



## Cabinet Decisions taken at the Cabinet Meeting held on 16.06.2025

### 01. Calling for Investment proposals for the portion of land owned to Urban development Authority

It has been planned to call for investment proposals for the portion of land Rood 03 perches 13.85 in extent located at No. 40, Dr. Wijewardena Mawatha, Colombo 10, owned by the Urban Development Authority, to select a suitable investor for the development of the land. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Urban Development, Construction, and Housing to call for investment proposals for the disposal of the said portion of land on a 99-year lease basis to implement a mixed development project based on the updated assessment of the Government Chief Assessor, in accordance with the regulations of the Urban Development Authority.

### 02. Formulation of a national policy for the rehabilitation of child offenders

The primary objective of the child rehabilitation process is to identify the disruptive behaviour of a child who becomes a criminal before the law and to enable him or her to live as a law-abiding citizen in society. Accordingly, when taking action against a child who has become a criminal before the law, mediation, admonition and release, conditional release, probation for child offenders who can be rehabilitated in the open environment, rehabilitation under Community Correctional Service, and detention in correctional centers are carried out depending on the nature of the offense. It has been identified that the economic and social background of children who become criminal before the law and families should be studied, and the rehabilitation of such children should be carried out in accordance with the accepted national policy. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Women and Child Affairs to draft “The national policy for the rehabilitation of child offenders” with the contribution of the government, development parties, and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

### 03. A program to provide a living allowance for children and street children under institutional a care or guardianship

Institutional care is provided to children who have lost their parents or guardians or are under the guardianship of one or both parents and where there is no protection or security in the homes they are living in, as well as to orphaned and abandoned children in detention centers or children development centers. It has been reported that there are about 9,191 children in the residential care of 356 Children Development Centers that are maintained by the government, voluntary organizations, and non-governmental organizations throughout the country at the end of the year 2024. A provision of Rs. 1,000 million has been allocated by the budget for 2025 to provide a Rs. 5,000 /-allowance monthly for the children or street children who are in institutional care or guardianship. Accordingly, the Cabinet of

Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Women and Child Affairs to appoint a monitoring committee chaired by the Secretary to the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, comprising officers from other relevant institutions for the necessary guidance and post-review activities to continue this program sustainably and effectively, and to pr the aforementioned allowance in the following manner.

- Out of the Rs. 5,000 allowance, Rs. 3,000/- goes to the development center that detains the child or guardian for the education, health, and other welfare expenses that should be given by them through the National Savings Bank.
- The balance amount of Rs. 2000/- should be deposited monthly in a savings account by the name of the child in the National Savings Bank for their future well-being.

#### **04. Obtaining additional financial facilities for the general Education Modernization Project (GEM) from the world Bank**

The Education Modernization Project (GEM) is being implemented since 2018 with funding of US\$ 100 million supplied by the World Bank. All the project components identified under this project have been implemented and have achieved the expected results. It has been observed that there is the ability to obtain an additional financial facility of US\$ 50 million from the funds remaining in other projects to implement several components identified under this project. These additional funds are expected to improve the digital infrastructure of the school relevant to the new educational reforms scheduled for implementation in 2026, enhance the sanitary facilities of the selected 900 schools across all provinces, appraise reformed subjects, and implement professional development programs for teachers. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by Hon. Prime Minister in her capacity as the Minister of Education, Higher Education, and Professional Education to reach a consensus with the World Bank to obtain the proposed additional financing.

#### **05. Preparation of water catchment management plan for the Kelani River Basin**

The water catchment areas in the Kelani River Basin are facing severe environmental problems due to severe degradation, sedimentation in the lower valleys, sand mining, changes in the land use patterns, urbanization, industrialization, pollution of water catchments, and deterioration of water quality. Taking into consideration these facts, it has been identified the necessity of preparing a management plan for the Kelani River Basin comprising of simple and detailed sub- water catchment management plan. There is a possibility to implement the aforementioned plan in collaboration with the related institutions and with the people of the water catchment areas to upgrade water catchment areas. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land, and Irrigation to prepare and implement the aforementioned water catchment management plan for the Kelani River Basin within the Medium-Term Budget Framework by utilizing Rs. 250 million allocated under the program 'Clean Sri Lanka' during the year 2025 and 2026.

**06. Modernization of services of the Department of Meteorology under the Climate Resilience Mitigation Multi-Stage Approach (CResMPA)**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land, and Irrigation is implementing the Climate Resilience Mitigation Multi-Stage Approach programs under the sponsorship of World Bank. Supporting national development by reducing the potential damage from natural disasters through accurate early warnings and modernizing the weather- and climate-related services of the Department of Meteorology has been identified as the priority function under component 1 of the first phase of the project. Accordingly, expressions of interest have been invited to select a consulting institution following the World Bank Procurement Guidelines for the modernization of services of the Department of Meteorology. Consequently, eight institutions have submitted their expressions of interest. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land, and Irrigation to award the relevant consultation services contract to the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center in Bangkok, Thailand, based on the recommendations of the Consultation Procurement Committee appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers.

