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### Proclamations & C., by the President

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BY HIS EXCELLENCY GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA  
PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

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GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA

### Presidential Directive

To :

1. Hon. Namal Rajapaksa Esquire, M.P.  
Minister of Youth and Sports
2. Hon. Nimal Lanza Esquire, M.P.  
State Minister of Rural Roads and other Infrastructure
3. Hon. Dilum Amunugama Esquire, M.P.  
State Minister of Vehicle Regulation, Bus Transport Services and Train  
Compartments and Motor Car Industry
4. Hon. Kanchana Wijesekara Esquire, M.P.  
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5. Hon. Seetha Arambepola, M.P.  
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State Minister of Production, Supply and Regulation of Pharmaceuticals



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13. Hon. Gevindu Kumaratunga Esquire, M.P.
14. Hon. Sivanethurai Chandrakanthan Esquire, M.P.
15. Hon. Chinthaka Amal Mayadunne Esquire, M.P.
16. Hon. Jayantha Weerasinghe Esquire, PC, M.P.

Greetings !

As it has been recognized the necessity of an active and viable mechanism to identify and address the fundamental problems of the grass-roots community in order to meet the aspirations of the people for access to people-centered economic development empowered by the rural economy as mentioned in the government's policy statement, "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour",

And, While considering about the active phases of the government's leading program, "Gama Samaga Pilisandara" (Dialogue with the Village) which aims at rural economic development, by identifying local geological, environmental, cultural, social and economic disparities at the grass-roots level and creating new opportunities for the rural areas that are being disadvantaged due to those disparities are being launched all over Sri Lanka,

And, observing that directing and monitoring the said programme towards aimed, definite results while coinciding with the goals of the Government and the needs of the people an essential thing,

I, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, hereby appoint aforesaid you,

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as the members of the Presidential Task Force for “Gama Samaga Pilisandara” (Dialogue with the Village) rural development, in terms of powers vested in me by Article 33 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, while keeping the great devotion and trust on their discretion, success and reliability to perform the following duties :

1. Direct all the officers at the divisional level as per the service requirements, including the District Secretary, Divisional Secretary and all other Heads of Institutions, to expedite the implementation of my advice and directives on the issues and problems raised by the people in the “Gama Samaga Pilisandara” (Dialogue with the Village) Program,
2. Take necessary steps to make the said programs efficient in a manner that meets the expectations of the people while continuously monitoring the progress of rural development activities at the regional level focused the “Gama Samaga Pilisandara” (Dialogue with the Village),
3. Make arrangements to deploy Grama Niladhari, Development Officers (State Ministry of Home Affairs), Agricultural Research Assistants (Agrarian Services Department), Samurdhi Development Monitors and Officers (Department of Samurdhi Development), Family Health Officers (Health Department) who have appointed covering each and every village to provide Residential Level Projects, technical and consulting services,
4. Accelerate projects such as roads, drinking water supply, electricity, telecommunications, playgrounds, schools, hospitals, vocational training institutes, urban universities, land transfers, banks and financial facilities, markets, stores and infrastructure implemented by national level government agencies for implementation in the Pradeshiya Sabha and Divisional Secretariat areas implemented under the 2021-2023 budget allocations,
5. Accelerate the expeditious implementation of all projects implemented by local and foreign funds under the Public Investment Program within the targeted time frame and with the standards,
6. Strengthening the residential economy by cultivating vegetables, fruits, coconuts, jackfruits and breadfruits in residential lands and setup housing and sanitary facilities in those lands,
7. Direct and provide necessary instructions for the budgetary management along with the Secretary to the Treasury or a Deputy Secretary to the Treasury authorized by him to coordinate with the Budget Department and the Treasury Operations Department to make the necessary allocations systematically,
8. Since the Department of Management Services has approved staffing requirement for the provision of employment to low income recipients by the Multipurpose Development Task Force. The Deployment of labour productively from relevant areas by the Multipurpose Development Task Force being the staff required to development work at grass-root level for rural development, clearance work of schools, hospitals, rural roads, Pradeshiya Sabhas, weekly fairs, making elephant fences and maintenance, instruction for supervision and guidance,

And, I do hereby appoint, Hon. Namal Rajapaksa Esquire, Minister of Youth and Sports as the Chairman of said Task Force.

And, I do hereby require and direct all public officers and such other persons to whom the Task Force may issue instructions or apply for assistance for information, to comply with such instructions, render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may properly be complied with, rendered and furnished, in that behalf.

And, I do hereby require and direct the said Task Force to report to me all instances where any Government employee or an officer in any Ministry, Government Department, State Corporation or any such Institution who delay the performance of duties and fulfillment of responsibilities or fail to perform such duties and responsibilities to be entrusted by the said Task Force.

Additional Secretary to the President, Ms. Chandima Wickramasinghe will coordinate the necessary activities by providing all the necessary information related to “Gama Samaga Pilisandara” (Dialogue with the Village).

Given at Colombo under the Seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the 09 day of April Two Thousand and Twenty One.

By His Excellency's Command,

**P. B. JAYASUNDARA,**  
Secretary to the President.