Cabinet Decisions taken at the Cabinet Meeting held on 09.11.2026

01. Recommendations Submitted by the Finance Commission for the Year 2027

As per the provisions of the Article 154 of the Constitution, the Finance Commission has been vested with the responsibility to submit recommendations on the resources required for the provincial councils established under the 13th Amendment to the Constitution and on the principles that should be followed in allocating the necessary the grants for each provincial council from the national budget. Accordingly, in alignment with the objective of achieving balanced divisional development within the country, the Finance Commission has forwarded its recommendations to the Hon. President regarding the government involvement necessary in delivering respective services assigned to the provincial councils pertaining to the policies that should be followed in delivering funds allocated for the provincial councils from the annual budget for the year 2027. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President to submit the aforementioned recommendations for the concurrence of Parliament and to execute them as per the provisions of the Sub-Article 7 of Article 154(R) of the Constitution.

02. Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka and the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, United States of America

It has been proposed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the University of Jaffna and the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, USA, with the objective of achieving excellence in academic activities and further developing the friendly relationship existing between the two countries to enhance and disseminate knowledge. Through entering into the proposed MoU, it is expected that both parties will act cooperatively in activities engaging combined research and academic endeavors, promoting international experience through the exchange of academic staff in research, lecturing, and discussions across all academic sectors, encouraging undergraduate and postgraduate students in their studies, research, and internship training, organizing combined joint summits, conferences, and seminars, and linking the websites of these two universities for the facilitation of information exchange. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has agreed the resolution furnished by the Hon. Prime Minister in her capacity as the Minister of Education, Higher Education, and Vocational Education to sign for the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka and the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, United States of America to be effective for a period of five (05) years from the date of signing.

03. Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding between the India and Sri Lanka Regarding the Provision of 100 New Ambulances for the 1990 Suwa Sariya National Pre-hospital Emergency Ambulance Service

1990 Suwa Seriya National Pre-hospital Emergency Ambulance Service was initiated in the year 2016 by utilizing a financial grant from the Indian Government, and this service was disseminated throughout the island in the year 2018. This service is provided 24 hours a day free of charge, covering all the districts, and 1,000 to 1,200 patient transport operations are handled per day. These ambulances travel approximately 9 million kilometers annually. Consequently, under this condition, there is an increased tendency for technical defaults to arise in the 322 ambulances of this fleet. Taking into consideration the special request made by the Sri Lankan Government, the Indian Government has agreed to provide a financial grant enabling the acquisition of 100 new ambulances equipped with complete medical facilities for use in the 1990 Suwa Seriya service. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has granted the resolution furnished by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of India to obtain the aforementioned financial grant.

04. Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding between George Mason University of the United States of America and the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies for promoting research cooperation in the field of science and technology

It has been proposed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between George Mason University of the United States of America and the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies with the objective of facilitating mutually beneficial research cooperation, including the identification of research challenges and the development of technical solutions. The aforementioned Memorandum of Understanding will be effective for five years, and under this MoU, both parties have agreed to cooperate in the fields of cybersecurity, unmanned aerial vehicles, space and satellites, artificial intelligence and machine learning, and 5G communications. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has granted the resolution furnished by the Minister of Science and Technology to sign the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between George Mason University of the United States of America and the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies.

05. Implementation of "Home Composting" project in conjunction with Provincial Councils and Local Authorities as a component of the 'Clean Sri Lanka - Pivithuru Purawara' National Solid Waste Management Project

It has been determined that biodegradable organic materials account for 50%-60% of the daily accumulated waste in Sri Lanka. The financial and operational expenses associated with the collection, transport, separation, and final disposal of this waste can be significantly reduced by converting it into compost at home. Therefore, it has been planned to commence a project in converting the biodegradable waste generated at the household level into compost as one component under the 'Clean Sri Lanka Pivithuru Purawara' Solid Waste Management National Project, which is due to be implemented in the 2027-2029 timeframe as a sustainable solution covering the generation of waste up to final disposal. The project will involve providing compost bins to each relevant household unit and converting biodegradable waste into compost within the household itself on specific streets, where these streets will become a zone that does not collect biodegradable waste in a manner covering all the Local Government Institutes. This involvement is anticipated to establish a connection and integrate the necessity of physical facilities (compost bins), knowledge, and technical guidance under the supervision of all local government institutes, thereby promoting the continuous use of this practice in every household as part of a single active system. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President to implement the aforementioned household compost production project, covering the western and southern provinces first as one project of the three-year 'Clean Sri Lanka Pivithuru Purawara' Solid Waste Management National Project, and to disseminate this project to other provinces as well, based on the success of the project.

06. Awarding the Contract of Construction of a Ten Storied Building in the Commerce and Management Faculty of the University of Kelaniya

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 03.02.2025 to select a contractor by calling bids adhering to the National Competitive Procurement Methodology for executing the ten storied building project of the Commerce and Management Faculty of the University of Kelaniya which had been paused due to economic constraints. Accordingly, bids have been called and ten (10) bids have been received. Subsequent to evaluation of the submitted bids the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. Prime Minister in her capacity as the Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education to award the said contract to M/s Sathuta Builders (Pvt.) Ltd. which is the minimum substantially responsive bidder to an amount of rupees 1.73 billion (exclusive of value added tax) considering the recommendations submitted by the Higher - Level Procurement Committee and the Procurement Appeals Board.

