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**PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL
REPORT OF THE
ELECTION COMMISSION
FOR THE YEAR 2016**

01. Introduction

The Department of Elections established on 01st October 1955 to hold elections in Sri Lanka and to prepare electoral registers, functioned till November 2015 and ceased to exist on 2015-11-17 with the appointment of and assumption of duties by the Members of the Election Commission on 17.11.2015. The Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka provided for the establishment of the Election Commission upon the dissolution of the Department of Elections after six decades of its continuous service.

Though the preparation and certification of the electoral register for the year 2016 was originally scheduled to be finalized by 30th October 2016, it had to be postponed until 23rd December 2016 due to the emergency situation arose as a result of island wide floods, sudden earth slip in Kegalle district and the explosion at the Salawa Army Camp. During the year 2016 a four year Strategic Plan (2017 – 2020) was prepared for the Election Commission and it was launched at a ceremony held on 16.11.2016 at the Auditorium of the Sri Lanka Foundation. Similarly, a ceremony to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the universal suffrage in Sri Lankans was organized and in parallel therewith a special anthology was launched at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall on 30.11.2016.

02. First Revision of Electoral Registers by the Election Commission

2.1. Political Parties and the general public agitated in 1980s and 1990s for the need of an Election Commission to ensure the conduct of free and fair elections even during the Department of Elections was in existence. In response to their views, provisions relating to the establishment of an Election Commission were included in the Constitution for the first time by the 17th Amendment to the Constitution in 2001. However, the Election Commission was not established as envisaged under the Seventeenth Amendment but the power to carry out certain functions of the Election Commission was vested in the Commissioner of Elections. Subsequent Eighteenth and Nineteenth Amendments to the Constitution highlighted the need of the Election Commission and accordingly, the proposed Election Commission was established on 17th November 2015 under the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution which was passed in Parliament on 15th May 2015.

2.2. The Election Commission consists of three members and one of them has to be appointed as the Chairman. Accordingly, on the recommendations of the Constitutional Council, His Excellency the President appointed Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, former Commissioner of Elections, Mr. Nalin J.

Abeysekere P.C., former Legal Draftsman and Professor Ratnajeewan H. Hoole, former vice Chancellor of University of Jaffna on 13.11.2015 as the Members of the Election Commission. Out of the three members, Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, former Commissioner of Elections was appointed as the first Chairman of the Election Commission and the inaugural meeting of the Election Commission was held on 17.11.2015 at the Elections Secretariat with the participation of all members.

03. Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980

Revision of Electoral Registers – 2015

- 3.1. The notice of the commencement of the enumeration of electors for the year 2015 under Section 12(1) of the Registration of Electors Act was published in the *Gazette* No. 1914/35 dated 15.05.2015 and in addition to that the same was published in Sinhala, Tamil and English newspapers, on the same day.
- 3.2. At the end of completing the activities relating to multiple registrations and inquiries into claims and objections and re-scrutinizing the names of all electors with the enumeration forms (BC Forms), the Electoral Register was certified on 31.12.2015 in terms of Section 18 of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980. The notice under Section 20 regarding the certification was published in the *Gazette* No. 1947/33 on 31.12.2015 and in newspapers on the same day.
- 3.3. At the end of certification of the Electoral Register in 2015, the Registering Officer of each electoral district provided statements, in terms of Section 23 of the Registration of Electors Act, to the Commissioner of Elections about the total number of names in the electoral register and based on them the determination of the Commissioner of Elections in terms of Article 98(8) of the Constitution regarding the number of members to be elected for each electoral district at a Parliamentary Election, for the year 2015, was published in the *Gazette* No. 1969/15 of 31st May 2016. Details are shown in **Table I**.
- 3.4. Accordingly, the number of Members of Parliament for No. 8 - Matara Electoral District and No. 10 - Jaffna Electoral District were decreased by one and the number of members for No. 19 - Badulla Electoral District and No.20 - Moneragala Electoral District were increased by one in the year 2015. Comparative Statement on the number of

Members of Parliament to be elected for each electoral district (2007-2016) under the Article 98(8) of the Constitution is given in *Table II*.

4. Revision of Electoral Registers – 2016

- 4.1. The notice under Section 12(1) of the Registration of Electors Act relating to the commencement of the enumeration of electors for the year 2016 was published in the Government *Gazette* No. 1967/2 on 16.05.2016 and steps were taken to publish the same in Sinhala, Tamil and English newspapers, on the same day.
- 4.2. House to house enumeration was used to commence on 1st of June every year until the year 2012 and from the year 2012 it was advanced to mid May of the respective year. Accordingly, the enumeration of electors for 2016 commenced on 16th May. However, in terms of the Registration of Electors Act No. 44 of 1980, 1st of June in 2016 was considered as the qualifying date to be an elector.
- 4.3. Instructions regarding the enumeration of electors in all electoral districts were issued to District Registering Officers on 16.03.2016 and the Election Commission informed the secretaries of the recognized political parties on 16.03.2016 about the procedure of appointing their representatives relating to the revision.
- 4.4. Similar to previous years steps were taken during the revision of electoral register 2016 to implement various programs at the district level on the “Voters’ day” which falls on 1st of June, in addition to the awareness programs for the general public carried out through electronic and print media. The main function of the Voters’ Day of the year 2013 was held in Colombo and steps were taken in the revision of electoral registers for the year 2014 and 2015 to carry out public awareness programs in other districts as well. Especially action was taken to carry out main public awareness functions in Kandy, Jaffna, Kilinochchi and Colombo districts while various comprehensive public awareness programs were carried out in all other districts, targeting employees of private and public sector, farmer and fishers community, estate sector employees. Utmost contributions of the Officers of the Head Office of the Election Commission, District Registering Officers/ Government Agents and District Deputy/ Assistant Commissioners of Elections and their staffs towards making the above island wide programmes successful, are praiseworthy. The Chairman of Election Commission attended to the main function held at Nawalapitiya in Kandy District as well as to the voter awareness program at Punagari in Kilinochchi. Professor Ratnajeevan Hoole,

Member of the Election Commission, participated in the functions held in Jaffna and Kilinochchi. Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Chairman of the Election Commission, took part in the function held in Colombo alongside Mr. Nalin Abeysekere P.C. and Professor Ratnajeevan H. Hoole, Members of the Election Commission.

- 4.5. With the objective of entering all qualified electors into the electoral register, more attention was paid to identify and register as electors the communities/marginalized groups who have not thus far been included in the electoral register. Accordingly, instructions were given to all District Registering Officers/ Government Agents as well as to Deputy/ Assistant Commissioners of Elections to give priority to low income earners in urban areas, people living in urban high rise apartments, people migrating to urban areas, Tamil speaking people who were serving in jobs in the plantation sector in Kalutara, Galle and Matara Districts of Central, Uva and Sabaragamuwa Provinces and, internally displaced persons living in other areas of the Island due to actions of militant groups in Northern and Eastern Provinces and mentally sick persons who continue to stay in a separate unit at Sri Lanka National Institute of Mental Health in Angoda after recovery due to non acceptance by their relatives. Also, all qualified persons among those who were at Ridiyagama Detention Centre in Hambantota, on the recommendation of the Medical Officer regarding their mental soundness to be registered in the electoral register, and possess all other requirements to be an elector, were entered into the 2016 electoral register. Accordingly, I am happy to state that the task of registering all qualified persons of aforesaid community groups could be successfully completed in the year 2016.
- 4.6. In concurrence with the Voters' Day, door to door collection of enumeration forms in selected Grama Niladhari divisions of selected Municipal Council/ Urban Council areas was conducted on 05.06.2016 by the enumerators as well as officers of the Elections Office. According to the observations of the District Deputy/ Assistant Commissioners of Elections in this connection, an opportunity to identify genuine residents and to accept BC forms from them was made possible under these arrangements and the attempts to insert names fraudulently with a view to getting their children admitted to popular schools in particular, could be thwarted.
- 4.7. Instructions were given to implement a special program in the year 2016, as in the previous years, under the personal supervision of each District Deputy / Assistant Commissioners of Elections to register Tamil speaking persons serving in the plantation industry and other related jobs and not registered as electors due to various reasons

viz. inability to confirm the date of birth, problems in relation to the citizenship, staying away from home during the enumeration period owing to their careers and not interested in registering as electors. The support of the Superintendents of Estates, Plantation Community Facilitators, Welfare Officers of estates and Grama Niladharis serving in divisions related to estate areas was obtained for this purpose and an opportunity was provided to insert the names of many persons in the estates to the electoral register. A special program at the district level was also launched during the claim period to insert the names of electors in estate areas who were unable to insert their names at the primary enumeration.

- 4.8. During the year 2016, house to house enumeration of electors by enumerators could be carried out even in all areas of the Northern Province. However, house to house enumeration of electors was not possible in 24 polling districts in Jaffna Electoral District and 05 polling districts in Vanni Electoral District, where people had not been resettled in their original places. Relating to these areas, action was taken to retain the names of the electors, who appeared in the previous electoral register and all other newly qualified persons except persons reported as dead.
- 4.9. Field activities relating to the revision commenced on 16 May 2016. Although it was decided at the inception to complete the work by 30 October 2016 the certification of the electoral register had to be postponed until 23 December 2016 due to islandwide floods, earth slips and explosion at the Salawa Camp etc.,.
- 4.10. Accordingly, action was taken to conclude field activities of the enumeration of electors, which commenced on 16th May 2016, by first week of August, to prepare the “A” list, which contains the names deleted from the electoral register of the year 2015 and the “B” list, which contains the newly inserted names to the operative register, by 15.08.2016 and to exhibit at all District Elections Offices, Divisional Secretariats, all Grama Niladhari Offices and all Local Authorities, under Section 13 of the Registration of Electors Act No. 44 of 1980, during the 28 days period from 1st September 2016 to 28th September 2016, for the perusal of general public and enable them to submit their claims, if their names were not included in the register. In the revision of electoral registers for the year 2016, there were 840,235 names to be deleted and 1,055,990 new names to be inserted (B names) to the operative register (2015) in relation to all electoral districts. Claims and objections were accepted during this period of exhibition. The notice about the exhibition of “A” and “B” lists under the Section 13(2) of the

Registration of Electors Act was published in *Gazette* No. 1982/28 of 01.09.2016 and in all national newspapers on 01.09.2016.

