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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

UNDER SECTION 03 OF THE REGULATION OF ELECTION EXPENDITURE ACT, No. 3 OF 2023

THE authorized amount that could be incurred by recognized political parties, Independent Groups and candidates contesting the Parliamentary Election - 2024 to elect members to the Electoral Districts established under the written law, in pursuance of the provisions of the Parliamentary Elections Act. No. 1 of 1981, for Election Propaganda activities, as fixed by the Election Commission, in consultation with recognized political parties and Independent Groups in accordance with Section 03 of the Regulation of Election Expenditure Act, No. 3 of 2023, is indicated in the Schedule below.

R. M. A. L. RATHNAYAKE,
Chairman,
Election Commission.

M. A. P. C. PERERA,
Member,
Election Commission.

AMEER FAAIZ,
Member,
Election Commission.

A. SHANMUGANATHAN,
Member,
Election Commission.

Prof. LAKSHMAN DISSANAYAKE,
Member,
Election Commission.

Election Commission,
Sarana Mawatha,
Rajagiriya,
On this 15th day of October, 2024.



Schedule

01. The maximum limit of expenditure that could be incurred per elector registered in the valid electoral register of the electoral district, by a political party, an independent group and a candidate contesting the Parliamentary Election 2024, in which they are contesting, is shown below as (i) in Annexure – 01
02. According to the provisions of section 3(4) of the Election Expenditure Act No. 3 of 2023, a political party, an independent group and a candidate contesting the Parliamentary Election 2024 shall incur the authorized amount resulting from the multiplication of the amount determined to be incurred on one elector registered in the valid electoral register for each electoral district in relation to the Parliamentary Election 2024 and the total number of electors registered in valid electoral register in relation to the Parliamentary Election 2024, as campaign expenses and it is specified as (ii) in Annexure – 01
03. Accordingly, a political party, an independent group and candidates shall incur authorized amounts as listed below.
 - I. A candidate shall incur a sum of sixty percent (60%) of the amount, divided by the number of candidates contesting from a political party or an independent group in the respective electoral district, as given in (iii) of Annexure – 01
 - II. A political party or an independent group shall incur a sum of thirty nine percent and five tenth (39.5%) of the amount, as given in (iv) of Annexure – 01
 - III. A candidate representing the national list shall incur a sum of five tenth percent (0.5%) of the amount, divided by the number of candidates of the national list *i.e.* 29, as given in (v) of Annexure – 01

As the authorized amount is determined according to the electoral districts contested by each political party, the maximum expenditure limit that can be incurred by a political party and a national list candidate is determined by the number of electoral districts contested by each political party and the respective authorized amount.
04. The election expenditure reports should be prepared, audited and handed over to the Returning officers/ District Election offices by the political party, independent group or the candidate, as the case may be, with attestation of the signature of the candidate by Commissioner of Oaths or Justice of the Peace within a period of twenty one (21) days from the date of declaration of results of the election.

This report should include,

- i. An estimated cost of all donations and contributions, accepted or received in cash or kind by such recognized or other political party or candidate, stating whether they are donations, loans, advances or deposits,
- ii. Name, address and number of NIC, TIN of the IRD or the registration number of the donor, contributor, or the institution incorporated or non-incorporated, who made the donation or contribution.

This report should include expenditure on

- a. All media activities (propaganda notices, handbills, posters, banners, pictures, photographs advertisements *etc.*),
- b. Radio and television programs,
- c. News bulletins, magazines, periodicals, social media, digital exposes or any other digital media or publications, and
- d. Supply of fuel to vehicles

with the information whether the payments were made or not, if paid, the bills, if not paid, the name, NIC number and address of the person who provided the particular service/ donations

This report should not include the expenditure on

- a. Transport costs of the candidate
- b. Costs on stationery, telephone charges or any other communication mode

05. The Election Commission or Returning Officer will publish a notice within 10 days of the receipt of such report in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages, at least in one national newspaper, informing the date, time and place where the report could be scrutinized.
06. Any person is allowed to obtain a copy of such report after making the payments prescribed by the Election Commission. Relevant rates can be obtained from the Returning Officers.
07. In terms of the Parliamentary Elections Act No. 01 of 1981, the failure to submit the reports by the recognized political party or independent group or candidate before the stipulated date, and submission of defective reports, is an offence, and will be subject to penalties thereunder.
08. (1). In the Parliamentary Election 2024, any recognized political party or independent group or candidate should not solicit or accept directly or indirectly any donation, contribution in cash or in kind for the purpose of promotion or accommodation of any party or candidate from,
 - a. Any government department, public corporation or company incorporated under the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 or any Act prior to the promulgation of this Act
 - b. Any foreign state, international organization, or a body incorporated outside Sri Lanka
 - c. Any company incorporated in Sri Lanka under the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 or under any previous law where fifty or more shares held directly or indirectly by foreign ownership, or
 - d. Any person whose identity is not established
- (2). Any candidate who violates the provisions of the Subsection (1) commits an offence of an illegal practice within the meaning of the Parliamentary Elections Act No. 01 of 1981 and is subject to the penalties thereunder.

Annexure 01

Number	Electoral District	Number of Registered Electors	Maximum limit of expenditure per elector (Rs.) (i)	Total Authorised amount(Rs.) (ii)	Number of candidates	Amount to be incurred by a candidate (Rs.) (iii)	Amount to be incurred by a political party/ independent group (Rs.) (iv)	Amount to be incurred by a National List candidate (Rs.) (v)
1	Colombo	1,765,351	114	201,250,014	21	5,750,000	79,493,756	34,698
2	Gampaha	1,881,129	110	206,924,190	22	5,643,387	81,735,055	35,677
3	Kalutara	1,024,244	108	110,618,352	14	4,740,787	43,694,249	19,072
4	Mahanuwara	1,191,399	108	128,671,092	15	5,146,844	50,825,081	22,185
5	Matale	429,991	107	46,009,037	8	3,450,678	18,173,570	7,933
6	Nuwara Eliya	605,292	110	66,582,120	11	3,631,752	26,299,937	11,480
7	Galle	903,163	109	98,444,767	12	4,922,238	38,885,683	16,973
8	Matara	686,175	109	74,793,075	10	4,487,585	29,543,265	12,895
9	Hambantota	520,940	111	57,824,340	10	3,469,460	22,840,614	9,970
10	Jaffna	593,187	100	59,318,700	9	3,954,580	23,430,887	10,227
11	Vanni	306,081	82	25,098,642	9	1,673,243	9,913,964	4,327
12	Batticaloa	449,686	110	49,465,460	8	3,709,910	19,538,857	8,529
13	Digamadulla	555,432	113	62,763,816	10	3,765,829	24,791,707	10,821
14	Trincomalee	315,925	115	36,331,375	7	3,114,118	14,350,893	6,264
15	Kurunegala	1,417,226	107	151,643,182	18	5,054,773	59,899,057	26,145
16	Puttalam	663,673	109	72,340,357	11	3,945,838	28,574,441	12,472
17	Anuradhapura	741,862	110	81,604,820	12	4,080,241	32,233,904	14,070
18	Polonnaruwa	351,302	109	38,291,918	8	2,871,894	15,125,308	6,602
19	Badulla	705,772	109	76,929,148	12	3,846,457	30,387,013	13,264
20	Moneragala	399,166	110	43,908,260	9	2,927,217	17,343,763	7,570
21	Ratnapura	923,736	110	101,610,960	14	4,354,755	40,136,329	17,519
22	Kegalle	709,622	108	76,639,176	12	3,831,959	30,272,475	13,214

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