



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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**CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979**

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*Presented by the Minister of Justice on 21st June, 2016*

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**[Bill No. 116]**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2 :* This clause amends section 431 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and the legal effect of the section as amended is to—

- (a) make provision to reduce the period granted for a person to establish his claim for seized property taken under section 29 or stolen; and
- (b) increase the value of the property for which notification is required under that section.

*Clause 3 :* This clause amends section 432 of the principal enactment and provides for a consequential amendment to the marginal note of that section.

*Code of Criminal Procedure*  
(Amendment)

L. D.—O. 44/2015.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE  
ACT, NO. 15 OF 1979

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist  
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, No. of 2016. Short title.

5    2. Section 431 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended as follows:— Amendment  
of section  
431 of Act,  
No. 15 of  
1979.

10        (a) in subsection (2) of that section, by the substitution for the words “within six months” of the words “within two months”; and

      (b) in subsection (3) of that section, by the substitution for the words “two thousand five hundred rupees or more.” of the words “twenty five thousand rupees or more.”.

15    3. Section 432 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of the marginal note to that section and the substitution therefor of the following:— Amendment  
of section  
432 of the  
principal  
enactment.

      “Procedure where no claimant appears within two months.”.

20    4. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. Sinhala text  
to prevail in  
case of  
inconsistency.

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