4.11. Prior to the commencement of the enumeration, steps were taken to inform all recognized political parties to appoint representatives on their behalf to participate in the door to door enumeration of electors with the Enumerators, observe the delivery of enumeration forms (BC forms) to the Chief Occupants and acceptance of such forms, examine the same at the enumerators' offices at the end of the field enumeration and thereby to submit their observations. Since 1981 this opportunity has been provided to all recognized political parties, as the participation of the representatives of political parties to observe the duties of the enumerators and special enumerators is a big support to prepare an accurate electoral register. It is also a responsibility of all political parties to ensure the participation of their representatives in the enumeration process and ensure that the enumeration has been done correctly, without making complaints about depriving of the franchise of their party supporters, at an election time or when their supporters make complaints. However, only a very limited number of political parties appoint their representatives for this purpose and an insignificant number of those appointed also, contribute to this work. During the year 2016 a series of awareness programs was implemented by Deputy/ Assistant Commissioners of Elections of District Elections Offices to offer more knowledge to those who appointed by these political parties about the process of revision of electoral registers and the duty of the party representatives. Since the participation of the party representatives was minimal action was taken, prior to the commencement of the revision in 2016, to send the relevant particulars together with the statistics of the number of representatives appointed by the political parties and the number actually participated in this work, to the party secretaries with the letter of information about the revision. By this it was expected that party secretaries would take necessary steps to increase their representation. The details regarding appointments and participation of representatives of political parties in the revision of year 2016 are given in *Table IV*.

4.12. In the revision of 2016 also, action was taken, at the time of accepting checked enumeration forms (BC Forms) from the enumerators, to inform chief occupants of the households in writing, to obtain further information about the incidences where the enumerators had not recommended the inclusion of the names on various grounds though the chief occupants entered those names, or when all the electors of a household were deleted in the year 2016 though they were registered in the year 2015 or when any name was deleted due to various reasons

viz. failure to handover the BC forms. According to the responses received from the chief occupants, the names which could be registered at the same place, before their deletion, were accepted and “B” listed and all other claims were treated as claims received during the period for claims and were called for inquiries. Action was taken to insert the names in to the electoral register, which could be accepted according to the revealed information at the inquiries.

4.13. When “A” and “B” lists were put on display under the revision of registers for 2016, 82,115 claims and 1,352 objections were received by District Registering Officers from each electoral district. Action was taken to call every person for inquiries treating as claims all submissions made by them in any manner whatsoever with a view to safeguarding the rights of all to vote and to making available an all inclusive register of electors. First time ever in the history of Election Commission action was taken in 2016 to introduce a computer programme where the general public can refer their issues relating to the Revision of electoral register via the official website of the Commission. Accordingly, the draft register of electors 2016 was displayed on the said website and the opportunity was accorded to the electors to submit their grievances regarding discrepancies in their names and in their ID numbers. The District Registering Officers were required to conclude the inquiries into claims and objections before the 15th of October 2016. Accordingly, the number of claims and objections received, accepted and rejected at electoral district levels are given in *Table V*.

4.14. Similar arrangements were made to counter the multiple registrations in the electoral register as was done in previous years. Accordingly, at the revision of electoral registers for 2016, multiple registrations among

4.14.1 Newly inserted names within the district,

- ★ newly inserted names within the district and the names in the operative electoral register (2014) of the district,
- ★ newly inserted names within the district and newly inserted names in all other districts, and
- ★ newly inserted names within the district and the names in the operative electoral registers of all other districts

were examined and ascertained by using methods to check the multiple registrations. Instances where two or more persons have been registered under the same National Identity Card number were also

revealed at the inquiries conducted through correspondence with relevant electors.

- 4.14.2. 143,902 names of multiple registrations as revealed were deleted in the year 2016 and the details of the number of names so deleted on grounds of multiple registration from each electoral district are given in **Table VI**.
- 4.14.3. Enumerators were instructed to make every effort at the enumeration to record the National Identity Card Numbers of all persons, who have obtained National Identity Cards, as the production of a valid identity card has been made compulsory at the time of voting according to the Elections (Special Provisions) Act No. 14 of 2004. Even though the identity card number is given at the time of enumeration, the computer program used in the revision process detects any incorrect numbers. In such instances, the Department of Registration of Persons and the voter concerned were informed. Through this process it was possible to correct a large number of errors in identity card numbers and to prevent the attempts made by voters to enter their names under several addresses due to various reasons. Particulars of the persons, who produced their National Identity Card numbers at the enumeration of electors in 2016 and the comparative statement on the number of persons, who have produced the National Identity Card numbers at the revisions of electoral registers from year 2007 – 2016, are shown in **Table VII and VIII** respectively.
- 4.14.4. Particulars of the number of persons in each Grama Niladhari Division who did not have identity cards in their possession and the reasons for not obtaining them by now namely, inability to produce the birth certificate or any other document to prove their date of birth, not interested in obtaining the identity card or other reasons, were obtained from the Grama Niladhar is at the 2016 revision and steps were taken to inform them to the Commissioner of Registration of Persons. Accordingly, the Department of Registration of Persons took actions, during the year 2016 to implement a new program to issue identity cards to those persons.
- 4.14.5. Under the recommendations of the Additional Commissioner of Elections (Legal and Investigation) and especially, of the Legal Director of the Election Commission, action was taken to delete the names of 70 persons from the electoral register as the Department of Elections/ Election Commission received reports that they were serving imprisonment for offences committed under the Bribery Act and Election Laws or other laws. Details of the names deleted due to various reasons are given in **Table IX**.

- 4.14.6. Prior to certify the electoral register, the draft register was exhibited at District Elections Offices and all Grama Niladhari Offices in addition to publishing it in the website from 01.09.2016 to 28.09.2016. As was done in the 2015 revision, general public was informed in 2016 through paper advertisements and electronic media to inform the Election Commission or the District Elections Offices before 28.09.2016, if their names were not in the electoral register.
- 4.14.7. The Electoral Register for the year 2016 was certified on 23.12.2016 under Section 18 of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980. The Notice under Section 20(1) of the Act was published in *Gazette* No. 1998/35 of 23rd December 2016 and in the newspapers on the same day.
- 4.14.8. Number of registered electors in 2015 and 2016 according to the electoral districts and the comparative statement of number of electors in polling divisions of each electoral district from the year 2007 to 2016 are given in *Table X and XI* respectively.

5. Registration of Electors (Special Provisions) Act, No. 27 of 2013

- 5.1. Since the Registration of Electors (Special Provisions) Act, No. 27 of 2013 was effective for a limited period of two years, the provisions of the said Act were no longer applicable to the revision for 2016.

6. Parliamentary Elections Act, No.1 of 1981

6.1. Recognition of Political Parties and Filling of Vacancies in the Membership of Parliament

- 6.1.1. The provisions in the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981 regarding the recognition of political parties, were amended by Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, No. 58 of 2009 which was passed on 16.09.2009 and according to the new provisions the Election Commission should call for applications from political parties for recognition in January every year. But, if any election is pending in this month, actions relevant to calling for applications should be taken within 30 days after such election.
- 6.1.2. The notice regarding the recognition of political parties could not be issued in the year 2016 too, as legal proceedings related to elections to Pudukudiiruppu and Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabhas in Mullaitivu District were pending.

- 6.1.3. Election Commission is required by Section 7(4) (b) of the Parliamentary Elections Act, to publish the list of recognized political parties in the Government *Gazette* at the commencement of every calendar year. Accordingly, action was taken to publish the list of parties for the year 2016 in the Extraordinary *Gazette* No. 1961/49 of 30.01.2016 and thus, 63 parties were registered as recognized political parties for the year 2016. The list of these parties is given in **Table XII**.
- 6.1.4. Action was taken to fill two vacancies in the Memberships of Parliament in the year 2016 and the particulars are given in **Table XIII**.

6.2 Filling of Vacancies in the Membership of Provincial Councils

- 6.2.1 08 vacancies in Provincial Councils were filled during the period under review in terms of the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 02 of 1988 details of which appear in **Table XV**.

6.3 Filling of Vacancies in the Membership of Local Authorities

- 6.3.1 Action was pursued to fill 06 vacancies in 06 Municipal Councils which were functional in 2016 and the relevant details appear in **Table XVI**.

07. Staff

7.1. Creation of new posts

In view of converting the Department of Elections to the Election Commission with effect from 2015-11-17, action was taken during the year 2015 to obtain approval of the Management Services Department for a separate staff to carry out the activities of the Election Commission and to attach the whole staffs, who were serving in the Department of Elections, to the Election Commission. In addition to that action was taken during the year 2016 to create following posts.