**07. Program to protect the boundaries and protected areas of selected major tanks.**

Due to various activities such as urbanization, the expansion of settlements, and the establishment of new industries taking place in the lands near the tanks, there is a tendency for diverse land use patterns to spread in those areas. Due to the change in land use patterns, it has been identified as a timely need to clearly mark the boundaries by fixing boundary posts of the main tanks under the control of the Irrigation Department, which are already under various impacts and are likely to be affected by such impacts, so that any citizen or party can easily identify them. In addition, it has been further identified that it is appropriate to plant suitable trees between the boundaries and form a bio-fence. For that purpose, It is expected to get the collaboration of the Department of Survey, Wildlife Protection Department, Department of Forest, relevant divisional secretaries, farmer organizations, environmental organizations, social organizations, and school children as appropriate. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land, and Irrigation to implement the proposed program by utilizing Rs. 100 million allocated to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land, and Irrigation under the program 'Clean Sri Lanka'.

**08 Procurement of 07 gantry cranes for container operations at the Eastern Container Terminal (ECT) and Jaya Container Terminal**

The Sri Lanka Ports Authority has made provisions under the 2025 budget for the procurement of 07 rubber-tire electric gantry cranes for the operations at the Eastern Container Terminal (ECT) and Jaya Container Terminal of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports, and Civil Aviation for the procurement of 07 gantry cranes following the international Competitive Procurement Procedure.

#### **09. Procurement of 20 Prime Movers to the Sri Lanka Ports Authority**

One hundred nineteen (119) of the prime movers and terminal tractors operating on diesel are used for inter-terminal transport activities within the port premises for container operations at the terminals of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority. Out of these vehicles, 60 are more than 20 years old and require repairs each time. Considering this situation, the Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority has decided to purchase 20 terminal tractors in 2023, and prior approval from the Cabinet of Ministers has been received for that purpose. Subsequently, the Board of Directors has decided to purchase 20 electrically operated prime movers rather than the previously proposed terminal tractors, according to the contemporary requirement of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority. A provision of Rs. 1,000 million necessary for that purpose has been allocated under the capital budget of 2025/2026 of the Authority. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports, and Civil Aviation to implement the aforementioned procurement for the purchase of 20 prime movers under the International Competitive Procurement procedure.

#### **10. Conducting of the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Tea (IGG) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asian Tea Alliance (ATA) and the commemoration of the Centenary Anniversary of the Tea Research Institute**

The Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure Facilities to hold the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Tea of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Asian Tea Alliance to commemorate the Centenary Anniversary of the Tea Research Institute in Colombo from 9<sup>th</sup> November to 14<sup>th</sup> November in 2025 and to take necessary steps in that respect.

#### **11. Concrete Debris Recycling Project monitored by Sri Lanka State Engineering Corporation.**

Sri Lanka State Engineering Corporation has proposed to implement a pilot project for concrete and building waste recycling. It is expected to utilize the raw materials generated from recycling those concrete and building waste for appropriate creations / constructions after mixing with the raw materials directly from natural resources. It has been identified to station the machinery of the proposed project in the pre – cast concrete production platform of Sri Lanka State Engineering Corporation in the Ekala Industrial Colony. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal furnished by the Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing to implement the proposed project utilizing the provisions of rupees 200 million allocated to his Ministry under the “Clean Sri Lanka” programme.

**12. Establishment of a Trusted Digital Repository in the National Achieves. (Phase 01)**

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on the 05.04.2021 to implement Phase – 01 of the establishment of Trusted Digital Repository in the National Achieves. It is expected to install software essential to conservation of information and pave way for its initiatives which is the fundamental objective of the National Achieves from the proposed project. Since it has been agreed to grant 7,000 Euros to the National Achieves from a fund of the International Council on Achieves, portion of the expenditure of the proposed project is intended to be covered from that said grant. By implementing the proposed project, the services rendered by the National Achieves to public can be extended more efficiently. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval for the resolution furnished by the Minister of Buddhashasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to implement the proposed Trusted Digital Repository in the National Achieves for the period 2025 – 2027.

**13. Draft Bill of State Commercial Enterprises Management Act.**

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted on 28.04.2025 at their meeting to introduce a new act named State Commercial Enterprises Management act in order to introduce and implement necessary reforms with a proper management of government owned business companies, and to appoint a ministerial committee for develop the said draft furthermore including appropriate revisions by reviewing the fundamental draft that had been prepared for formulating that new bill. The said ministerial committee has reviewed the fundamental draft and submitted the committee report with recommendations. Accordingly, based on the recommendations of that report, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by His Excellency the President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Plan Implementation and Economic Development to instruct the Legal Draftsmen for preparation of the state Commercial Enterprises Management Act bill.

