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Establishing Collectives/Circles at the institutional level in line with the “*Ratama Ekata* National Mission” programme for Eradicating Dangerous Drugs

This is with reference to Cabinet Decision No. අංශ /25/1937/801/026 dated 13.10.2025 on the “*Ratama Ekata* National Mission” programme to be implemented with the aim of eradicating the dangerous drugs trafficking in the country with the vision of creating "A Dangerous Drug Free Nation - A Future Full of Joy" and the circular No. PS/ADA/Circular/13/2025 dated 14.11.2025 issued by the Secretary to the President, stipulating the necessary guidelines for organizing programs at the national, district and divisional levels for the implementation of the said Cabinet Decision.

02. The distribution and use of dangerous drugs have been identified as a severe menace affecting Sri Lankan society. Although this may appear on the surface to be an internal problem that Sri Lankan society is confronted with, its roots can be traced to a complex network that extends beyond the country's borders. To dismantle this dangerous drug network, the room for supply and demand for drugs within the country must first be eliminated. Since it is an inescapable responsibility entrusted to the political leadership, the public service, and civil society, these three sectors must work together collectively to achieve this.

03. In terms of Section 2 of Chapter XLVII, Volume II of the Establishments Code applicable to public officers, it is a serious act of misconduct for an officer to be found to possess or have used dangerous drugs whilst on duty or off duty, or otherwise within the office premises where he works or within the premises of any other public institution.

04. Even if public officers refrain from using dangerous drugs, this makes little contribution to restraining the overall drug menace. Therefore, public officers should refrain from distributing and using dangerous drugs, as well as take steps in every possible way to prevent the society from distributing and using dangerous drugs. For this purpose, a collective program needs to be formulated at the institutional level.

05. Accordingly, collectives/circles should be established covering each division in every ministry, department, and institution, as well as corporation and statutory body. Staff officers as well as non-staff officers should be appointed as members of these collectives/circles in a fair composition. The maximum number of members of a collective/circle should be ten (10), and the number of collectives/circles to be established should be determined by the head of the respective institution. A staff officer who is a member of the collective/circle should take responsibility for organizing the activities of the collective/circle.

06. The role of the collectives/circles established as per the 05 above is as follows.

- 6.1 Members of the collective/circle learn by themselves about preventing the distribution and use of dangerous drugs that are prevalent in society, and educate other members through group discussions as a collective/circle.
- 6.2 If there are tendencies for the distribution or use of dangerous drugs within their office premises/field, discuss / study in the collective/circle the facts on the same.
- 6.3 Engage officers in activities to maintain their office premises/field as a drug-free place.
- 6.4. Make contributions to programs planned by the National/District/Divisional Steering Committees.

07. Your cooperation and active contribution are expected to successfully implement the “*Ratama Ekata* National Mission” programme by bringing into effect the above collectives/circles established at the institutional level as per the above guidelines and thus to eradicate the use of dangerous drugs from Sri Lanka.

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