- 7.1.1. Director General, Department of Management Services of Ministry of Finance, by his letter No. DMS/1288 dated 22.12.2015, approved two posts of Assistant Director/ Deputy Director, Grade III/II of Sri Lanka Administrative Service, for the Election Commission. In terms of the letter No. DMS/1288 dated 08.02.2016 of Director General, Department of Management Services of Ministry of Finance one of those two posts was suppressed and one Director post, Grade I S.L.A.S. post, was approved for the Election Commission.
- 7.1.2. Director General, Department of Management Services of Ministry of Finance by his letter No. DMS/1288 dated 08.02.2016, approved one

Assistant Director post, Grade III Class 1 of Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Service post, for the Election Commission while suppressing the post of Grade III Class 2 of Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Service approved for the Election Commission by the letter No. DMS/1288 dated 22.12.2015 of Director General, Department of Management Services of Ministry of Finance. One new post of Technical Officer of Class 2 of Sri Lanka Technological Service was approved during the year 2016 in view of the increase in the functions of the Election Commission.

07. New Appointments

- 7.2.1. Mr. J. Jeninton of Class III of Sri Lanka Administrative Service, who was attached to this Commission from 11.04.2016 by the letter No. 75/10/5911 dated 26.02.2016 of Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration and Management was appointed as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections of the Election Commission with effect from 11.04.2016.
- 7.2.2. By the letter No. 75/10/5911 dated 26.02.2016 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration and Management, Mr. B. M. I .S. L. Bandara of Class III of Sri Lanka Administrative Service was attached to this Commission with effect from 09.05.2016 and he was appointed as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections of Puttalam District Elections Office with effect from 01.08.2016.
- 7.2.3. Mr. R. S. Wedage of Class III of Sri Lanka Administrative Service, who was attached to this Commission with effect from 01.06.2016 by letter No.75/10/5243 dated 26.05.2016 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration and Management, was appointed to the post of Assistant Commissioner of Elections of Hambantota District Elections Office with effect from 04.06.2016.
- 7.2.4. By the letter No. 75/10/5911 dated 26.02.2016 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration and Management, Mr. M. G. C. S. Ranasinghe of Class III of Sri Lanka Administrative Service was attached to this Commission and he was appointed as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections of Colombo District Elections Office with effect from 30.06.2016.

- 7.2.5. Mr. A. M. M. Kabirof Supra Class of Public Management Assistants' Service (Retired) was appointed to the post of Assistant Commissioner of Elections of Mullaitivu District Elections Office with effect from 01.08.2016.
- 7.2.6. Mr. C. N. Umagiliya of Class III of Sri Administrative Service, who was attached to this Commission by letter No. 75/10/4534 dated 15.07.2016 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration and Management, was appointed as the Assistant Secretary of the Election Commission from 25.07.2016.
- 7.2.7. Ms. G. H. Bandumathi of Supra Class of Public Management Assistants' Service was appointed as the Administrative Officer of the Election Commission with effects from 07.09.2016.
- 7.2.8. Ms. D. Wanigasinghe of Supra Class of Public Management Assistants' Service was appointed as the Administrative Officer of the Colombo District Elections Office with effects from 05.09.2016.
- 7.2.9. Ms. J.G.B.B.N. Jayaweera and Ms. K.A.R.S. Hemachandra were appointed to the posts of Grade II Class 2 of Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Service from 02.05.2016.
- 7.2.10. A notice to fill in the vacancies in Grade III of Driver's Service of the Election Commission was published in the website of the Election Commission and applications were called. Accordingly, 18 applications were received and 2 applications were rejected due to the delay. A viva voce interview/test was conducted for other 16 candidates at the Election Secretariat on 10.11.2016. Thereby action was taken to deliver appointment letters to 5 of them. (It was prepared to deliver appointment letters on 02.01.2017.)
- 7.2.11. In terms of P. A. C. No. 25/2014 issued, as per Budget Proposals 2015, to grant Permanent Appointments to the employees recruited on Temporary, Casual (on daily wages), Substitute, Contract or Relief Basis, action was taken with the approval of the Director of Combined Services to give permanent appointment letters, with effect from 15.01.2016, to two persons who were serving in the Election Commission on casual basis and qualified to be in Grade III of Office Employees Service and Grade III of Drivers Service.
- 7.2.12. Action was taken to appoint 40 persons, who have qualified in the written examination conducted by the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration on 29.11.2015, to Grade III Document Assistant posts in the Election Commission with effect from 01.03.2016.

- 7.2.13. The total number of vacancies in the cadre of the Public Management Assistants' Service in the Election Commission was 25 to the date of 30.06.2016. As a result of making representations to the Ministry of Public Administration to fill such vacancies, 22 persons were assigned to the Commission from the new recruitments of Public Management Assistants' Service of the year 2016. Action was taken to release one of above officers since she has some personal difficulty.

7.3. Promotions (Staff Officers)

- 7.3.1. Mr. M. A. P. C. Perera, Special Class of Sri Lanka Administrative Service who was serving as Senior Deputy Commissioner of Elections of Ratnapura District Elections Office was appointed to the post of Additional Commissioner of Elections (Parliamentary Elections) of the Election Commission with effects from 08.02.2016.
- 7.3.2. Ms. Sujani Yasarathna, Class III of Sri Lanka Accountants Service, and is serving as Accountant (Payments) of the Head Office was appointed to act in the vacant post of Accountant in the Office of the Election Commission with effects from 01.03.2016.
- 7.3.3. Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake, Special Class of Sri Lanka Administrative Service, who was serving as the Deputy Commissioner of Elections (Admin) at the Head Office was appointed to the post of Additional Commissioner of Elections (Western Province) of the Election Commission with effects from 04.04.2016.
- 7.3.4. Mr. S. Achchuthan, Class I of Sri Lanka Administrative Service and is serving as the Deputy Commissioner of Elections of Colombo District Elections Office was appointed to the post of Director of the Election Commission with effects from 04.04.2016.
- 7.3.5. Mr. Vajira Gunawardene, Class III of Sri Lanka Administrative Service, who was serving as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections of Colombo District Elections Office was appointed to act in the post of Deputy Commissioner of Elections of Ratnapura District Elections Office from 01.05.2016 – 31.05.2016 and was subsequently appointed to act in the post of Deputy Commissioner of Elections of Gampaha District Elections Office from 01.06.2016 and upon his promotion to Class I of Sri Lanka Administrative Service he was appointed as the Deputy Commissioner of Elections of Gampaha District Elections Office with effects from 01.12.2016.
- 7.3.6. Mr. P. A. S. Senaratne, Class I of Sri Lanka Administrative Service and was serving as the Deputy Commissioner of Elections of Gampaha

District Elections Office was appointed as the Deputy Commissioner of Elections (Admin) of the Election Commission with effects from 01.06.2016.

- 7.3.7. Mr. E. A. Weerasena, Chief Accountant of the Head Office was appointed to the post of Financial Officer of the Head Office with effect from 15.07.2016.
- 7.3.8. Ms. ChinthaDissanayake, Class I of Sri Lanka Administrative Service and was serving as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections (Local Authorities) of the Head Office was appointed as the Director of the Office of the Election Commission with effects from 01.12.2016.

Promotions (Non Staff Grade)

- 7.3.9. Mr. O. V. A. V. Karunaratne, Class III of Public Management Assistants' Service and was serving in the Ratnapura District Elections Office was released after his service on 01.11.2016, enable him to assume duties of the post of Grade III Class 3 of Information and Communication Technology Assistant of Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Service.
- 7.3.10. Ms. H. P. B. L. I. Madhuhansi and Ms. M. G. D. T. N. Thathsarani of Class III of Office Employees' Service who were serving at the Elections Secretariat and Mr. G. N. S. De Silva of Class III of Office Employees' Service of Kalutara District Elections Offices were promoted as Document Assistants, with effect from 29.02.2016, as they passed the examination for Recruitment to the post of Document Assistants of the Election Commission.

7.4. Transfers (Within the Election Commission)

- 7.4.1. Mr. SurangaAmbahgahatenne, Class III of Sri Lanka Administrative Service who was serving as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections of Badulla District Elections Office was appointed to the post of Assistant Commissioner of Elections of Ratnapura District Elections Office with effect from 01.06.2016.
- 7.4.2. Mr. IndikaHaurusinghe, Class III of Sri Lanka Administrative Service who was serving at the Polonnaruwa District Elections Office was appointed as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections of Badulla District Elections Office with effect from 01.06.2016.

- 7.4.3. Mr. Indunil Bandara, Class III Officer of Sri Lanka Administrative Service and was serving at the Puttalam District Elections Office was appointed as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections of Gampaha District Elections Office with effect from 27.12.2016.

Transfers out of the Commission

- 7.4.4. Mr. S. Achchuthan, Class I of Sri Lanka Administrative Service was released from the post of Director of the Office of the Election Commission with effect from 09.06.2016, enabling him to assume duties at the Prime Minister's Office as per letter No. PMO/2/2/SLAS/TRANGEN dated 03.06.2016 of the Secretary to the Prime Minister. He served at the Ampara and Jaffna District Elections Offices, Colombo City Office and the Elections Secretariat of the Department of Elections/ Election Commission. The Service rendered by him to the Department of Elections/ Election Commission is appreciated.
- 7.4.5. As per the letter No. 75/10/5592 of 06.06.2016 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration and Management, Mr. P. Rangunathan of Class III of Sri Lanka Administrative Service, who was serving as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections of Gampaha District Elections Office, was released from the service of the Election Commission with effect from 09.06.2016 enabling him to assume duties at the Department of Immigration and Emigration. The Commission admires the service rendered by him to the Department of Elections/ Election Commission.
- 7.4.6. In terms of the letter No. 75/10/5243 of 26.05.2016 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration and Management Mr. Deepal Chandrarathne of Class III of Sri Lanka Administrative Service, who was serving as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections of Hambantota District Elections Office, was released with effect from 09.06.2016 to enable him to assume duties at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. The Commission extended its gratitude to him to the service he rendered to the Department of Elections/ Election Commission.
- 7.4.7. As per the letter No. 75/10/4678 dated 22.09.2016 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration and Management Mr. C. N. Umagiliya of Class III of Sri Lanka Administrative Service, who was serving as an Assistant Secretary of the Election Commission was released from the Election Commission with effect from 06.01.2014 enable him to assume duties at the Ministry of Social Empowerment

and Welfare on 26.09.2016. The service rendered by him to the Election Commission is appreciated.

