



**Cabinet Decisions taken at the Cabinet Meeting held on 21-09-2026**

**01. Establishment of New Management Framework for the Dr. Nevil Fernando Hospital**

As per the decision taken at the cabinet meeting held on 27-06-2017, the administrative activities of the Dr. Nevil Fernando Hospital were transferred to the Ministry in charge of health, with effect from 01-08-2017. Subsequently, the cabinet meeting held on 09-02-2026 granted approval for the management activities of the aforementioned hospital to be carried out under the Sri Lanka Air Force, in accordance with the Hybrid Mission Specimen, and to be implemented under the Public Enterprise established by the Companies Act. Accordingly, the Ministry of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development; the Ministry of Defense; the Ministry of Health and Mass Media; and the Sri Lanka Air Force have proposed a joint management and control framework to manage Dr. Nevil Fernando Hospital. According to this proposed management framework, Dr. Nevil Fernando Hospital provides in-house and outpatient treatments for patients, both free of charge and on a charging basis. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the joint resolution furnished by the Hon. President in his capacity as Minister of Defense and Minister of Health and Mass Media to implement the proposed management framework as follows.

- The ownership and the assets will be transferred to the company with 100% of the shares under Treasury, and the management of the hospital will be conducted by the Sri Lanka Air Force.
- The Secretary to the Treasury will appoint 11 individuals to the Board of Directors of the proposed company, based on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Ministry of Defense.
- The General Treasury is to provide the necessary provisions for the salaries and operations of the staff of the proposed company for the period 2026-2028. Subsequently, the hospital will be maintained as a self-financing institution.
- Supply medicines, medical supplies, and other consumable items to the hospital annually, at an estimated cost of 125 million rupees, through the provisions allocated for the Ministry of Health and Mass Media for the health services provided to the public by the hospital free of charge.

## **02. Memorandum of Understanding on the bi-lateral Consultations between Indonesia and Sri Lanka**

The 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Indonesia and Sri Lanka will fall in the year 2027. Both parties have agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding on bilateral consultations for further strengthening, continuing, and broadening the bilateral relationship between the both countries. The aforementioned Memorandum of Understanding will facilitate the evaluation of bilateral relationships, exchange the views on bilateral and international matters, coordinate their position regarding mutually important subjects, and conduct regular bilateral consultations. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment, and Tourism to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on Bilateral Consultations between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment, and Tourism of Sri Lanka for a period of five (5) years.

## **03. Appointment of Cabinet Sub-Committee for the Organization of 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Commemoration**

The Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Council, and Local Government to appoint a Cabinet Sub-Committee chaired by the Prime Minister and with the participation of relevant Ministers, to organize and direct the affairs of the country's 79th Independence Day Commemoration Ceremony, which falls on 2027-02-04.

## **04. Implementation of Project for Building Secure, Secure, Skilled, and Empowered Community for the Families Resettled at the Housing Scheme at Kalinga Mawatha, Colombo 05, Constructed under the Urban Regeneration Project**

The housing scheme at Kalinga Mawatha, Colombo 05 has comprised of 528 houses and 384 of which are occupied by families relocated from underprivileged urban settlements. Although, they have obtained permanent houses, it has been observed that these residents are encountering various complex social- economic challenges due to changing their traditional life style. Therefore, the Agromart Outreach Foundation has submitted a project proposal to implement a project under multilateral involvement for empowering the aforementioned families. Under this project, it is planned to implement a relevant low-income women's empowerment project within three years, covering four primary sections : Needs Assessment, Economic Transformation, Holistic Family Support, and Sustainable Integration . The Ministry of Women and Child Affairs will provide the necessary policy guidance and administrative sponsorship, while the Agromart Outreach Foundation will provide technical expertise and funds for the execution of the project. The Urban

Development Authority will intervene as the facilitating partner authority. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal furnished by the Minister of Women and Child Affairs to implement the proposed project and sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs and the Agromart Outreach Foundation.

#### **05. Procurement of 05 Million Pre-printed Polycarbonate Cards for the Issuance of National Identity Cards**

Approval has been granted at the cabinet meeting held on 07-04-2025 to execute the procurement process for purchasing pre-printed polycarbonate cards for the Department of Registration of Persons for issuing National Identity Cards. Accordingly, bids were invited following the International Competitive Bidding procedure. Accordingly, 08 bids were submitted for that purpose. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by His Excellency the President as the Minister of Digital Economy to award the contract for purchasing 05 million pre-printed polycarbonate cards to the substantially responsive bidder, M/s Muhlbauer ID Services GmbH of Germany, at a cost of EUR 4.93 million after the evaluation of these bids and based on the recommendation of the High-Level Procurement Committee.

