



Cabinet Decisions taken at the Cabinet Meeting held on 27.10.2025

01. Utilizing underutilized or partially completed buildings and constructions owned by various government institutions for productive purposes

The General Treasury has collected information at Divisional Secretariat divisions, with the support of the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Council, and Local Government, regarding the buildings constructed by various government institutions that are currently abandoned, underutilized, or partially completed and not being used for productive purposes. The Cabinet of Ministers has decided that the relevant ministries and institutions should promptly prepare and implement a program for such buildings to be used for productive purposes after His Excellency, the President, in his capacity as Minister of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development, submits a report inclusive of all the details on the physical condition of the currently existing 2,972 buildings which have been identified as underutilized and partially constructed.

02. Implementation of the projects in the Eastern Province under the Indian Multi – Sectoral Grants

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Government of India and the Government of Sri Lanka on 05-04-2025 for the implementation of projects within the Eastern Province under the Indian Multi-Sectoral Grants. The Government of India has agreed to provide a grant of Sri Lankan Rupees 2,371.83 million to implement 33 projects that have fulfilled the development requirements of the Eastern Province. According to the aforementioned Memorandum of Understanding, a separate Memorandum of Understanding shall be signed between the Indian High Commission and the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, and Local Government for each of these projects that are due to be implemented. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, and Local Government to sign 33 Memoranda of Understanding relevant to the 33 projects due to be implemented in the Eastern Province under the Indian Multi-Sectoral Grants.

03. Obtaining funds for the Daniel S. Sanders Scheme at the National Institute of Social Development.

The National Institute of Social Development, established under the National Institute of Social Development Act No. 41 of 1992, is an authorized degree-awarding institute approved by the University Grants Commission. As per the provisions of the relevant Act, there is a possibility of obtaining funding for the Institute from Sri Lanka or outside Sri Lanka from any source by way of donations, gifts, or grants. Professor Daniel Selvaraja Sanders was a former educationist in social work at the Institute of Social Work in Sri Lanka and served as a member of the faculty from 01-10-1955 to 03-10-1957. After his demise, in honor of him, his wife, Mrs. Christobel C. Sanders, provided funds to start the Professor D. Sanders Endowment Scholarship Scheme of the National Institute of Social Development in the year 1996. Thus, scholarships have been provided for 14 students so far. Mrs. Christobel C. Sanders passed away in the year 2023, and the in-charge of the said trust has informed

that US\$ 75,000, as a portion of the late Christobel C. Sanders trust, has been received by the National Institute of Social Development for the scholarships. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Rural Development, Social Security, and Community Empowerment to take further action to obtain the aforementioned grant facility awarded to the National Institute of Social Development properly and to utilize the aforementioned grants for the exemplary performance of the social work students and for the social improvement of social programs.

04. Procurement of Diesel (0.05% M.S) Barrels of 1,400,000 +/- 5% (5 Shipments) during the period 15-11-2025 to 14-06-2026

Bids have been invited by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from registered suppliers to award a long-term contract for the procurement of Diesel (0.05% M.S.) barrels of 1,400,000 +/- 5% (5 shipments) during the period 15-11-2025 to 14-06-2026. Seven bidders have submitted their bids for this purpose. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Power and Energy to award the aforementioned procurement to M/s. Trafigura Pte. Ltd. in Singapore, based on the recommendations of the High-Level Standing Procurement Committee.

05. Submission of the Motor Vehicles (Drugs) Regulations No. 01 of 2025 to the Parliament for approval

The provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act stipulate that when a person is suspected by a police officer of taking drugs while driving, it should be legal to present such a person to a medical officer of the government. However, provisions have not been issued to determine the method and manner in which such an investigation could be conducted, nor the amount of drugs to be considered as proof that he or she has taken drugs. Therefore, Motor Vehicle (Drug) Directive No. 1 of 2025, under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act (203 Authority), has been published by Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2452/40 dated 04-09-2025, enabling drivers suspected of taking drugs to be checked. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Acting Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development to submit the aforementioned directives to Parliament for approval.

06. Submission of the directives prepared under the Motor Vehicle Act making it compulsory for passengers traveling in vehicles driven on the expressways to wear seat belts.

The Motor Vehicles Directive (Expressway) No. 02 of 2011, formulated under the Motor Vehicle Act (Section 203 Authority), has been amended by the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2455/29 dated 25-09-2025 in order to minimize the deaths and severe injuries that have occurred due to the increase in accidents on the expressway day by day. Therefore, wearing seat belts for every passenger traveling in every seat of the vehicles passing on the expressway has been made compulsory. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Acting Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development to submit the aforementioned directive to Parliament for approval.