**14. Establishment of Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau of Sri Lanka (AAIBSL)**

In accordance with the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka Act No. 34 of 2002, the Authority is entrusted with the responsibility of investigating on the airline flight crashes and related incidents within the Sri Lankan territory. However, a survival supervisory audit conducted in the year 2010 by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) revealed of not having an independent process to investigate on aircraft accidents and related incidents. Accordingly, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at one of their meeting held in 2016 to establish an aircraft accident investigation bureau in Sri Lanka and by now the Legal Draftsman has prepared a draft bill for the purpose. The relevant parties have pointed out that a few more provisions should be introduced for the aforementioned draft bill. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports ad Civil Aviation to prepare the relevant draft bill including the said.

**15. Amendment of Protection of Rights of Elders Act No. 9 of 2000.**

According to the mid annual population estimation of 2024, the elders' community in Sri Lanka counts to 2.7 million. The United Nations' Economic and Social Activities Department predict that Sri Lanka's elders' population at age 60 or more than that would swell up to 24.8% by 2052. Therefore, special attention of the Government has been paid to supply infrastructure facilities for a satisfied social, economic, physical and spiritual life required to ensure "a respectable senior citizen – a meaningful retired life" which is the objective under the government's national policy under the policy framework of "Pohosath Ratak – Lassana Jeewithayak" (A wealthy country – a beautiful life). Therefore, amendment of Protection of Rights of Elders Act No. 9 of 2000 has been recognized to cater the contemporary requirements. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment to instruct the Legal Draftsmen to prepare a draft bill to amend the aforementioned act

**16. Amendment of the University Act No. 16 of 1978.**

The University Act No. 16 of 1978 has been amended for the last time by the University (Amendment) Act No. 17 of 2016 and it has been observed that various inconveniences erupt due to ambiguity in the sections of the act when selecting and appointing individuals for administrative posts. Accordingly, the requirement to amend the proposed qualifications to be appointed to the post of Dean as per sub section (1) of section 49 of the act as well as the proposed qualifications to be appointed to the post of Head of the Faculty as per sub section (1) of section 51 of the proposed act has been recognized. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Hon. Prime Minister in her capacity as the Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education to direct the Legal Draftsmen to prepare a draft bill to amend the aforementioned act.

**17. Obtaining additional provisions for further construction activities of Amaradeva Aesthetic and Research Centre (Amaradeva Asapuwa)**

An allotment of 100 perches has been allocated in Ape Gama Complex, Battaramulla to construct Amaradeva Aesthetic and Research Centre (Amaradeva Asapuwa). The consultation party, the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau has submitted estimations seeking additional allocations of rupees 21.745 million for completion of the remaining work of the second phase and another rupee 179.436 million for completion of the final phase. Furthermore, another rupees 20 million is mentioned for purchase of essential goods required for maintaining office work on completion of work. accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval for the resolution furnished by the Minister of Buddhhasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to allocate necessary provisions to complete the construction work and maintain office work of Amaradeva Asapuwa .

**18. Presidents' Entitlements Act No. 4 of 1986 and the Parliamentary Pensions Law, No. 1 of 1977 to be declared finite.**

In par with the “Pohosath Ratak – Lassana Jeewithayak” (A wealthy country – a beautiful life) policy declaration presented to the public by the current government, the citizens have given a permit to the government to repeal the special benefits given to the former Presidents and their families and to cancel the pension provided to the Members of Parliament after their reign for 05 years. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal submitted by the Minister of Justice and National Integration to instruct the Legal Draftsmen to formulate 02 draft bills to finite the Presidents' Entitlements Act No. 4 of 1986 and the Parliamentary Pensions Law, No. 1 of 1977; so that cancelling the special benefits granted to former Presidents and their families as well as cancelling the pension of the Members of Parliament will be possible.

**19. Special Fixed Deposits Scheme for elderly citizens.**

As proposed in the budget speech for the year 2025, the government has decided to implement a special fixed deposit scheme for senior citizens. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the proposal submitted by His Excellency the President in his office as the Minister of Finance, Plan Implementation and Economic Development to implement the proposed special fixed deposit scheme as follows:

- To implement this scheme for fixed deposits opened within the period from 01.07.2025 to 31.12.2025 by Sri Lankan citizens of age 60 years or more.
- The period of the fixed deposit is 12 months (one year) and, the maximum deposit value is rupees one million.
- Payment of the higher value from the value when a 3% of additional annual amount to the average weighted fixed deposits rate (AWFDR) or the value when a 3% addition is made to the declared fixed deposit interest rate.
- Allocation of rupees 30 billion for payment of interest relief for this whole programme.

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