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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

##### Notification

IT is hereby notified that the notification issued by me in the exercise of powers vested in me under Articles 44 (1), 45 (1) and 47 (1) (a) (b) respectively of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2187/27 of 09<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 and amended by time to time, is further amended with effect from February 15, 2021 in the manner set out below.

**GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA,**  
President.

Presidential Secretariat,  
Colombo 01,  
February 15, 2021.



- (1) The Heading "No. 1.1 State Minister of National Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management" and "01. Subjects and Functions, 02. Special Priorities and 03. Related Institutional and Legal Framework" under thereof in that notification is as follows;

### 1.1 State Minister of National Security and Disaster Management

#### 01. Subjects and Functions

1. Assisting in the formulation of policies in relation to the subject of National Security and Disaster Management for the creation of a "secure country" under the direction and guidance of the Minister of Defence in conformity with the prescribed Laws, Acts and Ordinances and implementing, projects under the National Budget, State Investment and National Development Programme, and implementing, monitoring and evaluating subjects and functions of the below-mentioned Departments, State Corporations and Statutory Organizations.

#### 02. Special Priorities

1. Administration, services and welfare activities relating to retired deceased and disabled personnel who served in the tri-forces and members of their families
2. Strengthening regulation of NGOs through necessary legal and institutional frameworks to act with people-centric focus, transparency and social responsibility.
3. Modernizing the administration of immigration and emigration and maintaining it as an efficient service.
4. Strengthening institutional structures by coordinating risk management centres and relief service centres for early identification of risks related to natural disasters, disaster prevention, disaster mitigation and efficiently restoring affected parties.
5. Strengthening the Department of Meteorology with state-of-the-art technology and knowledge to accurately forecast disaster situations.
6. Developing a "National Disaster Database" comprising disaster affected areas, disaster vulnerable areas, persons, properties, businesses and agricultural lands affected by disasters.

#### 03. Related Institutional and Legal Framework

<i>Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations</i>	<i>Laws and Ordinance to be Implemented</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Department of Registrar General</li> <li>2. Department of Immigration and Emigration</li> <li>3. Secretariat for Non-Governmental Organizations</li> <li>4. National Disaster Management Council</li> <li>5. Disaster Management Centre</li> <li>6. National Disaster Relief Services Centre</li> <li>7. Department of Meteorology</li> <li>8. National Building Research Organization</li> <li>9. Rakna Arakshana Lanka Ltd.</li> <li>10. National Authority for the implementation of Chemical Weapons Convention</li> <li>11. National Dangerous Drugs Control Board</li> <li>12. Defence Services School</li> <li>13. National Defence Fund</li> <li>14. Defence Research and Development Centre</li> <li>15. Sri Lanka Institute of National Defence Studies</li> <li>16. Sri Lanka Institute of National Defence Studies</li> <li>17. Ranaviru Seva Authority</li> <li>18. Api Wenuwen Api Fund</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Births and Deaths Registration Act, No.17 of 1951</li> <li>• Kandyan Marriage and Divorce Act, No. 44 of 1952</li> <li>• Marriage and Divorce (Muslim) Act, No. 13 of 1951</li> <li>• Notaries Ordinance No. 1 of 1907</li> <li>• Registration of Documents Ordinance No .23 of 1927</li> <li>• Marriage Registration (General) Ordinance No. 19 of 1907</li> <li>• Trust Ordinance No. 09 of 1917</li> <li>• Land (Restrictions on Alienation) Act No. 38 of 2014</li> <li>• Stamp Act, No. 12 of 2006</li> <li>• Increase of Fines Act, No. 12 of 2005</li> <li>• Revocation of Irrevocable Deeds of Gift on the Ground of Gross Ingratitude Act, No. 05 of 2017</li> <li>• Apartment Ownership Act, No. 11 of 1973</li> <li>• Power of Attorney Ordinance No. 4 of 1902</li> <li>• Land Development Ordinance No. 16 of 1969</li> <li>• Adoption of Children Ordinance, No. 24 of 1941</li> <li>• Consular Functions Act, No. 4 of 1981</li> </ul>

### 03. Related Institutional and Legal Framework (Contd.)

<i>Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations</i>	<i>Laws and Ordinance to be Implemented</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration of Deaths (Temporary) Act, No. 16 of 2016</li> <li>• Registration of Deaths (Temporary Provisions) Act, No. 19 of 2010</li> <li>• Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998</li> <li>• Immigrants and Emigrants Act, No. 20 of 1948</li> <li>• Citizenship Act, No. 18 of 1948</li> <li>• Grant of Citizenship to Persons of Indian Origin Act, No. 35 of 2003</li> <li>• Grant of Citizenship to Stateless Persons Act, No. 5 of 1986</li> <li>• Grant of Citizenship to Stateless Persons (Special Provisions) Act, No. 39 of 1988</li> <li>• Voluntary Social Service Organizations (Registration and Supervision) Act, No. 31 of 1980</li> <li>• Sri Lanka Disaster Management Act, No. 13 of 2005</li> <li>• Chemical Weapons Convention Act, No. 58 of 2007</li> <li>• Private Security Agencies Act, No. 45 of 1998</li> <li>• Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, No. 1 of 2008</li> <li>• Drug Dependent Persons (Treatment and Rehabilitation) Act, No. 54 of 2007</li> <li>• National Dangerous Drugs Control Board Act, No. 11 of 1984</li> <li>• Ranaviru Seva Authority Act, No. 54 of 1999</li> <li>• Api Wenuwen Api Fund Act, No. 6 of 2008</li> </ul>

