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**BY HIS EXCELLENCY MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA, PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**



MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA

Meritorious Service Medal

TO all to whom these presents shall come, I, Maithripala Sirisena, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Head of State, Head of the Executive and of the Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Services.

Send Greetings :

Whereas I am desirous of awarding a medal as a reward for meritorious service to all ranks of the Army, Navy and the Air Force of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and others.

Now therefore it is my will and pleasure to institute, constitute and create a new medal which I am desirous should eagerly sought after by all ranks of the Regular and Volunteer Forces of Army, Navy and Air Force of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and others who are duly qualified to receive the award.

Where fore I am pleased to make, ordain and establish the following regulations for governance of the same which be inviolably kept :

- Firstly : *Style and Designation* - It is ordained that the medal shall be styled and designated the Meritorious Service Medal.
- Secondly : *Description* - It is ordained that the medal shall be of Gold colour metal and the flower of eight petals in shape, with a diameter of 3.7 cm bearing on the observe in the centre a design comprising an Eagle in flight head to the sinister representing the Sri Lanka Air Force superimposed on an



Anchor with a chain twined around it representing the Sri Lanka Navy, the whole superimposed upon two crossed swords points uppermost representing the Sri Lanka Army surrounded by the legend "MERITORIOUS SERVICE" inscribed in Sinhala, Tamil and English and in the relief on the reverse the Armorial Ensign of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka surrounded by a lotus petal border within a sheaf of paddy surrounded by the wheel of Doctrine with the filled Vessel at the base and the depiction of Sun in splendour and the Moon on the right and left respectively and the year of institution 2009 inscribed below it.

- Thirdly : *Ribbon* - It is ordained that the medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a ribbon of 3.1 cm in width and 5 cm which shall contain a Saffron stripe of 1.5 cm in width in the middle with two Light Blue and Navy Blue stripes each 0.8 cm in width on the Left side and Right side respectively.
- Fourthly : *Eligibility* - It is ordained that the medal shall be granted to the Minister of Defence, the State Minister of Defence, the Secretary of Defence of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and all Ranks of the Regular and Volunteer Forces of the Army, Navy and Air Force of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the valuable contribution made since 19.05.2009 for the post-war activities, count not less than six years of aggregate service excluding the basic training period with a good conduct and the permanent civil staff members with Six years of aggregate service in Armed Services subject to the regulations hereinafter made.
- Fifthly : *Registration* - It is ordained that the names of all those to whom the Medal is awarded shall be published in the respective Service Orders and the register of such names shall be maintained under the direction of the respective Service Commander. It is ordained that a register of the names of the Minister of Defence, the State Minister of Defence, the Secretary of Defence of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka shall be maintained under the Ministry of Defence.
- Sixthly : *Order of Wear* - It is ordained that in the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals are to be worn, the Meritorious Service Medal shall be worn immediately after the Service Medal.
- Seventhly : *Miniatures* - It is ordained that reproduction in miniature known as Miniature Medal ; which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the medal is awarded, shall be approximately half the size of the medal and a sealed pattern of the miniature medal shall be kept in the Headquarters of the Army, Navy and Air Force.
- Eighthly : *Forfeiture and Restoration* - It is ordained that the President may cancel and annul the award of the medal to any person but it shall be competent for him to restore an award so forfeited under the regulations hereinafter made. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the respective Service Orders.
- Ninthly : *Effective Date* - This Medal will be effective from 19th May 2009.\

Given at President's House under the Public Seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on this 21st day of February Two Thousand and Nineteen.

By His Excellency's Command,

UDAYA R. SENEVIRATNE,
Secretary to the President.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

REGULATIONS made by the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, to grant, forfeit, restore and other matters in amplification of the Provisions set out in the Presidential Warrant.

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Office of the Secretary to the President,
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February 21, 2019.

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1. The Medal shall be awarded to the Minister of Defence, the State Minister of Defence, the Secretary of Defence of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the valuable contribution made since 19.05.2009 and all Ranks of the Regular and Volunteer Force of the Army, Navy and Air Force who have been in active service on Nineteen day of May Two Thousand Nine or thereafter, and who have completed an aggregate period of Six Years excluding the basic training period with a good conduct and the permanent civil staff members with Six years of aggregate service in Armed Services.

2. Those who have retired, cashiered, discharged or resigned before the completion of six years from the Nineteenth day of May Two Thousand Nine are not eligible for the Medal.

3. The award may be conferred posthumously to the lawful next-of-kin of the recipient or to a person nominated by the next-of-kin.

4. A Board of not less than three Senior Officers nominated by the respective Service Commanders will examine the recommendations made for the award of the Meritorious Service Medal. The recommendation of the Board along with the recommendation of the respective Service Commanders will be transmitted to His Excellency the President through the Secretary, Defence for His Excellency's approval. The recommendations of the Minister of Defence, the State Minister of Defence and the Secretary of Defence of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka should be sent directly by the Secretary of Defence for His Excellency's approval.

5. Every recommendation shall include the Number, Rank and Name in full, of the person recommended.

6. The names of persons upon whom the Medal is conferred upon, shall be published in the respective Service Orders and register of all such recipients shall be maintained under the direction of the respective Service Commander.