- 7.4.8. Mr. K. G. K. Madhusankaof Class III of Public Management Assistants Service, who was serving in District Elections Office in NuwaraEliya was released from the Election Commission after the service on 07.10.2016 enable him to release from the appointment of the Public Management Assistants' Service he held and assume duties of his new post as Public Health Field Officer.
- 7.4.9. Ms. K. A. P. S. Weerasinghe of Class III of Public Management Assistants Service, who was serving in Kegalle District Elections Office was released from after the service on 10.11.2016 enable her to release from the appointment of the Public Management Assistants' Service she held and assume duties of her new post as Grade I (C) Class 3 of Sri Lanka Teaching Service.
- 7.4.10. Mr. T. Yasidaran of Grade III of Office Employees Service who was serving in Batticaloa District Elections Office transferred out of the Election Commission with effect from 23.01.2016 since he has received a graduate trainee appointment.
- 7.4.11. Five officers of Public Management Assistants' Service and another 12 officers of PMAS were transferred out of the Election Commission in 2016 under the annual transfers and inter departmental transfers respectively.
- 7.4.12. Vacation of Post was served on Ms. P.L.R.D. Madhushani Cooray, Class III of O.E.S of Head Office and Mr. N. Amulyakaran of Class III of O.E.S. of Mullaitivu District Elections Office with effect from 21.03.2016 and 31.03.2016 respectively, on grounds of absence from duty without leave.

Officers transferred to the Election Commission

- 7.4.13. Three officers of Public Management Assistants' Service were transferred to the Election Commission under the annual transfers.
- 7.4.14. Under inter departmental transfers 08 officers of Public Management Assistants' Service, who expressed desire to serve in this Commission were make transferred to the Election Commission.

7.5. Retirements

- 7.5.1. None of the staff officers were retired during the year 2016 and seven officers of Public Management Assistants' Service and three members of Office Employees' Service retired from the service.
- 7.5.2. Ms. Lalitha Kamburawala of Class I of Public Management Assistants Service and was served in the Gampaha Elections Office retired on 22.04.2016. She has served with the Department of Elections and Election Commission for more than 39 years and was a dedicated employee who performed a highest form of loyalty during her service since 07.03.2016. She was the only member of the permanent staff of the Department of Elections, who has engaged in the Parliamentary General Election in 1977, which was the final Parliamentary General Election held prior to introducing the proportional representation system. Therefore, with her retirement in 2016 the final link between the Election Commission (earlier the Department of Elections) and the permanent staff, who has led the Parliamentary General Election held under the process of electing Members of Parliament under the first past the post system, was severed. The invaluable service rendered by her to the Department of Elections and the Election Commission is highly appreciated.
- 7.5.3. Among other officers who served in the Election Commission and retired during 2016, Mr. G. W. Dayaratne Silva of Kalutara District Elections Office assumed his duties in the Department of Elections on 03.04.2007 and at the time of his retirement on 04.10.2016 he was serving at the Kalutara District Elections Office as a Class I officer in the Public Management Assistants Service. Mr. R. M. Mithraratne Banda of Kandy District Elections Office joined with the Department of Elections on 19.02.1998 and at the time of his retirement on 22.04.2016 he was serving at the Kandy District Elections Office as a Class I officer in the Public Management Assistants Service. Mr. H. M. Wijekoon of Badulla Elections Office assumed his duties at the Department of Elections on 01.03.1987 and at the time of his retirement on 25.10.2016 he was serving at the Badulla District Elections Office as a Class I officer in the Public Management Assistants Service. Ms. M. S. N. Samarasinghe of Kurunegala Elections Office joined with the Department of Elections on 01.01.1998 and at the time of her retirement on 14.08.2016 she was serving at the Kurunegala District Elections Office as a Class I officer in the Public Management Assistants Service. Mr. N. J. P. L. Fernando of Puttalam Elections Office joined his hands with the Department of Elections on 02.05.1985 and at the time of his retirement on 01.02.2016 he was serving at the Kurunegala District Elections

Office as a Class II officer in the Public Management Assistants Service. Ms. E.W.E.N. Anulawathi of Matale Elections Office assumed her duties at the Department of Elections on 03.06.1996 and at the time of her retirement on 08.03.2016 she was serving at the Matale District Elections Office as a Class II officer in the Public Management Assistants Service. Mr. E.V. Ariyadasa of Ratnapura Elections Office joined with the Department of Elections on 02.01.1980 and at the time of his retirement on 18.06.2016 he was serving at the Ratnapura District Elections Office as an employee of O.E.S. (Special Class). Mr. A. K. Lakpathirana of Badulla Elections Office joined his hands with the Department of Elections on 16.10.1995 and at the time of his retirement on 22.08.2016 he was serving at the Badulla District Elections Office as a Class I employee in the O.E.S., Mr. W.N.W. Wijekoon of Kurunegala Elections Office joined with the Department of Elections on 16.10.1995 and at the time of his retirement on 21.01.2016 he was serving at the Ratnapura District Elections Office as a Class I employee in the O.E.S.. The services rendered by all of these retired persons to the Department of Elections/ Election Commission are admired. Detailed report of the retired officers and employees is given in **Table No. XVI**.

08. Training

Local

- 8.1. Sinhala/ Tamil/ English language course of the Department of Official Languages was conducted for 6 month period commencing from 18.01.2016. Diploma in Diplomacy and World Affairs program was conducted on 26.01.2016 by the Bandaranaike Center for International Studies. Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration offered training programs in Management of fixed assets, losses and damages, training program (Tamil Medium) on Public Procurement Process, training program in preparation of financial reports of government institutions, and on ordinary procurement. Elections Secretariat also conducted training programs for Document Assistants, language course (Tamil), training program for newly appointed Public Management Assistants, etc. A two day computer diploma was offered by NIBM on 27.03.2016 and 28.03.2016. Institute of Surveying and Mapping, Diyatalawa in collaboration with CMEV conducted a two day training program on Surveying and Mapping Technology 30 and 31.03.2016 and PRAG Institute conducted training programs in Information Technology, procurement of goods, and bidding, official bank accounts and cheques and auditing of information systems, bidding procedure, preparation of

bidding documents, bidding etc. Vavuniya District Secretariat carried out a program on productivity on 12.05.2016 and a two day co-curriculum training program was offered by the In-Service Training Institution, Gannoruwa on 27 and 28.05.2016 for staffs of the District Elections Offices. During 2015 -2016 a training program on communication as well as on building of groups in public institutions was carried out by the Colombo District Secretariat, a training program on Internal Auditing of the Public Sector was conducted by the Skills Development funds Institution on 13.10.2016, one day training program on water technology was carried out by the Construction Industry Development Authority on 10.11.2016 and a postgraduate program on Human Resource Management was offered by the University of Kelaniya. During the year 2016, 11 staff officers, 31 officers of Public Management Assistants' Service, 70 members of Office Employees Service/ Drivers and other employees were sent for training programs. A cost of Rs. 1, 282, 00.00 was incurred in 2016 for local training.

- 8.2. Action was taken during the year 2016 to train staff officers and other officers at the Elections Secretariat on general administration, Accounting, Stores Administration as well as revision of electoral registers and matters relating to the organization of preliminary activities of elections with the expectation of minimizing audit queries in District Elections Offices including the Elections Secretariat.

Foreign Conferences and Official Visits

- 8.3. Mr. H. M. T. D. Herath (Secretary, Election Commission) and Mr. A. M. O. Nafeel (Deputy Commissioner of Elections, Northern Province) participated in election observation in South Korea from 08.03.2016 to 14.03.2016.
- 8.4. Mr. H. R. P. Peiris (Deputy Commissioner of Elections, Kalutara), Mr. P. R. N. H. Ratnayake (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Admin) and Mr. W. A. L. Wickramarachchi (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Nuwara-Eliya) participated in election observation in Philippines from 07.05.2016 to 10.05.2016.
- 8.5. Mr. H. M. T. D. Herath (Secretary, Election Commission) and Mr. M. G. Suranga Ranasinghe (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Colombo) left the island to participate in the Electoral Dispute Resolution and Electoral Justice program held in Nepal from 21.07.2016 to 22.07.2016.

- 8.6. Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya (Chairman, Election Commission), Mr. M. M. Mohamed (Additional Commissioner of Elections, Legal and Investigation) and Mr. Rizan M. A. Hameed (Coordination Secretary of the Chairman) attended to the 7th Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asian Countries held in Maldives from 01.08.2016 to 05.08.2016.
- 8.7. Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya (Chairman, Election Commission), Mr. Nalin Jayantha Abeysekere (Member, Election Commission), Mr. Samuel Ratnajeewan Herbert Hoole (Member, Election Commission), Mr. M. M. Mohamed (Additional Commissioner of Elections, Legal and Investigation) and Mr. Rizan M. A. Hameed (Coordination Secretary of the Chairman) attended to the Forum of the Asian Election Parties Community held in Indonesia from 22.08.2016 to 25.08.2016.
- 8.8. Mr. M. K. S. S. Ratnayake (Additional Commissioner of Elections, Western Province) and Mr. J. A. S. P. Jayasinghe (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Parliamentary Elections) participated in the Voter Education for Inclusive Information and Ethical Participation program held in India from 18.10.2016 to 22.10.2016.
- 8.9. Mr. Samuel Ratnajeewan Herbert Hoole (Member, Election Commission) attended to the Presidential Election Of United States of America and Forum of Commonwealth Election Net from 06.11.2016 to 10.11.2016 and from 21.11.2016 to 24.11.2016 respectively.
- 8.10. Mr. Nalaka Ratnayake (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Admin) participated in International Electoral Awards Ceremony held in Mozambique from 05.12.2016 to 06.12.2016.

