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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
SRI LANKA**

**DECLARATION OF ASSETS AND
LIABILITIES (AMENDMENT)**

A

BILL

to amend the Declaration of Assets and Liabilities Law, No. 1 of 1975

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Declaration of Assets and Liabilities (Amendment)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DECLARATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
LAW, NO. 1 OF 1975

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Declaration of Assets and Liabilities (Amendment) Act, No. of 2021. Short title.

5 2. Section 2 of the Principle Law is hereby amended by
repealing sub-section 2 (1) of the said Law and by the
substitution of the following paragraphs:-

10 “2. (1) The Provisions of this Law shall apply to every
person belonging to anyone of the following
classes or descriptions of persons:-

(a) the President of the Republic;

(b) the Speaker of the Parliament;

(c) the Ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers,
other Ministers and Deputy Ministers;

15 (d) Members of Parliament;

(e) Judges and public officers appointed by
the President; public officers appointed
by the Cabinet of Ministers;

20 (f) Members of the Constitutional Council
who are not Members of Parliament
appointed in terms of Article 41A (1) (e) of
the Constitution;

25 (g) Members of the Commissions referred to
in the schedule to the Article 41B of the
Constitution and all members of any other

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commission appointed by the President
with the approval of the Constitutional
Council;

- 5 (h) Judicial Officers and scheduled public
 officers appointed by the Judicial Service
 Commission;
- (i) High Commissioners, Ambassadors and
 Consuls employed in Sri Lankan missions
 overseas;
- 10 (j) Members of Provincial Councils;
- (k) Members of Local Authorities;
- (l) office-bearers of recognized political
 parties for the purpose of elections under
15 the Presidential Elections Act, No. 15 of
 1981, the Parliamentary Elections Act, No.
 1 of 1981, the Provincial Councils
 Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988, and Local
 Authorities Elections Ordinance No. 20
 of 1981;
- 20 (m) candidates nominated for the election to
 be held under the Presidential Elections
 Act, No. 15 of 1981, the Parliamentary
 Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981, the
25 Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2
 of 1988, and Local Authorities Elections
 Ordinance No. 20 of 1981;
- (n) staff officers in Ministries and Government
 Departments;
- 30 (o) staff officers employed in Sri Lankan
 mission overseas;

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- (p) chairmen, directors, members of the board and staff officers of public corporations and boards;
- 5 (q) chairmen, directors and staff officers of companies registered under the Companies Act, in which the State or a public corporation or a board holds not less than 25% percent of share capital;
- 10 (r) the executives of the Trade Unions registered under the Trade Unions Ordinance;
- 15 (s) proprietors, editors and members of the editorial staff of newspapers who ought to make declarations under section 02 of the Newspapers Ordinance;
- (t) such categories of other officers as may be specified by the regulations.”.

3. Section 4 of the Principal Law is hereby amended by repealing it and by the substitution of the following:-

- 20 “4. the declaration of assets and liabilities shall be tendered in the following manner:-

- (a) to the Speaker -
 - i. the President of the Republic;
 - ii. Members of the Parliament;
- 25 (b) to the President -
 - i. the person referred to in paragraph (b), (c), (e), (f), (g) and (i) of Section 2 (1) of this Law;

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(c) to the Judicial Service Commission -

- i. officers referred to in paragraph (h) of Section 2 (1) of this Law;

(d) to the Secretary of the relevant Ministry -

- 5 i. officers referred to in paragraph (j), (k), (n), (o), (p), (q), (r) and (s) of Section 2 (1) of this Law;

(e) to the Election Commission -

- 10 i. the person referred to in (l) and (m) of Section 2 (1) of this Law.”.

4. Section 9 (1) of the Principle Law is hereby amended by deleting the words “not exceeding Thousand Rupees” and by the substitution the words “not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Rupees”.

- 15 **5.** Section 10 (1) of the Principle Law is hereby amended by deleting the words “the Minister may make regulation” and by the substitution of the words “the President may make regulations”.

- 20 **6.** 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.

