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PART IV (A) — PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Provincial Council Notifications

WESTERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Administration of Local Authorities Statute No. of 2019 of Western Province Provincial Council

I, for the acknowledgment of public, hereby notify that the approval of Board of Ministers of Western Province has been granted for the draft of Statute described in the following Schedule of this Statute of Administration of Local Authorities under the decision of Board of Ministers No. : VI/130/08-2018-02-(i) and dated 13.08.2018 and it is scheduled to be proposed by me for the approval of Western Provincial Council.

ISURA DEVAPRIYA,
Chief Minister of Western Province and
Minister of Local Government, Economic Promotion,
Power and Energy, Environmental Affairs,
Water Supply and Drainage and Tourist Affairs.

18th April, 2019.

ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES STATUTE No. OF 2019 OF WESTERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

A Statute to provide provisions for the administration and supervision of affairs relevant for the duties and functions of the Local Authorities of Western Province for obtaining information and documents relevant for it including the incidentals thereto.



This Statute is inconsistent to the Section 278 of Municipal Council Ordinance, Section 197 of the Urban Council Ordinance and Section 196 of Pradeshiya Sabha Act, No. 15 of 1987.

Be it enacted by the Western Province Provincial Council of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Short Title and the Date of Operation	1. This Statute is referred to as the Administration of Local Authorities Statute No. of 2019 of Western Province Provincial Council and shall come into operation on the date of receiving the assent granted by the Governor of Western Province.
Objective of the Statute	2. An Investigation Officer who engages in an investigation task relevant thereto or any officer for whom the power has been specifically delegated for the same by the Minister or the Commissioner, may request the Administrative Officer of the Local Authority or any other officer for whom the power has been delegated by him for that task ; for a document or a book which is under the custody of Local Authorities and with regard to the execution of powers or to perform the duties thereof or its administration, a certain task that is being carried out or was being carried out under the order of the Council or a document, file relevant thereto, Minutes of a committee of the Council or a committee appointed by the Council, a piece of information regarding and income, expense relevant to the fund of the Local Authority or reports on accounts or copies of such documents or a piece of information relevant to a property which is under the control of the Local Authority and may take them into custody for the function of inspecting.
Powers and Authority	3. The Commissioner or the Investigation Officer for whom the power is delegated for the <i>ad hoc</i> , shall have the power and authority to enter a Local Authority or any premises which is under the control of the Local Authority, to perform the function of inspecting which is mentioned under the above Section 2. 4. Where a document, file, book or any other information is requested, deliberately neglecting or obstructing to provide such information shall be an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs. 5,000 after having been convicted by a Magistrate Court.
Interpretation	5. In this Statute, unless the context otherwise requires : “Minister” means the Minister of Western Province, who is in-charge of the Subject. “Local Authorities” means Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabha of Western Province. “Commissioner of Local Government” means the Western Provincial Commissioner of Local Government. “Investigating Officer” means a Senior Investigating Officers that bears a post in Provincial Council Public Service having been attached to the Department of Local Government of Western Province or an Investigation Officer. 6. In the event of any inconsistency between Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Statute, the Sinhala text shall prevail.