Foreign Scholarships and Trainings

- 8.11. Mr. J. A. S. P. Jayasinghe (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Parliamentary Elections) participated in Democratic Transition in Asia program held in Mongolia from 21.03.2016 to 22.03.2016.
- 8.12. Mr. R. R. A. S. K. Ratnayake (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Anuradhapura), Mr. Suranga Ambagahatenne (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Badulla), Mr. D. C. Aravintharaj (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Mannar) and Mr. R. M. A. Hameed (Coordination Secretary of the Chairman) participated in the Capacity Building Training Program held in South Korea from 21.03.2016 to 28.03.2016.

- 8.13. Mr. M. K. S. S. Ratnayake (Additional Commissioner of Elections, Western Province) and Mr. Channa P. De Silva (Director, Planning and Research) participated in the Educational Tour on Elections held in India from 15.05.2016 to 17.05.2016.
- 8.14. Mr. W. A. L. Wickramarachchi (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Nuwara-Eliya) took part in Young Connectors of the Future program held in Sweden from 29.08.2016 to 16.09.2016.
- 8.15. Mr. D. C. Aravintharaj (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Mannar) attended for the Public Service Leadership Program held in Singapore from 26.09.2016 to 30.09.2016.
- 8.16. Ms. P. O. C. Peiris (Head of the Branch, Information Technology Division) and Ms. J. G. B. C. S. Jayaweera (Grade II, Class II of Information and Communication Technological Service) attended to the Election Management – the Role of Technology program held in India from 19.09.2016 to 30.09.2016.
- 8.17. Mr. H. W. N. Kumara (Accountant, Payments) participated in the International Program on Management held at Kasetsart University in Thailand from 27.11.2016 to 04.12.2016.
- 8.18. Mr. W. A. Ranjan Nishantha (Assistant Director, Information Technology – Acting) and Mr. H. B. J. Hewapathirana (Public Management Assistant) took part in the Election ICT Capacity Building Program held in South Korea from 27.11.2016 to 03.12.2016.
- 8.19. Mr. J. Jeninton (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Polonnaruwa), Mr. R. S. Wedage (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Hambantota), Mr. B. M. I. S. L. Bandara (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Puttalam), Mr. R. H. K. Ranasinghe (Administrative Officer, Gampaha) and Mr. S. A. D. Praveena (Administrative Officer, Kurunegala) participated in the Election Management Program held in New Delhi, India from 04.12.2016 to 16.12.2016.
- 8.20. Mr. M. G. C. S. Ranasinghe (Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Colombo) and Mr. A. M. Muhajireen, Deputy Head (Language Policy Implementation) took part in the Election Management Capacity Building Program held in South Korea from 11.12.2016 to 17.12.2016.
- 8.21. Accordingly, during the one year period from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2016 Election Commission has spent Rs. 910,500.00 for training programs of 11 staff officers, Rs. 144,500.00 for 31 Public Management Assistants, Rs. 12,000.00 for junior staff and Rs. 215,000.00 for 70 employees in Public Management Assistants Service/ junior staff for their participation in the Tamil Language

Course held in the Election Commission. In general total cost of Rs. 1,282,000.00 was incurred by the Election Commission for local training programs held during the year 2016.

09. Constructions and Assets

- 9.1 Since the construction of the office quarters of the Deputy Commissioner of Elections of Gampaha District, of which the Foundation stone was laid on 16.10.2015 could be completed during the year 2016, an immense inadequacy of the Gampaha District by then could overcome.
- 9.2. Providing of a modernized room for Director General of the Election Commission, modernization of the Parliament Branch were also included into the constructions carried out during the year 2016.
- 9.3. During the year 2016 the Election Commission was able to construct a data center for the Election Commission at the Elections Secretariat.
- 9.4. A storeroom for ballot boxes was also constructed at the premises of the Commission (close to HeenEla) to resolve the problems regarding storage facilities.
- 9.5. Election Commission was also able to erect a new record room with ample space and to prepare a place to establish a museum to collect old equipment and documents for those who study the history of the Department of Elections.
- 9.6. Further, action was taken to complete the urgent repairs of the District Elections Offices and official residences of District Deputy/ Assistant Commissioners of Elections, within the limits of the provisions provided for the year 2016.
- 9.7. Details of the new vehicles obtained by the Election Commission during the year 2016 are as follows:

Serial No.	Date of Purchased	Date of first registration	Value	Vehicle No.
01	28.06.2016	23.06.2015	Director General of National Budget has Provided under leasing scheme.	PG-3994
02	28.06.2016	23.06.2015		PG-3995
03	22.09.2016	22.09.2016		CAR-5330
04	22.09.2016	22.09.2016		CAR-5342
05	22.09.2016	22.09.2016		CAR-5346

- 9.8. Details of the vehicles sold by the Election Commission due to poor running conditions and the particulars of the sold prices are given below.

Vehicle No.	Vehicle Type	Sold Price	Sold Date
253-0449	Toyota Cab	Rs. 2,718,000.00	11.01.2017
GB-3317	Isuzu Cab	Rs. 1,959,000.00	19.12.2016
KH-1233	Mahindra Jeep	Rs. 1,678,000.00	20.12.2016
KG-6670	TATA Jeep	Rs. 1,558,000.00	20.12.2016

- 9.9. According to the above particulars, the total number of vehicles owned by the Election Commission as at 31.12.2016 is as follows.

Cars	Jeeps	Cabs	Vans	Crew Cabs	Lorries	Motor Bicycles
15	01	35	03	01	01	01

10. Audit and Financial Information

- 10.1. As per the instructions provided by the Management and Audit Circulars dated 09.06.2009, 4 Audit Committee meetings have to be conducted during one Management Year and action was taken to hold all 4 Audit and Management Committee Meetings during the year 2016.
- 10.2. During the year 2016 Internal Audit Division of Election Commission took action to carry out 27 Audits in the Elections Secretariat and District Elections Offices, to obtain observations from the relevant divisions about 14 Audit queries and to provide necessary instructions as required.
- 10.3. Eight Audit Queries under various subjects were received for the year 2016 and action was taken to answer them within the due period of time.
- 10.4. The cost for the preparation of the electoral register in the year 2016 was approximately Rs.100 million and it shows a Rs. 10 million increase compared to the expenditure incurred in the year 2015 in this regard, Rs. 90 million.
- 10.5. The recurrent expenditure in the year 2016 and 2015 were Rs. 577.6 million and Rs. 5803 million respectively. The recurrent expenditure shows a huge decrease when compared to the previous year. Savings of provisions allocated for elections due to the postponement of Local Authorities Election because of the uncompleted activities relating to delimitation caused the decrease of recurrent expenses.
- 10.6. The capital expenditure in 2016 was Rs.55.3 million and it was Rs. 9.2 million higher than that of 2015. The increase in the capital expenditure was

occurred due to the establishment of the computer data center by obtaining Rs. 31.8 million additional provisions. Out of 174 applications of officers / employees for distress loans, 153 were granted in this year and loans up to Rs. 24.8 million was paid. This is an increase of Rs. 15.7 million compared to the previous year and was directly due to the increase of basic salary of officers and employees according to the budget proposals.

- 10.7. Revenue earned in the year 2016 by issuing extracts of the electoral register was Rs. 8.9 million. It shows a slight increase when compared with the previous year since the revenue earned in 2015 was Rs. 8.2 million.
- 10.8. With the increase of the production of the electoral register in CD format while limiting the preparation of the register in book form, Rs. 5 lakhs of revenue could be earned during this year. If an election has been held, revenue from the sale of compact discs during this year may be increased more than above.
- 10.9. Rs. 3.35 million was spent on local and foreign training courses of staff officers and non-staff officers to improve the performance of the Commission. Since provisions allocated to this vote are limited, this cost has been reduced by approximately Rs. one million when compared to the year 2015.

11. Special Projects

11.1. Four Year (2017-2020) Strategic Plan of the Election Commission

In pursuance to the instructions of the Ministry of Finance to the effect that every public Institution should formulate a strategic plan for the ensuing Five years, action was pursued on the approval of the Election Commission, to prepare a Strategic Plan for the period of four years from 2017-2020 incorporating the projects, programs and activities envisaged to be implemented within the period of next four years (Soft copy thereof is appended hereto).

In the process of preparing the Strategic Plan, the views and proposals of all stakeholders including the staff of the Election Commission, Public Officers, Political Party Representatives, Civil Organizations, Observer Groups, Media Personnel, Women, Youth, Disables and Senior Citizens Organizations, Trade Union Activist, were solicited.

The Strategic Plan was launched at a ceremony held on 16-11-2016 at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo 07. All the officials of the Election

Commission who were assigned the task of formulating the strategic plan were included in the Committee appointed to implement the same.