(2) By insertion of the following new Heading and "01. Subjects and Functions, 02. Special Priorities and 03. Related Institutional and Legal Framework" under thereof after the Heading No. "1.1 State Minister of National Security and Disaster Management" in that notification;

#### 1.2 State Minister of Home Affairs

##### 01. Subjects and Functions

1. Assisting in the formulation of policies in relation to the subject of Home Affairs for the creation of a "secure country" under the direction and guidance of the Minister of Defence in conformity with the prescribed Laws, Acts and Ordinances and implementing, projects under the National Budget, State Investment and National Development Programme, and implementing, monitoring and evaluating subjects and functions of the below-mentioned Departments, State Corporations and Statutory Organizations.

##### 02. Special Priorities

1. To facilitate the shift towards the concept of public servant from the concept of public officer for people-centric public service delivery  
To facilitate strengthening the delivery of citizen-centric services provided by District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats.

### 03. Related Institutional and Legal Framework

<i>Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations</i>	<i>Laws and Ordinance to be Implemented</i>
1. All District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer of Powers (Divisional Secretaries) Act, No. 58 of 1992</li> <li>• Leave Act, No. 29 of 1971</li> </ul>

(3) By omission of "01. Subjects and Functions, 02. Special Priorities and 03. Related Institutional and Legal Framework, under the Heading No. "16.1 State Minister of Land Management, State Enterprises Land and Property Development" of the said Notification :-

(4) "03. Special Priorities and 04. Related Institutional and Legal Framework" under the Heading "No. 16.0 Minister of Lands" of the said Notification is as follows:-

#### 03. Special Priorities

1. Providing encouragement and opportunities by leasing out underutilized state lands on long-term basis under a cultivation cooperative system to grow raw materials to resolve the problem of finding raw materials related to carpentry, rattan and reed industries
2. Co-ordinating with required agencies and expediting grant of compensation after due assessment of persons, housing and other property, lands and agricultural lands affected by large irrigation projects such as Mahaweli, Uma Oya, Moragahakanda
3. Implementing the programmes to lease out state lands and lands that had been acquired by the State for public projects, for agricultural purposes and to enable farmers to do the cultivations
4. Introducing organic crops and floriculture with local and foreign demand to unutilized lands owned by estate companies and state-owned farms and expanding the cultivation of supplementary crops which suit the climate
5. Formulating a national policy on land use taking into consideration the historical and archaeological factors, natural resources, urbanization and future requirements
6. Creating and maintaining an updated database on lands
7. Formulating an efficient methodology with information technological access to provide information and services related to lands, land surveying and land mapping
8. Developing a methodology to release lands for landless, low-income earners, productive manufacturing activities, and development and investment projects in an expeditious manner, subsequent to a review on processes related to land acquisition and land distribution
9. Expedite "Bim Saviya" programme guaranteeing land ownership, prevent the emergence of a landless community after sale of a land and develop policies and legal framework to obtain banking, financial and insurance activities on the basis of land ownerships
10. Implementing a clear policy on residual land use
11. Providing lands needed for the development of the country in a prompt and regularized manner
12. Formulating an efficient mechanism to resolve issues related to state lands that had already been distributed among the public
13. Implementing a methodology of issuing Title Certificates with accurate survey information expeditiously in order to assert ownership of lands under the 'Bim Saviya' program

14. Implementing a program in collaboration with banks and other relevant institutions to distribute 100,000 land plots among the youth providing them with opportunities to invest in state lands as a project to encourage youth entrepreneurship
15. Formulating a legal method to utilize lands with maximum productivity focusing on identification of issues pertaining to unutilized and underutilized lands that could be utilized
16. Implementing the programmes to develop private lands that had been acquired for development schemes, yet have never been utilized following a proper assessment of the development requirements
17. Expediting the existing processes of compensation and provision of alternative lands to individuals who have been affected by natural disasters or due to development schemes carried out by the government
18. Implementing state enterprises land and property development programmes

#### 04. Related Institutional and Legal Framework

<i>Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations</i>	<i>Laws and Ordinance to be Implemented</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Department of Land Commissioner General</li> <li>2. Land Reform Commission</li> <li>3. Department of Surveyor General of Sri Lanka</li> <li>4. Institute of Surveying and Mapping</li> <li>5. Land Survey Council</li> <li>6. Department of Land Use Policy Planning</li> <li>7. Department of Land Settlement</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Reforms Commission Act, No. 1 of 1972</li> <li>• Land Acquisition Act, No. 9 of 1950</li> <li>• Land Development Ordinance, No. 19 of 1935</li> <li>• Land Redemption Ordinance, No. 61 of 1942</li> <li>• State Land Grants (Special Provisions) Act, No. 43 of 1979</li> <li>• State Land Ordinance, No. 8 of 1947</li> <li>• State Lands (Recovery of Possession) Act, No. 7 of 1979</li> <li>• Survey Act, No.17 of 2002</li> <li>• Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998</li> <li>• Land Settlement Ordinance, No. 20 of 1931</li> </ul>