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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

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#### THE MEDIATION (SPECIAL CATEGORIES OF DISPUTES) ACT, No. 21 OF 2003

##### Order under Sections 2, 3 and 8

BY Virtue of the powers vested in me by Sections 2, 3 and 8 of the Mediation (Special Categories of Disputes) Act, No. 21 of 2003, I, Mohammed Ali Sabry, Minister of Justice, do by this Order-

- (1) determine that the categories of disputes to which the provisions of the aforesaid Act shall apply in regard to the settlement through mediation, shall be-
  - (a) all disputes relating to State lands; and
  - (b) all disputes relating to private lands, other than-
    - (i) disputes under Section 66 of the Primary Court's Procedure Act, No. 44 of 1979 which have been referred to Primary Courts;
    - (ii) disputes with regard to the recovery of premises given on rent or lease; and
    - (iii) disputes relating to the rights of third parties or co-owners who were not parties to mediation in co-ownership disputes.
- (2) specify all Administrative Districts of Sri Lanka as Special Mediation Board Areas within which the settlement of such disputes shall be carried out;
- (3) specify that the monetary value of the subject matter of the category of disputes determined under paragraph (1) in regard to the settlement through mediation arising wholly or partly within such Special Mediation Board Areas Specified in paragraph (2) shall be less than Rupees one Million (Rs. 1,000,000/-);



(4) revoke the Orders-

- (a) made under Section 2 of the aforesaid Act and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1901/8 of February 10, 2015;
- (b) made under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1904/41 of 04th March, 2015, *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2058/26 of 14th February, 2018 and *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2217/38 of 05th March, 2021 respectively; and
- (c) made under Section 8 of the aforesaid Act and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1907/10 of 23rd March, 2015

without prejudice to anything done thereunder.

(5) Specify that-

- (a) any dispute coming under the categories of disputes determined by the Order referred to in Sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (4) arising within such Special Mediation Board Areas as determined by Orders specified in Sub paragraph (b) of paragraph (4), where the monetary value of the subject matter of such dispute is less than the monetary value specified by the Order referred to in Sub paragraph (c) of paragraph (4) and pending before any Panel of Mediators on the date of coming into operation of this Order,

shall be continued and completed; and

- (b) any terms of the settlement or a certificate of non-settlement issued in terms of the provisions of the aforesaid Act for any dispute relating to the possession and ownership of land coming under the categories of disputes determined by the Orders referred to in Sub-paragraph (a) continue to be valid and effectual, and be enforced accordingly,

notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (4).

MOHAMMED ALI SABRY PC,  
Minister of Justice.

at Colombo.  
04th January, 2022.

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