#### **06. Utilization of Credit Facilities Provided by the Government of India for Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Programs in Sri Lanka Following Cyclone Ditwah**

The Government of India has provided a long-term credit facility of US\$ 250 million and a short-term credit facility of US\$ 100 million under 'Operation Sagar Bandhu' via the Indian Rupee Line of Credit to implement rehabilitation and reconstruction programs for damages caused by Cyclone Ditwah. Under the short-term credit facility, it has been allocated US\$ 5 million to import breeding animals from India to support the development of the livestock sector. The remaining USD 95 million of the short-term facility is planned to be utilized to procure essential vehicles, such as ambulances, gully bowsters, single cabs, and tippers, needed to facilitate essential services and relief operations in areas severely affected by Cyclone Ditwah. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development to purchase the aforementioned essential vehicles under the Indian short-term credit facility for the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs, the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, and Local Government, and the institutions functioning under them.

## **07. Purchase of Machinery for the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation**

The Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation performs vitally important functions such as minimizing the risk of inundation in urban and lowland areas, maintaining drainage systems efficiently, carrying out urgent operations during inundation events, and maintaining canals. The need to strengthen the capacity of the corporation's internal operations has been identified by the corporation to perform the aforementioned functions efficiently and expeditiously. The corporation has planned to purchase small -scale machinery that can be used to clean small canals, which significantly contribute to urban inundation. The General Treasury has agreed to grant 625 million rupees as an equity contribution for purchasing the relevant machinery. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution submitted by the Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development to purchase the relevant machinery by the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation, following formal procurement procedures at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,233 million, utilizing the aforementioned amount granted by the General Treasury and the funds of the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation.

## **08. Awarding Contracts to Renovate and Upgrade the Roads under the Rural Ways Programme**

Bids have been called adhering to the national competitive procurement methodology for selecting contractors to renovate and upgrade five (05) packages of rural roads in Western and Northern provinces under the rural ways programme. Seventeen (17) bids have been forwarded for that. Subsequent to evaluation of those bids and based on the recommendations furnished by the Higher – Level Procurement Committee, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development to award the contracts for three (03) packages out of the said five (05) packages as follows.

- Awarding the contract for Package No. 02 for renovation and upgrading of rural ways of Kaluthara district of the Western province to M/s RR Constrution (Pvt.) Ltd. which is the minimum substantially responsive bidder for a sum of Rs. 659.05 million (exclusive of Value Added Tax).
- Awarding the contract for Package No. 01 for renovation and upgrading of rural ways of Killinochchi district of the Northern province to M/s RR Constrution (Pvt.) Ltd. which is the minimum substantially responsive bidder for a sum of Rs. 801.74 million (exclusive of Value Added Tax).
- Awarding the contract for Package No. 02 for renovation and upgrading of rural ways of Mulathivu district of the Northern province to M/s RR Constrution (Pvt.) Ltd. which is the minimum substantially responsive bidder for a sum of Rs. 659.12 million (exclusive of Value Added Tax).

#### **09. Facilitating to Transport Aircraft Fuel from Muthurajawela to Katunayake Bandaranayake International Airport**

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 29.07.2024 to execute a project to construct an aircraft fuel storage tank complex and related facilities with a capacity of 92,000 cubic metres in Muthurajawela, construction of a specific fuel transportation tunnel connected to the fuel filling terminal of the Bandaranayake International Airport with the said storing facility, and making changes to the existing terminal in Muthurajawela. Accordingly, bids have been called following international competitive procurement scheme. Three (03) bids have been forwarded in this connection. Followed by the evaluation of those bids and based on the recommendation furnished by the Higher - Level Procurement Committee, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Minister of Power to award the said contract to a sum of United States Dollars 40.84 million and Sri Lankan Rupees 8,548.75 million (without tax) to M/s. China Petroleum Pipeline Engineering Company Limited which is the substantially responsive bidder.

#### **10. Sri Lanka Cricket Draft Bill**

Approval has been granted at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on 08.06.2026 to prepare a draft bill for restructuring Sri Lanka Cricket. Accordingly, the Legal Draftsman has formulated Sri Lanka draft bill providing legal provisions for the administration of Sri Lanka Cricket, control, regulation, promotion, establishment of Sri Lanka Cricket for the development and administration, through the concepts of better governance, integrity, transparency, accountability, inclusiveness and providing equal opportunities for the betterment of the cricket sport, establishment of the Sri Lanka Cricket for securing the wellbeing of all participants and securing cricket from corruption and other mal practices. Clearance of the Attorney General has been received for the said draft bill. Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been received for the resolution furnished by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports to publish the said draft bill in the government gazette notification and thereby forward the same to the Parliament for its concurrence.

#### **11. Appointment to the Post of the Director General of Irrigation**

Dr. (Eng.) K. Weligepolage, who is serving as the Director General of Irrigation is to get retired from public service on 06.10.2026 entering the compulsory age of retirement. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation to appoint Ms. P. M. Jayadeera (Engineer) in the Special Grade of Sri Lanka Engineering Service serving at present as the Additional

Secretary (Water Resources Development) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation to the post of Director General which will be vacant from 06.10.2026.

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