

Decisions taken at the Cabinet Meeting conducted on 29-07-2024

1. Development of Infrastructure facilities in the schools of Plantation Sector under the aids of Indian Government

Approval has been granted at the cabinet meeting held on 04-06-2019 to implement a project for upgrading Infrastructure facilities of the schools in the plantation sector under the 300 Million grant of the Indian Government and the Indian government has agreed to increase the total grant up to 600 Million as to rising up prices due to economic crisis existed in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Education to sign the for the relevant documents to obtain the said grant.

2. Making Kelaniya Vidyalankara International Buddhist Conference Hall operational

The International Buddhist Conference Hall which is being constructed in the Kelaniya Vidyalankara Pirivena premises, has not been able to be fully completed and put into operation as a consequence of external reasons affecting for the said construction. Therefore, Cabinet of Ministers has approved the joint proposal presented by the Hon. Prime Minister in his capacity as a Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government and Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to obtain the required provisions in the year 2025 to carry out the necessary constructions to be made the conference hall building into operational status.

3. The building complex constructed in Seeduwa area belonging to the National Social Development Institute

Approval has been granted at the cabinet meeting held on 26-07-2016 for construction of building complex belonging to the National Social Development Institute in Seeduwa Area under an initial cost estimation of Rs 1,000 Million. Accordingly, the contract for said construction has been awarded to the State Engineering Corporation and the construction work was due to be completed and handed over in year 2020. However, the duration for the said construction had been extended from 2019 to 2023 due to the crisis situation prevailed in the country at that time. As to the increase the prices of goods, the State Engineering Corporation has requested a price variation with relevant to the cost of construction. Accordingly, Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Hon. President in his capacity as a Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment to pay the price fluctuation value of Rs. 63.68 Million to the State Engineering Corporation based on the recommendations of the Technical Appraisal Committee and the Procurement Committee appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers.

04. Procurement for carrying out tea stalls at Bandaranayaka International Airport, Katunayake

At the Bandaranayaka International Airport, Katunayake, 05 tea shops are currently operating in the waiting area for departing flights from the country. Bids have been called to maintain the said 05 tea shops under Procedure of National Competitive Bidding. 08 bidders have submitted their bids for that. Accordingly, Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation to award the relevant contracts to the following companies under the recommendations of Technical Appraisal Committee and Standing Procurement Committee appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers.

- Euro- Scan Exports (Pvt) Limited
- English Tea Shop (UK) Limited
- Sunshine Consumer Lanka Limited
- U H E Exports (Pvt) Limited
- Ceylon Royal Teas (Pvt) Limited

05. Procurement for supplying (Non Ionic Contrast Media)

Bidding has been invited to purchase Non Ionic Contrast Media used for CT and X- ray imaging systems under the Procedure of International Competitive Bidding. 06 bidders have submitted their bids for that. Accordingly, Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Health to award the relevant procurement to Unique Pharmaceuticals Laboratories, the lowest bidder who submitted substantive bidding under the recommendations of the Technical Appraisal Committee and Standing Procurement Committee appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers.

06. Procurement for supplying 45 sets of Distal Femoral Nail with Tan implants

International Competitive Bidding has been invited for procurement of 45 sets of Distal Femoral Nail with Tan implants which is used for orthopaedic surgery for healing of bones and alignments in severe fractures. 02 bids have been received for the respective bidding. Accordingly, Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Health to award the relevant procurement to the M/S Medisurg International, the lowest bidder who submitted substantive bidding under the recommendations of the Technical Appraisal Committee and Standing Procurement Committee appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers.

07. Tabling in the Parliament of the report of the Commission appointed as per the provisions of Commission of Inquiry Act 17 of 1948 (393rd Authority)

As per the provision of Section 2 of the Commission of Inquiry Act 17 of 1948 (393rd Authority), Commission of Inquiry has been appointed under the chairman of Supreme Court Judge A.H.M.D. Nawaz to submit the recommendations regarding the manner of which how the actions were taken so far in respect of previously submitted recommendations and steps to be taken to implement the said recommendations further in compliance with the present Government policies after investigation of the reports which were forwarded by the commissions and committees that were prior appointed for investigation of the violation of human rights. Accordingly, Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by Hon. President to table the report forwarded by the said Commission to the Parliament.

08. Amendment of National Transport Commission Act No 37 of 1991

Approval has been granted at the cabinet meeting held on 22-09-2022 to amend the National Transport Commission Act No 37 of 1991. Accordingly, a bill has been prepared by the Legal Draftsman and the clearance of the Attorney General has been received for the said bill. Accordingly, Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Transport and Highways to publish the said bill in the Government Gazette and thereafter table in the Parliament for the approval.

09. The Commission Bill on Truth, Peace and Reconciliation in Sri Lanka

Approval has been granted at the cabinet meeting held on 15-07-2024 to prepare a new bill amending the bill on truth, peace and reconciliation in Sri Lanka, taking into consideration the matters forwarded by the parties who are enthusiastic in respect of the said bill drafted by the Legal Draftsman. Accordingly, the clearance of the Attorney General has been received for the said bill. Accordingly, Cabinet of Ministers has approved the joint proposal presented by Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Defence,

Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms and the Minister of Foreign affairs to publish the said bill in the Government Gazette and thereafter table in the Parliament for the approval.

10. Amendment of the Port City Economic Commission Act No 11 of 2021

Necessity has been identified to amend the Port City Economic Commission Act in order to enable the maximization the feasibility of the Port City as a globally competitive specialized economic zone eliminating obstructions existed for commencement of business operations as shown by the investors expected to engage in the businesses at the port city. Accordingly, Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Hon. President in his capacity as a Minister of Investment Promotion to instruct the Legal Draftsman to prepare a bill for amendment of Port City Economic Commission Act No 11 of 2021 inclusion of relevant amendments.

11. Enactment of new constitution for Sri Lankan Cricket

Approval has been granted at the cabinet meeting held on 19-02-2024 to appoint a committee under the chairmanship of retired Supreme Court Judge K.T. Chithrasiri for drafting a new constitution for the Sri Lanka Cricket in compliance with the recommendations of the cabinet subcommittee appointed under the chairmanship of Minister of Foreign affairs to submit the recommendations to the Cabinet of Ministers after studying the matters encountered by the Sri Lankan cricket. Accordingly, a new constitution has been drafted by the said committee for the Sri Lanka Cricket. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the joint proposal presented by the Minister of Foreign affairs, the Minister of Power and Energy, the Minister of Labour and Foreign Employment and the Minister of Public Security to instruct the Legal Draftsman for preparation of a bill to formally approve and implement the new constitution.

12. Importing of eggs for stabilization of price of eggs in the local market

As per the cabinet decision taken on 18-03- 2024, Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation has imported 224 Million of eggs so far. 95% of the said imported eggs has been distributed among the consumers at a affordable price of Rs. 37/= per egg and the duration given for import of eggs was ended on 30-04-2024. Accordingly, Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Trade, Commerce and Food Security to import required stocks of egg in order to enable for stabilization of prices of eggs in the market and supply eggs required for the Ramadan and Christmas celebrations and for the bakery industry including the cakes.

13. Introduction of new Act for the National Agency for Public-Private Partnership

The National Agency for Public-Private Partnership expected to work jointly with the international organizations in respect of creating and management of public-private partnership programmes/projects and to identify such programmes and implement them in collaboration with government agencies. The legal validity for such agencies should be given to run the agency more effectively and a legal framework should also be prepared in respect of relevant partnership agreements. Accordingly, Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by Hon. President in his capacity as a Minister of Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies to instruct the legal Draftsman for preparation of a bill for the aforesaid function.

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