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Government Notifications

GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA GOVERNING THE PAYMENT OF REWARDS FROM THE COASTAL PROTECTION REWARD FUND ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 31(F) OF THE COAST CONSERVATION AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT, No. 57 OF 1981 AS AMENDED BY ACT, No. 64 OF 1988 AND No. 49 OF 2011

A fund called the “Coastal Protection Reward Fund” has been established under Section 31F(1) of the Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Act, No. 57 of 1981. Accordingly, you are informed to pay the relevant rewards as per the guidelines and criteria framed to pay the same from the money credited to the said fund.

MAITHRIPALA SIRISENA,
Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment.

26th April 2017.

Guidelines in the determination of the qualifications for eligibility of paying a reward from the Coastal Protection Reward Fund established in accordance with Section 31(F) of the Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Act, No. 57 of 1981 as amended by Act, No. 64 of 1988 and No. 49 of 2011.

1. Persons who are eligible to claim rewards

- (I) Police Officers :
(Police Officers who were involved in taking the suspects concerned into custody and produced to the court and those who handled the relevant case and gave evidence in that regard)
- (II) Officers who are serving in the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management.
(Those who complained to the police about the relevant illegal act, those who gave evidence with regard to the relevant case and those who made submission to the court on behalf of the Department)



(III) Any other public officers who were involved in handling the court case, an operation for taking the suspects into custody or those who gave evidence for a court case.

(IV) Persons who provided information in respect of the relevant illegal act.

2. The manner in which the money credited to the fund shall be allotted

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| * Consolidated Fund | 40% |
| * For Rewards | 50% |
| * Other expenses | 10% |

(Out of the amount allotted to the other expenses, 5% will be allotted for the administration activities of the fund whereas the remaining 5% to be allotted for the welfare of all the officers of the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management)

- * The maximum amount to be spent for the annual welfare out of the 5% value allotted for the same is of Rupees One Million (Rs. 1,000,000/-)
- * If any amount is left out after paying rewards subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000/- per person out of the amount allotted for the payment of rewards, the remainder shall also be credited to the biannual consolidated fund.
- * If any amount is left out after allotting Rs. 1,000,000/- for the annual welfare in any year out of the amount of 5% which is allotted for the same the remainder shall also be credited to the consolidated fund.

3. Qualifications to be fulfilled for the grant of rewards

- (I) Before the payment of any reward, all the fines recovered pertaining to the relevant case and the sum of money realized by the disposal of articles forfeited under the provisions of this Act should have been credited to the Coastal Protection Reward Fund.
- (II) The maximum amount of reward to be paid to a police officer or a public officer who took part in a court case shall be Rupees Fifty Thousand (Rs. 50,000/-) per each such case.
- (III) Before the payment of rewards, the list of the police officers who engaged in the duties of arresting the suspects and in legal proceedings shall be furnished under the signature of the OIC of the relevant police station. The list of the persons who complained to the police about the relevant offence and who provided information in that regard and also those officers in the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management and other public officers who took part in the court case and gave evidence shall be certified by the OIC of the relevant police station and the Director General of the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management.

4. The way of making payments for rewards :

- (i) Payments for reward shall be made as follows out of the 50% amount allotted for the rewards.

| <i>S. No.</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>To the police officers</i> | <i>Officers of the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management/the other Government officers.</i> | <i>To the other persons who provided information</i> |
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| (a) | Where the police officers have only been involved in the case without a complaint, appearing for the case, or giving evidence or any other involvement in that regard by the officers of the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management | 100% | No | No |
| (b) | Where the suspects have been taken into custody by police officers upon a complaint made by the officers of the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management and where no officers of the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management have engaged in any court case or giving evidence therein. | 70% | 30% | No |
| (c) | Where the suspects have been taken into custody and instituted legal action against them by the police officers upon a complaint made by the officers of the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management and where the officers of the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management or the officers of the Attorney General's Department have appeared before the court and given evidence and/or where a public officers have took part in giving evidence before the court. | 50% | 50% | No |
| (d) | Once police officers have executed the relevant arrest upon the information given by the general public (where no any other public officers have not engaged in it.) | 80% | No | 20% |
| (e) | Where the relevant arrest has been made upon the information received from the general public and where the other public officers have taken part in giving evidence before the court. | 50% | 30% | 20% |

- (ii) The sum of money allotted to the rewards for police officers will be equally divided among the all police officers who were involved in the court case and the relevant money will be paid to the police officers directly by the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management.
- (iii) The sum of money allotted for rewards will be divided equally among the officers of the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resources Management and the other public officers who involved in any court case and who made complaints and gave evidence before the court in that behalf.

5. Payment Procedure :

- (i) Payments for rewards will be made biannually.
- (ii) The minimum fine to be eligible for a reward is Rupees Five Thousand (Rs. 5,000/-)

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