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PART IV (A) — PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Provincial Councils Notifications

NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Notification by Governor of North Western Province

IT has been reported to me that Thushara Sanjeewa Witharana has been found guilty for 11 charges out of 18 against him in the inquiry conducted by one member investigation committee appointed by the order, given by me, the Admiral of the fleet Wasantha Karannagoda, the Hon. Governor in the North Western Province, published in *Extraordinary Gazette* No. 2305/12 dated 09.11.2022 by virtue of powers vested under article 154 (c) of the Democratic Socialit Republic of Sri Lanka, and under Section 277 (1a) in Municipal Council Ordinance, the Chapter 252 to be read with Section 2(1)(a) of Provincial Council (Incidental Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 1989 to investigate and report whether any of the offences referred to in Section 277 (1) of Municipal Council Ordinance, the Chapter 252, while he was functioning as the mayor of Kurunegala Municipal Council.

Also, the said Thushara Sanjeewa Witharana has been deemed to have resigned from his office with effect from 31.12.2022 since the implementation of the provisions in budget compilation and enforcement orders of the Municipal Council Budget 2020 published in Section No. 215a of the said Municipal Council Ordinance and the *Extraordinary Gazette* No. 2199/15 dated 29.10.2020 in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, while the said commission was conducting the investigation.

Further on intensive inspection and studying all the documents regarding the charges and conclusions mentioned in the said report, I am satisfied that there are sufficient facts to decide that the said Thushara Sanjeewa Witharana has committed one or more offences mentioned in Section 277 (1) of Municipal Council Ordinance, the Chapter 252, while functioning as the Mayor of Kurunegala Municipal Council.



Taking into consideration all the facts, I, the Admiral of the fleet Wasantha Karannagoda, the Hon. Governor in the North Western Province, by virtue of powers vested under article 154(c) of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and under Section 277 (1a) in Municipal Council Ordinance, the Chapter 252 to be read with Section 2(1) (a) of Provincial Council (Incidental Provisions) Act, No. 12 of 1989, do hereby order that the said Thushara Sanjeewa Witharana shall be deemed to have been dismissed from the position of Mayor and a member of Kurunegala Municipal Council with effect from 31.12.2022.

Admiral of the Fleet Wasantha Karannagoda, Governor of North Western Province.

At Kurunegala, 04th of May 2023.

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