



Decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on 01.04.2025

01. Establishment of a regional office of the Department of Immigration and Emigration in Jaffna district.

A regional office of the Department of Immigration and Emigration is established at present within the district of Vauniya of the Northern province where most of the districts of Sri Lanka is stationed. The people in Jaffna, Killinochchi and Mulathivu districts have to spent a considerable time when travelling to Vauniya regional office to obtain emigration and immigration related services. Since a large number of passports have been applied by people in the Northern province, it has been proposed at the district coordination committee meeting of Jaffna held on 31.01.2025 with the chairing of His Excellency the President, that a regional office of the Department of Immigration and Emigration is suitable to be initiated in the district of Jaffna as well to render a hasty service for them. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs to establish the proposed regional office of the Department of Immigration and Emigration within the District Secretariat premises of Jaffna within this month.

02. Procurement for the supply of 340,000 50 millilitre bottles of 20% Human Albumin Solution.

International competitive bids have been invited for the supply of 340,000 50 millilitre bottles of 20% Human Albumin Solution which is utilized for treating hypovolemin and low level of blood albumin. Two bidders have forwarded bids in this connection. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal furnished by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to award the procurement to M/s Reliance Life Science (Pvt) Ltd of India which is the minimum bidder placed the substantial responsive bid based subject to the recommendation of the higher level standing procurement committee.

03. Procurement for the supply of 150,000 IU vials 1,000,000 of Colistimethate Sodium jabs.

International competitive bids have been invited for the supply of 150,000 IU vials 1,000,000 of Colistimethate Sodium jabs which is an anti – biotic utilized for treating severe infections caused by various types of certain gram negative bacteria. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal furnished by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to award the procurement to M/s Slim pharmaceuticals (Pvt) Ltd, (Manufacturer: M/s Gufic Biosciences Ltd, India) of Sri Lanka which is the minimum bidder placed the substantial responsive bid based subject to the recommendation of the higher level standing procurement committee.

04. Obtaining surgical gausses required to the medical supplies division for the year 2025.

Based on the government's policy to uplift local small scale producers, the surgical gausses required for government hospitals are purchased from local manufacturers under permanent quota system. The surgical gausses requirement for the medical supplies division for the year 2025 has been estimated as 30 million metres. It has been recommended to purchase the 30 million metres of surgical gausses for 2025 from 282 local manufacturers registered under the surgical gausses quota recognition committee. The price committee has approved the standing price of a metre of such purchased surgical gausses to be Sri Lankan rupees 68.97. Accordingly, based on the recommendation of the higher level standing procurement committee, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal furnished by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to purchase the 30 million metres of surgical gausses for the year 2025 under the said standing prices from the 282 local manufacturers registered under the medical supplies division.

05. Procurement of supplying 18,000 (with liquid) vials of 20 millilitres of 440 milligram Trastuzumab jabs.

International competitive bids have been invited for the supply of 18,000 (with liquid) vials of 20 millilitres of 440 milligram Trastuzumab jabs that is utilized for treatments for certain cancer categories. Four (04) bids have been submitted. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal furnished by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to award the procurement of 18,000 (with liquid) vials of 20 millilitres of 440 milligram Trastuzumab jabs to M/s Cliniqon Biotech (PVT) Ltd., (Manufacturer: M/AryoGen Pharmed, Iran) of Sri Lanka which is the minimum bidder placed the substantial responsive bid based on the recommendation of the higher level standing procurement committee

06. Re – consideration of the currently executed Electricity Act No. 36 of 2024.

The Secretary to the Ministry of Power has appointed a specialists' committee subject to the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers to obtain appropriate recommendations for amending the Electricity Act No. 36 of 2024. The Committee has taken measures to obtain views of main stakeholders in the electricity sector. Accordingly, actions have been taken to conduct knowledge exchange sessions, obtain written views and proposals and thereby 59 stakeholders have submitted views and proposals in writing. Apart from that, opinions from development stakeholders providing funds for development projects in electricity field as well as other parties enthusiastic over restructuring the electricity sector have been obtained. Considering those views and proposals the specialists' committee has submitted the final report comprised of proposed amendments to the Electricity Act No. 36 of 2024. The Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Power for preparation of a draft bill to amend the Electricity Act, based on the recommendations in the said report.

07. Appointment to a post of Additional Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office.

Five (05) posts of Additional Secretary of Special Grade of Sri Lanka Administrative Service have been approved for the Prime Minister's Office and three (03) posts out of them are vacant by now. Mr. A. B. M. Ashroff, who is a special grade officer in Sri Lanka Administrative Service and serving as a management expert of Green Climate Fund of the United Nations Development Programme for Sri Lanka at present is recognized as appropriate to be appointed to one of the posts of Additional Secretary that is vacant at present. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has decided to appoint him as an Additional Secretary of the Prime Minister's officer with immediate effect, considering the resolution furnished by the Hon. Prime Minister.

08. Appointment to the post of Director at the Department of Cultural Affairs.

The post of Director at the Department of Cultural Affairs is vacant now. It has been recognized Mrs. K. S. Dilhani, the grade I officer in Sri Lanka Administrative Service currently serving as a Senior Assistant Secretary at the Ministry of Defence is suitable to be appointed to the post. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved to appoint Mrs. K. S. Dilhani to the post of Director at the Department of Cultural Affairs, considering the proposal furnished by the Minister of Buddhadasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs.

09. Submission of the revised Aswasuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme for the concurrence of the Parliament.

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 17.03.2025 to amend the Aswasuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme by increasing the value of the benefits already paying under the scheme. Accordingly, the revised Aswasuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme has been published by the extraordinary gazette notification No. 2429/02 dated 24.03.2025. The Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by His Excellency the President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Policy Planning and Economic Development to submit the said revised Aswasuma Welfare Benefit Payment Scheme to the Parliament for its concurrence.

10. Imposing sanctions on 04 Sri Lankans by the United Kingdom.

Attention of the Cabinet of Ministers have been drawn on the decisions taken by the United Kingdom to impose sanctions on 04 Sri Lankan individuals recently. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers has decided to appoint a committee comprised of ministers with the following composition to submit a report with recommendations to the Cabinet of Ministers on the further measures to be taken after studying the facts in the regard and to empower the committee to obtain service of any officer/intellect deemed to have subject expertise in the relevant field and considered essential

- Hon. Vijitha Herath
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism
- Hon. (Attorney – at – Law) Harshana Nanayakkara
Minister of Justice and National Integrity
- Hon. Aruna Jayasekara
Deputy Minister of Defence

11. Providing relief to the people devastated by the earthquake experienced in Myanmar.

People of Myanmar has confronted immense hardships due to the devastating earthquake caused on 28.03.2025 and, by now the international media reports of 2,700 deaths. Furthermore, it has been reported that a large number of individuals are missing while, a large number of individuals experienced accidents due to the devastation are being hospitalized and treated. Considering the long – term close relationship between the two nations as two Buddhist states, the Cabinet of Ministers has decided to render contribution of Sri Lankan people as follows for providing relief to the Myanmar people:

- Providing finance of United States Dollars One Million
- The dry rations collected with the guidance of Buddhist theros to be transported immediately to the Myanmar people with the mediation of the Government.
- A group of relief services comprised of medical officers and other members of health staff to be stationed at alert for immediate departure to Myanmar at any time.

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