07. Obtaining the Financial Assistance for the Sector Development Programme for Developing a Strong and All – Inclusive Financial Econ System (Sub Programme 1) for Micro, Small and Medium Scale Entrepreneurships

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 16.03.2026 to conduct loan discussions with the Asian Development Bank for obtaining policy - based credit of United States dollar 620 million from the Asian Development Bank under five (05) sub programmes in order to proceed with the Renovation Agenda of Sri Lanka parallel to the Comprehensive Cash Facility Programme of the International Monetary Fund. In par with the said approval, the Department of External Resources has concluded formal credit discussions with the Asian Development Bank by now on obtaining the relevant loan to execute the Sector Development Programme for Developing a Strong and All – Inclusive Financial Econ System for Micro, Small and Medium Scale Entrepreneurships which is the Sub Programme 1 of that. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the proposal submitted by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to enter into a contract with the Asian Development Bank for obtaining the said loan grant comprised of a policy based credit component of United States dollars 100 million granted from the permanent general capital resources of the Asian Development Bank and another United States dollars 100 million granted from the financial mediation credit component.

08. Expansion of National Highways and Renovation of Highway Infrastructure Facilities

Under the programme to expand of national highways and renovation of highway infrastructure facility as well as the programme to renovate and enhance the roads devastated owing to the impact of Ditwah cyclone, bids have been called adhering to the national competitive procurement scheme to select eligible contractors for enhance portions of roads. After evaluating the bids received for the purpose, and based on the recommendations submitted by the Higher Level Procurement Committee, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development to award the said contracts as follows to the substantially responsive minimum bidders.

National Highways Extension and Enhancement Programme

Serial No.	Contract	No. of bids received	Recommended Bidder	Value of the Contract (exclusive of VAT)
01.	Extension and enhancement of road portion from Gatahehttha to Moragala (from 62 + 450 kilometres to 70 + 000) in Colombo – Ratnapura – Wellawaya – Batticaloa Road (AA004).	05	M/s RR Construction (Pvt.) Ltd.	Rupees 1,485.79 million

02.	Renovation and enhancement of road portion from Madampe to Koswetiya (from 15 + 000 kilometres to 30 + 000) in Pelmadulla – Embilipitiya – Nonagama Road (A018).	04	M/s RR Construction (Pvt.) Ltd.	Rupees 3,739.84 million
03.	Extension and enhancement of road portion from Hadabima junction to Katugastota (from 3 + 000 kilometres to 10 + 040) in Peradeniya – Haloluwa – Katugastota Road (B365).	03	M/s Maga Engineering (Pvt.) Ltd.	Rupees 3,106.21 million

Programme to Renovate and Enhancement Programme for Portions of Roads Devastated by Ditwah Cyclone.

Serial No.	Contract	No. of bids received	Recommended Bidder	Value of the Contract (exclusive of VAT)
01	Renovation of road portion from Nawalapitiya – Dolosbage road from 0 kilometre to 10 kilometre, Nawalapitiya – Ginigathhena road from 0 kilometre to 6.840 kilometre and Nawalapitiya – Dimbula road from 0 kilometre to 10.500 kilometre	04	M/s ELS Construction (Pvt.) Ltd	Rupees 763.98 million

09. Construction of a New Railway Bridge Across the River Mahaweli in Between Sarasavi Uyana and Peradeniya of Mathale Rail Track.

Plans have been drawn to execute a project with the objective of developing an extensive suburban railway network covering Kandy Municipal Council area while a feasibility study in this connection is in progress. The scope of the project covers converting the main railway track from Kadugannawa to Gampola across Peradeniya to a dual railway and converting the Mathale railway from Peradeniya to Katugastota to a dual railway. It has been recognized that measures should be taken under that project to complete the dual railway track that is already planned, eradicate the capacity constraints caused due to the single railway track already existing and enhance the accountability and connection of the railway network. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development to construct a new railway bridge across the river Mahaweli between Sarasavi Uyana and Peradeniya to enable combining the Mathale railway track to the national railway network obtaining the financial assistance from Indian loan grant scheme for renovation and development of railway infrastructure facilities devastated due to Ditwah cyclone.

10. Submission of the Veterinary Surgeons and Practitioners (Infamous Conduct) Regulations No. 1 of 2025 to the Concurrence of the Parliament.

The Veterinary Surgeons and Practitioners Act No. 46 of 1956 was introduces with the intention of establishing a legitimate framework for registration of Veterinary Surgeons and Practitioners in Sri Lanka, nominating theirprofessional qualification and regulating the veterinary profession. Under the provisions of that act, the extraordinary gazette notification No. 2470/12 dated 05.01.2026 has published the regulations formulated with the objective of defining the professional misconduct relating to the veterinary profession, including acts or omissions that constitute disgraceful professional conduct or the misuse of professional positions, establish procedures for appointing inquiry panels to investigate such conduct and empower the Sri Lanka Veterinary Council to impose disciplinary measures on persons found guilty, including the temporary suspension or cancellation of registration and the issuance of warnings. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation to submit the Veterinary Surgeons and Practitioners (Infamous Conduct) Regulations No. 1 of 2025 to the approval of the Parliament.

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