



Cabinet Decisions taken at the Cabinet Meeting held on 19.10.2026

01. Implementation of Suraksha Student Insurance Program for the Year 2026/2027

The Suraksha Student Insurance Program has been initiated with the primary objective of the creation of the necessary environment for the students who encounter various obstacles due to various health issues to overcome barriers and continue their education without any interruption. The students studying in government schools, government approved private schools, Pirivenas and Assisted special schools are eligible to obtain the benefits under this program. After informing the Cabinet of Ministers, they decided to grant their approval for the resolution furnished by the Hon. Prime Minister, in her capacity as the Minister of Education, Higher Education, and Vocational Education, to revise and implement the currently enforced agreement regarding the aforementioned Suraksha Student Insurance Program between the Ministry of Education, Higher Education, and Vocational Education and Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation for the period from 01-09-2026 to 31-08-2027, with the inclusion of the following new benefits as well.

- Providing the opportunity to claim benefits up to Rs. 75,000/- for repairing hearing accessories and for the service charges incurred thereof.
- Providing the opportunity to claim benefits up to Rs.20,000/-for the students who are taking medicines in long term for the diseases such as for chronic kidney diseases and Chronic Inflammatory Arthritis.
- Providing the opportunity to claim benefits up to Rs.20,000/- for the expenses incurred for the tests Malignancy Screening Test for Skin Cancer, Post-transplant Lymphoproliferative Disorder (PTLD), Screening Test for Osteoporosis, Screening Test for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV.
- Revising 'Cancer Treatment' under the critical illness category to 'Cancer Treatment and related Testing', and covering expenses incurred for major surgeries required for hip, shoulder, and knee joint replacements due to sudden accidents, as well as PET Scans, under the critical illness category.
- Providing the opportunity to claim an amount of Rs. 100,000/- under the accidental category for student fatalities occurring due to sudden accidents during activities organized by institutions under the Ministry of Education, Higher Education, and Vocational Education, and conducted under the supervision of educational authorities (such as educational terms/excursions and sports meets, etc.) either within or outside the school.

02. Adopting the Credit Risk assessment methodology for the Financial Institutes according to the provisions of Public Debt Management Act No.33 of 2024

The approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been previously received for the Credit Risk assessment methodology formulated by the Public Debt Management Office for the relevant for assessing the risk of the provision of government guarantees or sub-loans state owned enterprises according to provisions of the Public Debt Management Act No.33 of 2024. The Central Bank of Sri Lanka or financial institutions that partially or fully lend or borrow for their own businesses are not included in the definition of “Public Enterprises’ in the Public Debt Management Act. Therefore, necessity of formulating appropriate methodology for the assessing of credit risk of such institutions in relation to providing guarantees or sub-loans for the aforementioned institutions taking into account the unique nature of those institutes, higher level debt financing, liquidation and market risk, necessity of regulation and importance of their potential systems. The Credit Risk assessment methodology for financial institutes has been formulated by the Public Debt Management Office incorporating credit ratings assigned to financial institutions by authorized credit rating agencies operated in Sri Lanka. 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 follow the aforementioned methodology for assessing the credit risk relevant to the financial institutes in Sri Lanka.

03. Transfer of Nippon Mawatha situated at Etul Kotte to the Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte Municipal Council.

The crossroad connected to the Baddagana road through the Baddagana Biodiversity Park from Jayawardenapura Mawatha was constructed by the Urban Development Authority, and the aforementioned road is known as Nippon Mawatha. Approval has been granted at the cabinet meeting held on 02-07-2008; it was transferred part of the Nippon Mawatha from Mahindarama Temple to Baddagana, Sri Jayawardenapura Municipal Council, by a free grant for maintenance. Taking into account the requests of the people in the surrounding area, it has been decided at the Provincial Coordination Committee, held on 12-03-2025, to transfer the remaining part of Nippon Mawatha from Sri Jayawardenapura Mawatha to Sunethrarama Temple to the Sri Jayawardenapura Municipal Council as well for the proper maintenance of the road. Approval from the Management Committee of the Urban Development Authority has also been received for that purpose. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution provided by the Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development Authority to transfer the relevant part of the road, 02 acres, 02 roods, and 31 perches in extent, to the Sri Jayawardenapura Municipal Council as a free grant for the Jayawardenapura Municipal Council as a free grant for proper maintenance of the road.