07. Introduction of new Act to issue new licenses for the container depot operators and amendment of license issuance Act No. 10 Of 1972 for shipping agents, freight forwarders, general operators other than vessel operators, container operators

Approval has been granted at the cabinet meeting held on 18-12-2024 to prepare a Bill to issue new licenses for container depot operators and to amend the license issuance Act No. 10 of 1972 for shipping agents, freight forwarders, general operators other than vessel operators, container operators. Accordingly, the clearance of the Attorney General has been received for the bill drafted by the Legal Draftsman. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal presented by the Minister of Port, Civil Aviation to publish the aforementioned Act in the Government Gazette and to submit to the Parliament for approval thereafter.

08. Review of the recruitment process of the Government Service and execution of recommendations of the Committee appointed for the management of staffs.

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 30.12.2024 to appoint a committee comprised of officials headed by the Secretary to the Prime Minister to take necessary actions in regard to the quantities of recruitments to be made essentially after identifying requirements, priorities and time frames by reviewing the process of recruitment to the government service. Considering the requests forwarded to the said committee for filling the vacancies in the posts existing in departments and other institutions under respective Ministries, as per the recommendations made at the committee meeting held on 02-10-2025, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Hon. Prime Minister to grant approval to the relevant Departments and institutions under the each Ministry to fill the vacancies in them.

Serial No	Ministries/Provincial Councils/ Commission	No of P/Vacancies Recommended by the committee for Recruitment
1	Ministry of Education, Higher Education, and Professional Education	79
2	Ministry of Health and Mass Media	120
3	Ministry of Port and Civil Aviation	44
4	Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Council and Local Government	17
5	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Land, and Irrigation	123
6	Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development	01
7	Ministry of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development	310
8	Ministry of Fishery, Aquatic, and Ocean Resources	01
9	Ministry of Digital Economic	01
10	Ministry of Transport, Highways, and Urban development	48
11	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment, and Tourism	54
12	Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security, and Community Empowerment	06
13	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	355

14	Ministry of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs	5,198
15	Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure	213
16	Ministry of Buddhism, Religious, and Cultural Affairs	1,261
17	National Police Commission	02
18	Northern Provincial Council	115
19	Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council	11
20	North Western Provincial Council	85
21	North Central Provincial Council	89
22	Western Provincial Council	414
Total		8,547

09. Appointment to the post of the Director General of the Department of Animal Production and Health.

Dr. Mrs. K. A. C. H. A. Kothalawala, serving at the post of Director General of the Department of Animal Production and Health is to get retired from service with effect from 04.02.2025 and, approval has been granted for pre – retirement leave from 04.11.2025 to 03.02.2026. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Minister of Agriculture Livestock, of Animal Irrigation to appoint Mr. Kahanda Kanaththage Sarath, Special Grade Officer in the Animal Production and Health Service, serving as the Director of the Provincial Department of Animal Production and Health at present to act in the post of the Director General of the Department of Animal Production and Health full time during the period when Dr. Mrs. K. A. C. H. A. Kothalawala is on pre – retirement leave and to appoint him to the post of Director General of the Department of Animal Production and Health thereafter with effect from 04.02.2026.

10. Appointment to the post of Commissioner General of Ayurveda

The Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the proposal submitted by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to immediately appoint Mrs. A. M. G. N. Deepthi, in the special grade of Sri Lanka Administrative Service and currently serving as a Labour Commissioner of the Department of Labour to the post of the Commissioner General of Ayurveda which is vacant at present.

11. Providing space for establishment of new courts.

The requirement to establish several new high court premises with immediate effect has been identified to execute the activities entrusted with the Ministry of Justice and National Integration as per the Anti – Corruption National Action Plan (2025 – 2029). Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers decided to grant their concurrence to the matter made aware by the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial

Councils and Local Governments that the Ministry would take actions to hand over the buildings at the addresses appearing below belong currently under his Ministry to the Ministry of Justice and National Integration to establish 04 new high courts with immediate effect.

- No. B 88, Gregory Road, Colombo 07
- No. C 76, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07
- No. B 108, Wijerama Road, Colombo 07
- No. B 12, Stanmore Crescent, Colombo 07

12. Selecting an institution to upgrade the currency monitoring activities of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted to execute the procurement process for selecting an institution to enhance the currency operations activities of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. Accordingly, aspirations have been called following the dual stage bidding procurement system for the relevant procurement and four (04) institutions have expressed their aspirations. Proposals have been invited from Giesecke & Devrient Asia Pacific Limited, Hong Kong which had accomplished the relevant qualifications as per the recommendations of the higher level standing procurement committee subsequent to the aspirations evaluation process. After evaluating the technical and financial proposals submitted by that institution, the higher level standing procurement committee recommended awarding the procurement of enhancing currency monitoring activities of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to that institution. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by His Excellency the President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Policy Planning and Economic Development to award the relevant procurement to Giesecke & Devrient Asia Pacific Limited, Hong Kong, based on the above recommendation.

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