11.2. Special Programme to enhance Gender Equality and Women's Representation in politics.

Even though, the law in force in Sri Lanka states that the woman shall enjoy the equal rights and opportunities as enjoyed by the man, representations have been made that the woman has become a second rate citizen when it comes to practice. The social conception is that the woman does not receive the due place in the male dominant society where decisions and ideas of men play a prominent role. The efforts made to empower women in the political arena and the outcome of such efforts in particular are questionable, hence the Election Commission, with the collaboration of the Ministry and Woman and Child Affair and other community based organizations, took action to launch training and awareness programmes at regional and national levels to empower woman in the political field.

11.3. Awareness programmes on People's Sovereignty and Universal Franchise for youths implemented through National Youth Services Councils and Youth Organizations including Youth Clubs.

“Youth Vote” was a programme implemented with a view to creating awareness among youth groups on the election process in Sri Lanka and to increasing the youth participation in the election process.

On a joint proposal made by over forty youth organizations, an awareness programme was launched over the internet in parallel with the World Youth Day which fell on 26 August 2012. The awareness campaign carried through Face-book under #YouthVoteSL# was a great success with over 150,000 visitors attracted within a short period of one week.

In the annual revision of electors an elector is registered in the electoral register at the address where he has normal residency as at 1st of June of the year the revision is held. Any person who attains the age of eighteen years after the finalization of the enumeration, will have to wait until next year to get his name registered and in case an election is held within this period a large number of youths who attain the majority after the 1st of June, will be denied their right to vote. Youth groups representing National Youth Services Council collected signatures of over three hundred thousand persons for their petition demanding a solution to this issue and handed the same to the Election Commission where upon the Commission took steps to bring this matter in the notice of H.E. the President, Hon. Prime Minister, and all other relevant parties including political party leaders.

The Commission also organized a kite festival under the theme “Kites for Rights” with the participation of a host of youths at the Galle fortress on the International Youth Day which fell on 12th August and in parallel thereto a Mock Poll and a model of counting centre were also organized to provide firsthand experience regarding the manner in which counting is taken place at a counting center to the youth who took part in this programme.

11.4. Programme Launched in association with the Ministry of Education to create awareness among School Children in Secondary Classes on Democracy and Universal Franchise through Student Parliament.

The Commission having observed that creating awareness among school children on democracy and universal franchise is a timely need, pursued action to make preliminary arrangements to set up Citizenship Study Circles in secondary schools with the assistant of the Ministry of Education and to incorporate the said program in the four year (2017-2020) Strategic Plan of the Election Commission. A discussion in this regard was conducted in July 2016 with the Senior Officials of the Ministry of Education including the Secretary at the said Ministry and at this discussion, it was pointed out that instead of setting up of Citizenship Study Circles, creating awareness on democracy and its importance, Franchise and the importance of exercising the franchise could be done effectively through “Student Parliament Program” implemented under the guidance of the Ministry of Education and the Election Commission decided to make its contributions to the said Student Parliament Program to further expand its scoop throughout the Island in compliance with the circular issued in that regard.

Action was initiated to create awareness on Democracy and Universal Franchise among children of selected schools in Kandy and Ampara Districts as a pilot project of the propose program.

11.5. Sri Lanka gained Universal Franchise in 1931 mainly because of the attempts made by the Commissioners of the Donoughmore Commissions which acted under the influence of the political situation prevailed in Britten at that time but not because of any agitation for same within the country itself. The Universal Franchise awarded to Sri Lanka in accordance with in Donoughmore proposals is a Universal Phenomenon of which importance is applicable not only to yesterday’s context but also to the present day. The Election Commission made arrangements to commemorate the 85th anniversary of Universal Franchise in Sri Lanka by launching a literary compilation titled “Universal Franchise (1931-2016) - From Donoughmore Commission to Election Commission” at a simple ceremony held on 2016-11-30 at BMICH.

Conclusion

In terms of Article 103(2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the fundamental duty of the Election Commission is to hold free and fair elections. The Local Authorities Election which was due in 2016 could not be held due to the delimitation and related activities. However the Election Commission hopes that the election would be held in 2017 without further delay and that the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils which is responsible for the necessary law reforms and the issue of statutory Gazette Notifications would promptly attend to its duties.

Furthermore, the Election Commission promptly attended to one of its most important assigned functions that is to fill the vacancies in the membership of Parliament under Parliamentary Elections Act, No.1 of 1981; to fill vacancies in Provincial Councils under Provincial Councils Election Act, No. 2 of 1988; and also to fill the vacancies in local authorities which were in operation in 2016.

The annual preparation and certification of the Register of Electors which is one of the main functions assigned to the Election Commission under the Constitution, was concluded on 2016-12-23 for the 2016. The Election Commission pursued actions during the period under review to develop a Strategic Plan (2016-2020) for the Election Commission, to commemorate the 85th anniversary of Universal Franchise in Sri Lanka, to prepare an all inclusive Register of eligible Electors and to implement extensive awareness programmes all over the island to educate the public on the election process under the theme “An election process where no elector is left behind” in the year 2016.

Election Commission

Elections Secretariat,
Sarana Mawatha,
Rajagiriya.

On this 12th day of May 2017

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Table I**Order under Article 98(8) of the Constitution – Number of Members to be returned from each electorate at Parliamentary Elections – 2016**

Electoral District	Number of Members which each Electoral District is entitled to return
01 - Colombo	19
02 - Gampaha	18
03 - Kalutara	10
04 - Mahanuwara	12
05 - Matale	5
06 - Nuwara-Eliya	8
07 - Galle	10
08 - Matara	7
09 - Hambantota	7
10 - Jaffna	6
11 - Vanni	6
12 - Batticaloa	5
13 - Digamadulla	7
14 - Trincomalee	4
15 - Kurunegala	15
16 - Puttalam	8
17 - Anuradhapura	9
18 - Polonnaruwa	5
19 - Badulla	9
20 - Moneragala	6
21 - Ratnapura	11
22 - Kegalle	9
TOTAL	196

table II

Comparative statement of the number of Parliamentary Members to be elected for each Electoral District under the Article 98(8) of the Constitution – From 2006 - 2015

Electoral District	Years and the Each Gazette Number and Date									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	1514/6 2007.09.11	1569/20 2008.10.03	1621/18 2009.09.30	1674/5 2010.11.05	1715/4 2011.07.18	1771/2 2012.08.13	1796/7 2013.02.06	1853/3 2014.03.10	1898/6 2015.01.19	1969/15 2016.05.31
01 - Colombo	20	20	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
02 - Gampaha	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
03 - Kalutara	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
04 - Mahanuwara	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
05 - Matale	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
06 - Nuwara-Eliya	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8
07 - Galle	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
08 - Matara	8	8	8	7	8	8	8	7	8	7
09 - Hambantota	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
10 - Jaffna	9	9	9	10	6	6	6	6	7	6
11 - Vanni	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	6	6	6
12 - Batticaloa	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
13 - Digamadulla	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
14 - Trincomalee	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
15 - Kurunegala	15	15	15	15	16	16	16	15	15	15
16 - Puttalam	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
17 - Anuradhapura	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
18 - Polonnaruwa	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
19 - Badulla	8	8	8	8	9	9	8	9	8	9
20 - Moneragala	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	5	6
21 - Ratnapura	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	11	11
22 - Kegalle	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
TOTAL	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196

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**Details of Polling Divisions and Polling Districts in Northern Province where
house to house enumeration did not take place**

Electoral District	Polling Division	Total number of Polling Districts	Number of the Polling District where house to house enumeration was not conducted	Number of Polling Districts where house to house enumeration did not take place	Total number of Registered Votes in 2016
10 - Jaffna	C - Kankasanthurai	58	22	35 - 55, 57	33,157
	E - Kopai	60	2	04,05,	2,958
	K - Killinochchi	100	4	46,97,98,99	2,863
11 - Vanni	A - Mannar	74	1	55	465
Total		292	29		39,443

Table IV

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Details of the number of appointments and participation of Political Party Representatives for enumeration of electors

Electoral District	No of Polling Districts	Number of Representatives appointed by Recognized Political Parties																							
		Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi		United People's Freedom Alliance		United National Party		மலையக மக்கள் முன்னணி		People's Liberation Front		Jana Setha Peramuna		Democratic Party		ஐனநாயக இடதுசாரி முன்னணி		Maubima Janatha Pakshaya		Ceylon Worker's Congress		Lanka Sama Samaja Party		Sri Lanka Freedom Party	
		Number of Agents appointed	Number of Agents participated	Number of Agents appointed	Number of Agents participated	Number of Agents appointed	Number of Agents participated	Number of Agents appointed	Number of Agents participated	Number of Agents appointed	Number of Agents participated	Number of Agents appointed	Number of Agents participated	Number of Agents appointed	Number of Agents participated	Number of Agents appointed	Number of Agents participated	Number of Agents appointed	Number of Agents participated	Number of Agents appointed	Number of Agents participated	Number of Agents appointed	Number of Agents participated	Number of Agents appointed	Number of Agents participated
01 - Colombo	1,063	-	-	-	-	938	65	-	-	300	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	23	-	43	-
02 - Gampaha	1,169	-	-	-	-	641	115	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	1	1	226	19
03 - Kalutara	540	-	-	-	-	513	74	-	-	120	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	1	-	-	
04 - Mahanuwara	825	-	-	-	-	969	241	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
05 - Matale	325	-	-	-	-	412	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	9
06 - Nuwara-Eliya	423	-	-	-	-	565	73	180	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	106	11
07 - Galle	703	-	-	-	-	735	175	-	-	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	214	66
08 - Matara	444	-	-	-	-	523	46	-	-	43	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
09 - Hambantota	413	-	-	131	1	553	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - Jaffna	626	141	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
11 - Vanni	343	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 - Batticaloa	362	152	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81	3
13 - Digamadulla	512	66	14	-	-	504	30	-	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
14 - Trincomalee	294	72	-	1	-	89	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - Kurunegala	925	-	-	-	-	1,194	281	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 - Puttalam	387	-	-	-	-	423	109	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126	37
17 - Anuradhapur	611	-	-	-	-	616	268	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	408	133
18 - Polonnaruwa	287	-	-	-	-	163	52	-	-	-	-	-	43	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 - Badulla	522	-	-	87	8	466	60	3	-	27	1	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	129	7
20 - Monaragala	351	-	-	43	7	78	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	52	4
21 - Ratnapura	626	-	-	-	-	600	206	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	141	29
22 - Kegalle	572	-	-	-	-	446	54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	198	19
TOTAL	12,323	458	47	262	16	10,428	1,959	183	7	547	30	12	-	43	3	3	1	59	-	5	4	34	2	1,833	337