04. Transfer of the SAARC Cultural Centre Premises at Navimana, Matara, to the Ministry of Education, Higher Education, and Vocational Education for the Establishment of the Ocean University of Sri Lanka

At the Cabinet meeting held on 2026-06-01, it was decided to instruct the Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Higher Education, and Vocational Education to explore the feasibility of utilizing the buildings constructed and the premises at the SAARC Cultural Centre, Navimana, Matara, for an educational or vocational training purpose. Accordingly, it has been identified as suitable to transfer the SAARC Cultural Centre situated on an 11-acre land comprising a half-completed building complex of 200,000 square feet to the Ocean University of Sri Lanka, which is currently operating in several rented-out building premises. The agreement of the Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs has been received for the same. Accordingly, the Cabinet approved the proposal presented by the Prime Minister in her capacity as the Minister of Education, Higher Education, and Vocational Education to take over the SAARC Cultural Centre premises at Navimana, Matara, to the Ministry of Education, Higher Education, and Vocational Education for the establishment of the Ocean University of Sri Lanka.

05. Project for Constructing Two (02) Wastewater Treatment Plants for the Service Area located at Welipenna on the Southern Expressway

Canowin Hotels and Spas (Private) Limited, a fully owned subsidiary of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation, maintains the service area located at Welipenna on the Southern Expressway. It has been identified that the capacity of the existing wastewater treatment plants at the said service area is insufficient. Having examined the prevailing condition by the National Water supply and Drainage Board, a report has been submitted by them and thereby it has been recommended to construct two (02) wastewater treatment plants with the capacity of 200 cubic meters per day each. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by Hon. the President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development to award the contract for the project of constructing two (02) wastewater treatment plants for the Welipenna service area at an estimated cost of Rs. 562.04 million to the National Water Supply and Drainage Board.

06. Kolonnawa Stormwater Drainage and Environment Improvement Project

Although, the constructions of the Kolonnawa Stormwater Drainage and Environment Improvement Project was initiated in the year 2019, the implementation of the project components as pre-planned has been impaired due to the Corona pandemic situation that prevailed in the year 2020 and the economic recession subsequently encountered by the Sri Lanka. Therefore, a new project plan and a corresponding cost estimate have been prepared for the remaining tasks of the project. According to the new project plan, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development to implement the tasks of the project under the following main components within a timeframe of 03 years at an estimate of Rs. 15,077.82 million,

- Completing the construction of the currently under-construction Salalihini Mawatha canal (3,250 meters) and constructing the Dahamwala canal (3,868 meters).
- Performing specialized tasks such as creating water ponds/water retention areas of the project.

- Repairing the Passiyana canal (4,475 meters) and Dandukotuwa canal (650 meters), repairing the Dandutota flood gate, and installing 03 mobile pumps capable of pumping stormwater at a rate of 1 cubic meter per second.
- Implementing a relief allowance proposal with an estimate of Rs. 1,015 million for paying compensation, taking into account the acquisition of essential land plots located within the project area during project implementation and the impacts that may be caused to the daily livelihoods of the families affected thereby

07. Project for Constructing a Quarters Complex Consisting of 200 Housing Units for Public Officers within the New Town of Ratnapura

At the Ratnapura District Coordinating Committee meeting held under the chairmanship of the President on 2025-10-14, it was proposed to construct an apartment complex consisting of 200 housing units for public officers on a land belonging to the Urban Development Authority in the new town of Ratnapura, in lieu of the government official quarters located in the Colin Crescent area. It was further decided to transfer state- owned lands where government official quarters are located, to the Urban Development Authority to be utilized more productively for future development activities. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development to implement the construction of quarters complex consisting of 200 housing units under the estimated cost of Rs. 5,886.97 million within the period of 05 years.

08. Purchase of 200 Single Cabs for the Sri Lanka Police

Approval has been granted at the cabinet meeting held on 23-02-2026 to purchase 200 single imported cabs for the duties of the Sri Lanka Police. Accordingly, bids have been invited following the National Competitive Procurement Procedure, and seven (7) bids have been received for that purpose. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs to purchase 200 single cabs (TATA YODHA PICKUP) at a unit price of Rs. 4,785,000/- (excluding Value Added Tax) from M/s Diesel and Motor Engineering PLC, the substantially responsive lowest bidder based on the recommendation of the High-Level Procurement Committee after evaluating those bids.

