp; Functions</i>	<i>Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations</i>	<i>Laws and Ordinances to be Implemented</i>
10. Regulate specific standards of chemical pesticides and other chemical compounds 11. Expanding the farmers' pension schemes and, crop insurance schemes for the people who are doing agricultural activities 12. Strengthening the supply chain existing among direct producers, export companies, packaging firms and wholesalers. 13. Minimizing natural disasters by communicating information related to climatic changes and daily weather reports to farmers 14. Implementing methodologies to provide farmers with quality seeds and plants 15. Water management and management of water supply according to farmer requirements 16. Popularizing agricultural development zones, agricultural villages and sustainable home gardening 17. Implementation of programmes for promoting and uplifting small scale agriculture business and organizations 18. Expanding and encouraging programmes for the gradual orientation towards use of organic fertilizer and toxin free food production 19. Efficient implementation of quality fertilizer import and distribution within the government subsidy policy. 20. Formulating methodologies for the timely distribution of standardized chemical fertilizer and environmental friendly organic fertilizer	26. Tea Shakthi Fund 27. Thurusaviya Fund 28. Department of Export Agriculture 29. Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation 30. Spices and Allied Products Marketing Board 31. Coconut Cultivation Board 32. Coconut Development Authority 33. Coconut Research Institute 34. Palmyrah Development Board 35. Kithul Development Board 36. Kapruka Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tea Control Act, No. 51 of 1957</li> <li>• Tea Subsidy Act, No. 12 of 1958</li> <li>• Tea (Tax and Control of Exports) Act, No. 16 of 1959</li> <li>• Tea Research Board Act, No. 52 of 1993</li> <li>• Tea Shakthi Fund Act, No. 47 of 2000</li> <li>• Tea Small Holdings Development Act, No. 35 of 1975</li> <li>• Rubber Replanting Subsidy Act, No. 36 of 1953</li> <li>• Rubber Research Ordinance, No. 10 of 1930</li> <li>• Rubber Control Act, No. 11 of 1956</li> <li>• Thurusaviya Fund Act, No. 23 of 2000</li> <li>• Promotion of Export Agriculture Act (No. 46 of 1992)</li> <li>• Coconut Development Act, No. 46 of 1971</li> <li>• Coconut Research Board Act, No. 37 of 1950</li> <li>• Kapruka Fund Act, No. 31 of 2005</li> <li>• All other legislations pertaining to the subjects specified in Column I and II that have not been specifically brought under the purview of any other Minister</li> </ul>

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<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>	<i>Column III</i>
<i>Duties &amp; Functions</i>	<i>Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations</i>	<i>Laws and Ordinances to be Implemented</i>
<p>21. Encouraging production of organic fertilizer using local raw materials according to international standards</p> <p>22. Implementation of a fair pricing policy and crop diversification programme that is acceptable to the local farmer and consumer</p> <p>23. Implementation of home garden programmes</p> <p>24. Implementation of a systematic mechanism for storage of surplus production</p> <p>25. Implementation of a programme for export of value added agro products</p> <p>26. Introducing a domestic seed policy for production of quality seed to international standards</p> <p>27. Encouraging the private sector to produce quality seeds and planting materials</p> <p>28. Developing government farms and seed production farms</p> <p>29. Minimize food imports by maximizing local production</p> <p>30. Provision of necessary facilities to enhance production in the livestock sector</p> <p>31. Animal welfare and related activities</p> <p>32. Implementation of necessary steps to expand livestock related research by using modern technology leading to qualitative and quantitative increase in production.</p> <p>33. Popularization of scientific breeding methods for the improvement of animal population in the livestock sector and activities related to protection and quarantine of such animals against diseases</p>		

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<i>Duties &amp; Functions</i>	<i>Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations</i>	<i>Laws and Ordinances to be Implemented</i>
34. Encouraging the development of small and medium scale farms to suit different geographical regions 35. Promotion and export of livestock related products 36. Providing required land and investment facilities to construct medium and large scale cattle farms 37. Expanding opportunities for local production and consumption by promoting small and medium scale producers 38. Administration and personnel management of the Sri Lanka Animal Production and Health Service 39. Broadening the market for local farm products 40. Cultivation of maize required for animal feed within the country 41. Administration and personnel management of Sri Lanka Agricultural Service 42. Enhance international competitiveness for productivity in the plantation industry 43. Take necessary steps to foster value added products - related industries based on plantation crops that target the international market. 44. Matters relating to the development, promotion and research activities of tea, rubber and coconut industries 45. Limit to the maximum extent, the fragmentation of tea, rubber and coconut estates for human settlements		

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<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>	<i>Column III</i>
<i>Duties &amp; Functions</i>	<i>Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations</i>	<i>Laws and Ordinances to be Implemented</i>
<p>46. Increase the use of new technology for the plantation crop industry</p> <p>47. Increase the availability of raw material for rubber products industry through encouragement of small and medium scale rubber estate owners</p> <p>48. Issuance of licenses related to tea and rubber</p> <p>49. Promote rural tea cultivation and encourage small tea holders</p> <p>50. Issuance of permits for export of tea</p> <p>51. Expansion of the international tea market for Ceylon Tea with the participation of both state and private sectors</p> <p>52. Development of crop based cultivation including lands owned by public and private plantation companies</p> <p>53. Encouragement of rubber related products aimed at local and foreign markets</p> <p>54. Formulation and implementation of a plan for proper utilization of lands in the estate sector</p> <p>55. Issuance of licenses related to fragmentation of tea, rubber and coconut and their control</p> <p>56. Implementation of a programme to encourage small plantation crop growers.</p> <p>57. Introduction of high yielding varieties to farmers in collaboration with research institutes.</p>		

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<p>58. Expansion of export market opportunities and production of high value items through value addition to local products using modern technology.</p> <p>59. Take measures to direct small scale agri-entrepreneurs to the global economy by ensuring the security of the minor crops industry.</p> <p>60. Provision of necessary incentives and facilities to increase the yield by supplying quality seeds and plants for minor crop cultivations.</p> <p>61. Implementation of policies for promotion of sustainable resource use and bio protection including value added production.</p> <p>62. Development of local crops such as cinnamon and pepper for the export market under the Sri Lanka Brand instead of re-export.</p> <p>63. Establish export villages for small plantation crops.</p> <p>64. Development, promotion and research on coconut, kithul and palmyrah related industries.</p> <p>65. Development of strategies to meet the local demand for coconut, and to export of value added products of coconut, thambili and kurumba.</p> <p>66. Optimum utilization of plantation lands through multiple cropping and integrated farming, thereby increasing production and employment.</p> <p>67. Introduction of high yielding coconut plant varieties, taking into consideration geographical factors.</p>		



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68. Development of technology infused coconut, kitul and palmyrah based industries targeting the local and foreign markets. 69. Matters relating to all other subjects assigned to Institutions listed in Column II 70. Supervision of all Institutions listed in Column II		

(4) With reference to the Heading “No. 18. Minister of Plantation Industries” of the said Notification, as follows :-

By omission of the said Heading and Columns I, II and III under the said Heading;

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