7. When a person who is a recipient of the Medal suffers death by sentence of a Court Martial, or any other Court, he shall forfeit the Medal conferred to him unless His Excellency the President shall direct otherwise. A register of the names of the Minister of Defence, the State Minister of Defence, and the Secretary of Defence of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka shall be maintained under the Ministry of Defence.

8. Any Officer of the Sri Lanka Army, Navy or Air Force who is cashiered, dismissed or has been called upon to resign or retire his Commission, shall forfeit the Medal conferred on him unless His Excellency the President shall direct otherwise.

9. Every soldier, seaman or airman who has been discharged from the Army, Navy and Air Force with disgrace or with ignominy, shall forfeit the Medal unless His Excellency the President shall direct otherwise.

10. When a person who is a recipient of the Medal is convicted of an offence of the following nature, that is to say treason, sedition, mutiny, cowardice, desertion or disgraceful conduct of an unnatural kind or is dismissed or discharged or who is called upon to resign his Commission by His Excellency the President for misconduct or who whilst subject to Military, Naval and Air Force Law, is convicted by the civil power, shall forfeit the Medal conferred to him unless His Excellency the President shall direct otherwise.

11. A Medal forfeited by any person may be restored by His Excellency the President at his discretion.

12. A notice of forfeiture or restoration shall in every case be published in the respective Service Orders.

13. When a Medal has been lost, and it is desirous to replace it, such a loss should be reported to the Police. A declaration testified by a Justice of the Peace stating the circumstances under which the loss occurred should be submitted with a complaint made to the Police. This declaration shall be forwarded to the Commanding Officer who will transmit it to the respective Service Commander through the usual channel of communication. The Medal lost therewith will be replaced on payment if the explanation as to the loss is considered satisfactory.

14. In those Regulations -

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| (b) "Service Commanders" means | - The Commander of the Army,
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- Firstly : *Style and Designation* - It is ordained that the medal shall be styled and designated the ‘Service Medal’.
- Secondly : *Description* - It is ordained that the medal shall be of Rose Gold colour metal and square in shape curved at four corners, with four straight sides in equal length of 2.2 cm bearing on the observe in the centre a design comprising an Eagle in flight head to the sinister representing the Sri Lanka Air Force superimposed on an Anchor with a chain twined around it representing the Sri Lanka Navy, the whole superimposed upon two crossed swords points uppermost representing the Sri Lanka Army and the legend “SERVICE MEDAL” inscribed below in Sinhala, Tamil and English and in the relief on the reverse the Armorial Ensign of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka surrounded by a lotus petal border within a sheaf of paddy surrounded by the wheel of Doctrine with the filled Vessel at the base and the depiction of Sun in splendour and the Moon on the right and left respectively and the year of institution 2009 inscribed below it.
- Thirdly : *Ribbon* - It is ordained that the medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a ribbon of 3.1 cm in width and 5 cm in length which shall contain a Lush Green stripe of 1.5 cm in width in the middle with two Dark Blue stripes each width 0.8 cm in width on the edges of it.
- Fourthly : *Eligibility* - It is ordained that the medal shall be granted to the Minister of Defence, the State Minister of Defence, the Secretary of Defence of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the valuable contribution made since 19.05.2009 and all Ranks of the Regular and Volunteer Forces of the Army, Navy and Air Force of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the valuable contribution made since 19.05.2009 for the post-war activities, count not less than three years of aggregate service excluding the basic training period with a good conduct and the permanent civil staff members with three years of aggregate service in Armed Services subject to the regulations hereinafter made.

- Fifthly : *Registration* - It is ordained that the names of all those to whom the Medal is awarded shall be published in the respective Service Orders and the register of such names shall be maintained under the direction of the respective Service Commanders. It is ordained that a register of the names of the Minister of Defence, the State Minister of Defence, the Secretary of Defence of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka shall be maintained under the Ministry of Defence.
- Sixthly : *Order of Wear* - It is ordained that in the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals are to be worn, the Tri-Forces Service Medal shall be worn immediately after the SRI LANKA ARMED SERVICES LONG SERVICE MEDAL AND CLASP.
- Seventhly : *Miniatures* - It is ordained that reproduction in miniature known as Miniature Medal ; which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the medal is awarded, shall be approximately half the size of the medal and a sealed pattern of the miniature medal shall be kept in the Headquarters of the Army, Navy and Air Force.
- Eighthly : *Forfeiture and Restoration* - It is ordained that the President may cancel and annul the award of the medal to any person but it shall be competent for him to restore an award so forfeited under the regulations hereinafter made. The notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the respective Service Orders.
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4. A Board of not less than 3 Senior Officers nominated by the respective Service Commanders will examine the recommendations made for the award of the SERVICE MEDAL. The recommendation of the Board along with the recommendations of the Service Commanders will be transmitted to His Excellency the President through the Secretary of Defence for His Excellency's approval. The recommendations of the Minister of Defence, the State Minister of Defence and the Secretary of Defence of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka should be sent directly by the Secretary of Defence.

5. Every recommendation shall include the Number, Rank and Name in full, of the person recommended.

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7. When a person who is a recipient of the Medal suffers death by sentence of a Court Martial, or any other Court, he shall forfeit the Medal conferred to him unless His Excellency the President shall direct otherwise.

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