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PART I: SECTION (I) – GENERAL

Government Notifications

THE STATE AGRICULTURAL CORPORATIONS ACT, No.11 OF 1972 Order under Section 2

I, Gardihewa Sarath Chandralal Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development do by this Order with the concurrence of the Minister to whom the subject of Finance is assigned and the Minister to whom the subject of National Policies is assigned, amend the Order made by me under Section 2 of the State Agricultural Corporations Act, No. 11 of 1972 and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 302/12 of February 1, 1978 as follows:-

- 1. By the repeal of paragraph (5) and the substitution therefore of the following:"(5) state that the principal place of business of the Authority shall be Colombo;"
- 2. By the repeal of paragraphs (7) and (8).
- 3. By the substitution for the words "FIRST SCHEDULE" of the word "Schedule";
- 4. In item (1) of the Schedule, by the substitution for the words "government or non-government agencies in such areas that may be specified by the Minister, from time to time;" of the words "government or non-government agencies;";
- 5. In item (5) of the Schedule, by the substitution for the words and figure "specified in paragraph (1)." of the words and figure "specified in paragraph (1);"
 - 6. Immediately after item (5) of the Schedule, by the insertion of the following new items:-
 - "(6) to encourage, promote and assist both local and foreign agro -industry investments in commercial farming or any other agricultural enterprise;
 - (7) to formulate and execute plans, deliver services and provide expertise to establish and manage such agro-industry investments undertaken by non-government agencies, private sector of farmers either in partnership with the Authority or without the Authority.".



- 7. By the repeal of the SECOND SCHEDULE without prejudice to anything done thereunder.
- 8. In this Order-
 - (a) "agro industry" means any enterprise or institution delivering material inputs to the farming sector and transforming, distributing or otherwise adding value to agricultural raw material targeting both local and international market demands;
 - (b) "Commercial farming" includes crop farming, livestock farming and horticulture, floriculture and sericulture targeting the market demands; and
 - (c) "other agricultural enterprises" includes tissue culture, manufacturing of organic fertilizer, processing of food and edible oil, pharmaceutical manufacturing using medicinal crops, agro tourism, manufacturing of agricultural machinery and other ancillary equipment and such other industries based on agriculture, horiculture and plantation

Field Marshal Gardihewa Sarath Chandralal Fonseka, Minister of Regional Development.

Ministry of Regional Development, No. 1090, Sri Jayawardenapura Road, Rajagiriya. 07th July, 2017.

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