09. Import and Export (Control) Regulations No. 08 of 2026

The Ministry of Industries and Entrepreneurship Development has recommended the establishment of Sri Lankan Standards, i.e. the import testing methodology for imported tires used for passenger cars and pneumatic tires for three-wheelers with the aim of ensuring a fair competitive environment for local manufactures and ensuring consumer safety and security. Taking into the said recommendations, “Import and Export (control regulations N0.08 of the 2026)” have been enacted to amend the existing regulations by means of the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2508/27 dated 2026-10-01, prescribing Sri Lanka standard 1212 for the import of passenger types (HS Code 4011.10.90) and Sri Lanka standard 1347 for the import of pneumatic tires for three - wheeled vehicles (HS Code 4011.90.10). Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by Hon. the President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development to submit the aforementioned regulations to Parliament for the approval.

10. Draft Bill of the Public Private Partnership Enterprises Act

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 02.06.2025 to introduce a new act to promote and providing legal provisions for facilitating the Public Private Joint Enterprises within Sri Lanka as well as the establishment of the National Agency for Public Private Partnership Joint Enterprises. Accordingly, the Legal Draftsman has formulated the relevant draft bill and the Attorney General has given his clearance to the said draft bill. The Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to publish the said draft bill in the government gazette notification and thereby submit it to the Parliament for its concurrence.

11. Amendment of the Ayurvedha Act No. 31 of 1961

Regulation, development and control of indigenous medical sector in Sri Lanka comprised of Ayurvedha, Sidhdha, Unani, Local Therapies are carried out under the provisions of Ayurvedha Act No. 31 of 1961. Although amendments were made to the act from time to time as per the requirements, the necessity of further amending the Ayurvedha Act has been identified to enable efficiently maintaining all activities of local medical field productively, further formalizing the regulation of the sector, taking actions to providing licenses applicable to export of local medicines, and achieving the progress and sustainable development goals in the local medical sector. Based on the said factors, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to direct the Legal Draftsman to formulate a draft bill to amend the Ayurvedha Act No. 31 of 1961.

12. Amendment of Sri Lanka Development Administration Institute Act No. 9 of 1982.

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 28.08.2018 to amend the Sri Lanka Development Administration Institute Act No.9 of 1982, including the required amendments for preparing the role and administrative structure of Sri Lanka Development Administration Institute to cater the concurrent requirements. The preparation activities of the relevant draft bill are now carried out by the Legal Draftsman and the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Governments to provide the policy approval of the current Cabinet of Ministers to conclude the drafting of said amendments.

13. Executing the Activities of Presidential Welfare Fund for Performing Artists under Tower Hall Foundation.

The activities of Presidential Welfare Fund for Performing Artists which is a non – statutory fund maintained by the Tower Hall Foundation should be finalized as per the provisions of State Financial Management Act No. 44 of 2024. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers decided to agree to invest the rupees 80.8 million invested under that fund by the Tower Hall Foundation account, and continuously implement the programme of providing subsistence allowance to aged artists that is already carried out utilizing the revenue earned by that, having considered the acknowledgement given by the Minister of Buddha Shasana, Religions and Cultural Activities.

14. Establishment of the National Higher Performance Centre.

Although athletes in Sri Lanka possess specific level of skills, it has been recognized that lack of a higher performing sports system with consolidated and scientific basis when converting those skills to sustainable international sports performances has become a major obstacle for enhancing the competitiveness of Sri Lanka during the including international sports events including Olympics. Therefore, a committee comprised of experts from relevant fields have been appointed for obtaining recommendations on establishing a higher performance basic system. Based on the recommendations submitted by that Committee, it has been planned to establish the National Higher performance Centre in the Diyagama area for a period of three (03) years from the year 2027 under a estimated cost of rupees 3,980 million with the objective of enhancing the competitiveness of Sri Lanka at the scheduled international sports events and Olympics in 2028, 2032 and 2036. It has been recognized to initiate the proposed National Higher Performance Centre in Torrington Sports Complex utilizing the infrastructure facilities in the building where stadium spectator stands and the sports medical institute in order to facilitate for the performance of excellent level athletes identified targeting the upcoming international sports events and the Olympic Sports Festival 2028. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports to take further actions applicable to establishment of the proposed National Higher Performance Centre.

15. Conducting the Cremation Ceremony of the Late Deputy Prelate (Anu Nayaka Thero) of Sri Lanka Ramangya Maha Nikaya, Gatambe Rajopawanramadhipatha, Siri Chandawimala Wanshalankara, Chandrakeerthi Sri Amarawansa, Sadhdharmawageeshwara, Shasanashobhanna Most Venerable Keppetiyagoda Siriwimalabhidhana Thero with the State Patronage.

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