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AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRADESHIYA SABHAS ACT, No. 15 OF 1987

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

- **1.** This Act may be cited as the Pradeshiya Sabhas Short title. (Amendment) Act, No. 30 of 2018.
- **2.** Section 19 of the Pradeshiya Sabhas Act, No. 15 of 1987 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "principal enactment") is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section as follows:—

Amendment of section 19 of Act, No. 15 of 1987.

- (1) by the substitution, in paragraph (xiv) for the words "improvement or maintenance of village works," of the words "improvement or maintenance of village works or estate settlements,";
- (2) by the substitution, in paragraph (xxii) for the words "integrated development of selected villages," of the words "integrated development of selected villages, estate settlements,".
- **3.** Section 33 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment of section 33 of the principal enactment.

(1) by the renumbering of that section as subsection (1) thereof and in the renumbered subsection (1), by the substitution for all the words from "enterprises in question," to the end of that subsection of the following:—

"enterprises in question.";

- (2) by the insertion, immediately after the renumbered subsection (1), of the following subsections:—
 - "(2) In the case of plantation regions, the Pradeshiya Sabhas may, upon adoption of a special resolution and in consultation with the administrative authority of the relevant estate, utilise the Pradeshiya Sabha fund to facilitate the residents of the respective plantation regions with roads, wells and other common amenities necessary for the welfare of such residents.
 - (3) (a) The roads, wells and common amenities constructed, maintained or facilitated under subsection (1) or (2) shall be vested in the Pradeshiya Sabha by an appropriate instrument and shall be constituted public roads, wells and common amenities.
 - (b) The Pradeshiya Sabha shall require the owners of the estates or industrial enterprises, administrative authorities of the relevant estates or the residents of such plantation regions, as the case may be, to pay such contribution towards the expenses of construction, maintenance or facilitation of such roads, wells and common amenities, as may be approved by the Pradeshiya Sabha and all such contributions shall be deemed to be special rates imposed upon such lands and plantation regions benefited and shall be recoverable as a rate imposed under the provisions of this Act.
 - (4) For the purpose of this section, "plantation regions" means the estates coming under the Divisional Secretary's Divisions in the Districts in the Central, Uva, Sabaragamuwa, Southern, Western, North Central and North Western Provinces, in which the resident labourers live and tea, rubber, coconut, cinnamon, pepper, clove or oil palm are cultivated.".
- **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.