Table V**Revision of Electoral Registers – 2016****Submission of claims and objections under Section 14 of Registration of Electors Act No. 44 of 1980.**

Electoral District	Claims		Objections	
	Number of Claims Received	Number of Claims Allowed	Number of Objections Received	Number of Objections Upheld
01 - Colombo	27,429	20,738	209	69
02 - Gampaha	4,720	4,369	83	63
03 - Kalutara	6,372	2,621	136	29
04 - Mahanuwara	3,706	2,834	190	77
05 - Matale	1,865	1,452	50	25
06 - Nuwara-Eliya	1,533	1,109	39	14
07 - Galle	3,848	2,678	147	97
08 - Matara	3,453	2,051	69	22
09 - Hambantota	2,467	1,412	52	6
10 - Jaffna	640	582	6	5
11 - Vanni	1,803	799	7	2
12 - Batticaloa	1,247	974	21	16
13 - Digamadulla	863	644	21	17
14 - Trincomalee	1,325	933	3	1
15 - Kurunegala	4,068	3,180	75	43
16 - Puttalam	3,056	1,642	20	5
17 - Anuradhapura	2,298	1,569	28	11
18 - Polonnaruwa	1,723	1,301	22	8
19 - Badulla	2,647	1,954	49	22
20 - Moneragala	1,320	920	28	19
21 - Ratnapura	2,800	2,100	60	38
22 - Kegalle	2,932	2,003	37	13
TOTAL	82,115	57,865	1,352	602

Table VI**Revision of Electoral Registers – 2016****Number of names in each Electoral District that have not been registered due to multiple registration**

Electoral District	Number of names deleted
01 - Colombo	27,064
02 - Gampaha	22,953
03 - Kalutara	8,262
04 - Mahanuwara	5,093
05 - Matale	2,888
06 - Nuwara-Eliya	6,925
07 - Galle	4,774
08 - Matara	3,426
09 - Hambantota	2,341
10 - Jaffna	5,697
11 - Vanni	3,748
12 - Batticaloa	3,713
13 - Digamadulla	3,894
14 - Trincomalee	3,503
15 - Kurunegala	4,940
16 - Puttalam	6,348
17 - Anuradhapura	6,772
18 - Polonnaruwa	2,582
19 - Badulla	5,065
20 - Moneragala	2,706
21 - Ratnapura	7,166
22 - Kegalle	4,042
TOTAL	143,902

Table VII

Revision of Electoral Registers – 2016

Number of persons who submitted details of their National Identity Cards

Electoral District	Total Number of Electors	Number of Persons who submitted their National Identity Cards	Percentage %
01 - Colombo	1,649,716	1,618,428	98.10
02 - Gampaha	1,705,310	1,649,105	96.70
03 - Kalutara	930,901	904,596	97.17
04 - Mahanuwara	1,086,161	1,049,789	96.65
05 - Matale	391,892	378,204	96.51
06 - Nuwara-Eliya	556,936	527,928	94.79
07 - Galle	843,470	811,950	96.26
08 - Matara	641,047	606,170	94.56
09 - Hambantota	475,510	455,716	95.84
10 - Jaffna	548,079	507,285	92.56
11 - Vanni	269,111	254,707	94.65
12 - Batticaloa	383,429	366,286	95.53
13 - Digamadulla	486,440	464,387	95.47
14 - Trincomalee	268,096	257,536	96.06
15 - Kurunegala	1,304,995	1,253,244	96.03
16 - Puttalam	579,604	547,925	94.53
17 - Anuradhapura	664,163	619,185	93.23
18 - Polonnaruwa	318,405	300,085	94.25
19 - Badulla	643,580	614,216	95.44
20 - Moneragala	355,474	334,699	94.16
21 - Ratnapura	843,834	807,979	95.75
22 - Kegalle	665,817	637,543	95.75
Total	15,611,970	14,966,963	95.87

Table VIII

Comparative Statement of Percentage in Production of National Identity Cards by persons at the Revision of Electoral Registers in year 2007-2016

Electoral District	Percentage in Production of National Identity Cards by persons with respect to each year									
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
01 - Colombo	88.90	89.44	91.67	91.91	95.37	96.69	97.19	97.53	97.54	98.10
02 - Gampaha	85.56	88.64	89.14	89.63	94.72	95.52	95.39	95.51	95.96	96.70
03 - Kalutara	80.18	83.00	87.39	88.24	94.73	95.56	95.59	96.32	96.36	97.17
04 - Mahanuwara	90.23	88.88	93.19	93.97	94.72	95.85	95.56	97.25	96.15	96.65
05 - Matale	80.26	86.94	88.27	88.38	93.80	94.41	94.35	95.76	95.76	96.51
06 - Nuwara-Eliya	82.98	88.13	88.42	91.32	92.02	93.87	92.66	92.49	94.03	94.79
07 - Galle	85.93	88.24	89.01	88.56	93.33	95.17	95.18	95.37	95.76	96.26
08 - Matara	79.15	79.63	80.52	82.07	89.97	91.02	92.77	94.72	93.25	94.56
09 - Hambantota	83.42	87.42	87.38	90.56	93.08	93.48	94.42	95.33	94.36	95.84
10 - Jaffna	0.00	33.94	32.76	75.27	83.39	85.58	87.09	88.36	90.33	92.56
11 - Vanni	55.05	57.63	41.48	67.44	81.11	87.46	87.96	91.41	92.46	94.65
12 - Batticaloa	76.18	77.88	78.80	79.21	88.22	90.52	91.58	94.70	94.15	95.53
13 - Digamadulla	80.89	85.72	86.92	89.38	92.70	93.53	93.97	94.54	95.05	95.47
14 - Trincomalee	73.19	76.99	79.86	82.78	90.71	91.08	92.09	94.84	94.90	96.06
15 - Kurunegala	86.21	87.00	84.65	87.77	92.68	93.02	93.34	94.50	94.83	96.03
16 - Puttalam	83.91	84.17	88.50	88.13	90.06	93.05	92.42	94.09	93.53	94.53
17 - Anuradhapura	75.54	81.54	83.92	84.88	90.39	90.79	91.30	91.65	92.17	93.23
18 - Polonnaruwa	77.71	84.22	84.57	87.77	90.68	91.20	91.33	92.48	92.85	94.25
19 - Badulla	82.10	83.48	84.57	86.48	91.65	93.27	93.38	94.63	94.83	95.44
20 - Monaragala	73.97	79.34	81.79	82.09	89.37	90.37	91.33	91.78	92.81	94.16
21 - Ratnapura	81.80	86.00	86.27	87.70	91.85	93.09	94.02	94.48	94.80	95.75
22 - Kegalle	83.61	85.44	86.73	89.22	92.75	94.13	93.87	94.77	94.65	95.75
Total	80.32	82.71	83.24	87.67	92.36	93.60	93.86	94.79	94.93	95.87

Table IX

Details of number of electors whose names had to be deleted from the 2016 Electoral Register due to serving of prison terms under the Bribery Act and for offences committed at elections under the Elections Law and for other reasons

Number and name of the Electoral District	Number of Names deleted due to Bribery offences	Number of Names deleted due to violating of Election Laws	Number of Names deleted due to serving of Prison Terms on other grounds	Total number of Names deleted from the Electoral Register
02 - Gampaha	-	-	4	4
04 - Mahanuwara	-	-	1	1
05 - Matale	-	-	4	4
06 - Nuwara-Eliya	-	-	1	1
07 - Galle	-	-	11	11
08 - Matara	-	-	1	1
09 - Hambantota	-	-	6	6
11 - Vanni	-	-	1	1
12 - Batticaloa	-	-	19	19
13 - Digamadulla	-	-	1	1
15 - Kurunegala	-	-	10	10
16 - Puttalam	-	-	1	1
17 - Anuradhapura	-	-	10	10

Table X**Comparative statement showing the number of registered electors according to Electoral Districts 2015 - 2016**

Electoral District	Total Number of Electors - 2015	Total Number of Electors - 2016
01 - Colombo	1,640,946	1,649,716
02 - Gampaha	1,681,887	1,705,310
03 - Kalutara	919,375	930,901
04 - Mahanuwara	1,073,809	1,086,161
05 - Matale	387,025	391,892
06 - Nuwara-Eliya	548,971	556,936
07 - Galle	833,891	843,470
08 - Matara	634,918	641,047
09 - Hambantota	471,609	475,510
10 - Jaffna	539,641	548,079
11 - Vanni	263,201	269,111
12 - Batticaloa	375,906	383,429
13 - Digamadulla	478,006	486,440
14 - Trincomalee	264,368	268,096
15 - Kurunegala	1,290,723	1,304,995
16 - Puttalam	570,309	579,604
17 - Anuradhapura	653,151	664,163
18 - Polonnaruwa	314,365	318,405
19 - Badulla	636,047	643,580
20 - Moneragala	350,476	355,474
21 - Ratnapura	831,579	843,834
22 - Kegalle	661,002	665,817
Total	15,421,205	15,611,970

