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Provincial Councils Notifications

WESTERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Policy Statement of Urban Agriculture (Western Province), 2014

I, Udaya Prabath Gammanpila, Minister of Agriculture, Agrarian Development, Minor Irrigation, Industries, Environment, Arts and Cultural Affairs of Western Province, do hereby notify that the Policy Statement of Urban Agriculture of the Western Province, which has been approved by the Western Provincial Council on the 17th of August 2011 and by the Hon. Governor of Western Province on the 21st of September 2011, shall be implemented from the 23rd of May 2014.

UDAYA PRABATH GAMMANPILA (Attorney-at-Law),
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Minor Irrigation, Industries, Environment, Arts
and Cultural Affairs of Western Province.

Ministry of Agriculture, Agrarian Development,
Minor Irrigation, Industries, Environment, Arts and
Cultural Affairs of Western Province,
P. O. Box 566, Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha,
Colombo 07,
05th May, 2014.

POLICY STATEMENT OF URBAN AGRICULTURE - WESTERN PROVINCE

1. Development of ecofriendly urban agriculture activities through the appropriate use of new and traditional technologies, to enhance the income and improve living standards of urban people.
2. Strengthening urban agricultural activities by developing strong links with the government, private non-government organizations, international government and non-government organizations as well as civil organizations.
3. In the practice of urban agriculture, engage in ecofriendly activities like recycling of water and waste, rainwater harvesting and efficient use of urban resources.



4. Utilize all types of available land effectively for the promotion of urban agriculture. These could range from household premises to unused government and private land.

5. Develop award schemes, credit facilities and insurance services for urban agricultural activities and enterprises, as incentives.

6. Integrating urban agriculture with novel concepts like agri-tourism schemes.

7. Including urban agriculture in the syllabuses of primary, secondary and tertiary educational institutions.

8. Make provisions for exchange of local and foreign knowledge and experiences towards enhancing urban agriculture in the country, as well as developing facilitation skills and attitudes towards practice.

9. Urban agriculture development requires the encouragement and facilitation of new research activities.

10. Effective use of the mass media is vital for urban agricultural development.

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