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### PART I: SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### **Government Notifications**

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

#### **Notification**

BY virtue of the powers vested in statute 44(5) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and 52(1) of the Constitution, the Secretary to the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology is acting as the Chief Accounting Officer and do hereby notify that the activities and functions of the following Schedule pertaining to the Departments, Statutory bodies and State Corporations vested in me as the Minister of Information and Communication Technology, in terms of the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2153/12 of 10th December 2019, are herewith entrusted to the State Minister of Information and Communication Technology, Mr. Lakshman Yapa Abeywardena with effect from the date mentioned herein this notification.

Dr. Bandula Gunawardana, Minister of Information and Communication Technology.



#### **SCHEDULE**

### Column I Duties and Functions

- 1. Adoption of necessary measures to ensure the people's right to correct information.
- Formulation of strategies for the mass media to contribute as a proactive agent in economic, social, cultural and political fields by focusing people's attitudes on positive aspects.
- Taking necessary measures for dissemination of news to the public in coordination with the relevant state institutions tasked with the release of state official communications and press releases.
- Release of relevant information on Sri Lanka to local and foreign media institutions.
- Provisions of information and publicity material to Sri Lanka Missions abroad.
- 6. Implementation of international agreements and conventions relating to publications.
- 7. Provision of diversified business oriented modern postal service adopting state-of-the Art technology and management methodologies and efficient operations of local and overseas postal services.
- 8. Agency payment activities in respect of the other departments.
- Administration of Sri Lanka Philatelic Bureau.

# Column II Departments, Statutory Institutions & Public Corporations

- 1. Department of Information
- 2. Sri Lanka Press Council
- 3. Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd.
- 4. Lanka Puwath Ltd.
- 5. Mahinda Rajapaksha National Tele Cinema Park (Ranminithenna)
- 6. Right to Information Commission
- 7. Postal Department

# Column III Laws and Ordinance to be Implemented

- The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (Special Provisions) Act, No. 28 of 1973.
- Newspapers Ordinance, No. 5 of 1839
- Rigth to Information Act, No. 12 of 2016