Table XI

Increased the number of voters and their percentage comparison of year 2014 with the year 2015 and Increased the number of voters and their percentage comparison of year 2015 with the year 2016

year	Total Number of Voters	increased the No of voters comparison with the last year	increasing percentage
2014	15,044,490	292,322	1.98%
2015	15,421,205	376,715	2.50%
2016	15,611,970	190,765	1.23%

Table XII

Comparative statement of the registered number of electors according to the Polling Divisions 2007 - 2016

Electoral District No. 01 - Colombo

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Colombo North	103,050	95,385	84,646	88,525	84,294	86,016	87,542	89,771	93,408	92,840
B	Colombo Central	151,308	139,822	135,771	137,214	129,648	128,920	130,186	131,482	133,539	131,126
C	Borella	63,884	58,757	57,397	59,727	56,177	56,100	57,373	60,109	63,002	63,166
D	Colombo East	72,446	68,643	66,126	66,866	65,258	66,014	66,572	66,941	68,603	68,096
E	Colombo West	41,441	38,921	39,070	40,753	38,179	38,597	39,625	40,609	42,448	42,567
F	Dehiwala	63,115	61,194	59,298	64,003	61,950	61,454	60,543	59,812	61,407	60,887
G	Ratmalana	67,817	66,622	66,370	68,900	66,176	66,143	65,626	66,793	69,712	69,908
H	Kolonnawa	114,105	112,363	111,951	114,648	113,919	115,064	118,098	120,617	126,882	130,112
I	Kotte	75,555	73,009	71,550	73,486	72,214	71,863	73,539	74,934	76,640	75,806
J	Kaduwela	159,596	158,736	159,980	163,949	162,287	163,316	168,043	173,355	179,178	182,195
K	Awissawella	107,093	108,138	108,965	111,159	111,751	112,827	115,098	117,472	120,369	121,671
L	Homagama	154,055	155,720	156,962	160,840	161,646	164,625	169,679	174,909	180,862	184,578
M	Maharagama	122,895	121,247	122,236	124,956	123,343	124,323	127,060	129,801	134,280	134,837
N	Kesbewa	149,191	148,696	149,981	153,670	153,368	155,873	160,493	164,774	171,325	173,353
O	Moratuwa	115,042	114,601	113,007	113,795	112,460	112,546	113,257	115,219	119,291	118,574
Total		1,560,593	1,521,854	1,503,310	1,542,491	1,512,670	1,523,681	1,552,734	1,586,598	1,640,946	1,649,716

Electoral District No. 02 - Gampaha

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Wattala	103,243	103,893	106,210	109,719	110,473	111,917	114,428	120,471	125,173	127,280
B	Negombo	94,871	96,028	97,931	100,283	100,211	101,256	103,115	106,213	109,112	109,725
C	Katana	125,510	127,421	129,654	133,064	134,438	136,431	139,658	143,885	148,608	151,378
D	Divulapitiya	98,572	99,742	101,185	102,840	103,522	104,658	106,431	108,529	110,484	111,717
E	Meerigama	113,421	114,566	115,629	117,554	118,430	119,820	121,853	124,679	126,995	128,521
F	Minuwangoda	119,350	120,860	122,125	124,651	125,627	127,569	129,885	132,981	136,025	138,385
G	Attanagalla	119,299	120,900	122,537	125,135	125,880	127,387	130,058	133,023	135,908	137,582
H	Gampaha	132,375	133,606	135,460	138,142	139,361	141,687	144,152	147,280	151,060	152,932
I	Ja-Ela	126,026	127,821	130,751	133,160	133,622	135,422	138,704	143,843	148,882	151,145
J	Mahara	132,781	134,581	136,686	139,512	140,093	141,796	144,717	149,453	153,765	156,277
K	Dompe	103,058	104,155	105,793	107,601	108,536	110,245	112,475	115,356	117,896	119,607
L	Biyagama	106,550	107,786	109,931	112,583	113,668	115,042	117,747	121,702	125,324	127,217
M	Kelaniya	83,239	83,105	83,922	85,319	84,507	84,455	86,853	90,122	92,655	93,544
Total		1,458,295	1,474,464	1,497,814	1,529,563	1,538,368	1,557,685	1,590,076	1,637,537	1,681,887	1,705,310

Electoral District No. 03 - Kalutara

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Panadura	105,194	105,569	107,372	109,615	109,514	110,436	112,555	114,828	118,253	119,528
B	Bandaragama	116,018	118,942	121,314	124,917	126,385	128,559	131,024	133,887	137,822	140,061
C	Horana	106,432	108,781	110,552	112,931	114,561	116,915	119,927	122,511	126,320	128,508
D	Bulathsinhala	74,111	74,991	76,084	77,750	78,953	79,868	81,045	82,123	83,756	84,538
E	Mathugama	97,739	99,737	100,841	102,859	104,046	105,205	107,114	108,996	111,177	112,551
F	Kalutara	105,661	106,878	108,854	111,362	112,307	113,872	116,212	117,931	120,381	121,750
G	Beruwala	103,273	104,363	106,646	109,535	110,623	112,209	114,791	117,033	119,864	121,126
H	Agalawatta	92,898	93,972	95,258	96,657	97,220	97,830	99,146	100,040	101,802	102,839
Total		801,326	813,233	826,921	845,626	853,609	864,894	881,814	897,349	919,375	930,901

Electoral District No. 04 - Mahanuwara

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Galagedara	52,169	52,553	52,612	53,372	53,282	53,484	53,816	54,214	54,856	55,270
B	Harispaththuwa	145,752	147,475	147,715	150,507	151,271	152,688	154,765	157,463	160,889	162,704
C	Pathadumbara	76,751	78,688	78,777	80,864	81,485	82,896	83,974	85,375	87,092	88,252
D	Udadumbara	54,923	55,629	55,796	56,357	56,635	57,334	58,056	58,637	59,794	60,422
E	Theldeniya	44,057	45,144	45,222	45,765	45,733	46,254	47,166	47,685	48,892	49,349
F	Kundasale	84,371	85,857	86,575	88,903	89,150	90,563	92,990	94,870	97,629	99,014
G	Hewaheta	64,133	65,176	65,411	66,594	66,832	67,710	68,298	69,243	70,854	71,632
H	Senkadagala	71,886	72,906	74,216	76,219	76,228	77,805	79,340	81,149	83,497	84,574
I	Mahanuwara	36,702	36,938	37,445	38,245	38,194	38,364	39,124	40,020	41,107	41,611
J	Yatinuwara	76,262	76,996	77,362	78,150	78,341	78,738	79,734	80,420	82,220	83,097
K	Udunuwara	75,994	76,812	76,994	78,548	79,206	79,945	81,023	82,298	84,328	85,163
L	Gampola	89,422	91,146	92,165	94,806	96,036	97,640	99,791	102,219	105,250	106,424
M	Nawalapitiya	82,686	85,136	86,499	89,477	90,100	91,894	93,903	95,567	97,401	98,649
Total		955,108	970,456	976,789	997,807	1,002,493	1,015,315	1,031,980	1,049,160	1,073,809	1,086,161

Electoral District No. 05 - Matale

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Dambulla	117,788	119,453	120,546	123,266	125,118	127,483	129,776	131,831	134,105	136,062
B	Laggala	64,147	64,696	65,208	66,402	67,125	68,234	69,126	70,323	71,625	72,366
C	Matale	74,839	75,154	75,652	78,091	79,337	80,854	82,717	84,225	85,946	86,954
D	Raththota	82,172	83,381	83,698	86,353	88,216	89,978	91,696	93,296	95,349	96,510
Total		338,946	342,684	345,104	354,112	359,796	366,549	373,315	379,675	387,025	391,892

Electoral District No. 06 - Nuwara-Eliya

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Nuwara-Eliya	245,527	247,069	253,103	264,167	268,982	284,684	294,421	302,836	312,531	317,400
B	Kotmale	68,967	70,730	71,585	73,805	73,860	75,297	76,106	78,068	80,252	81,445
C	Hanguranketha	65,209	65,969	67,076	67,907	68,335	69,128	69,981	71,053	72,143	72,980
D	Walapane	72,692	73,369	75,339	76,671	76,956	78,584	80,259	82,193	84,045	85,111
Total		452,395	457,137	467,103	482,550	488,133	507,693	520,767	534,150	548,971	556,936

Electoral District No. 07 - Galle

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Balapitiya	49,899	50,109	50,513	51,276	51,528	51,832	52,337	52,852	53,708	54,225
B	Ambalangoda	67,794	68,780	69,778	71,416	72,088	73,119	74,482	75,524	76,798	77,951
C	Karandeniya	66,238	67,025	68,012	69,500	70,314	70,912	71,647	72,572	74,040	74,887
D	Bentara-Elpitiya	84,252	84,772	85,287	86,370	86,882	87,808	88,704	89,500	90,826	91,665
E	Hiniduma	93,095	94,245	95,142	96,715	97,268	98,436	99,617	100,757	102,352	103,325
F	Baddegama	88,808	89,805	90,554	91,821	92,621	93,458	94,708	95,641	97,080	98,162
G	Rathgama	73,982	74,442	75,298	76,292	76,581	77,062	77,698	78,182	79,599	80,323
H	Galle	70,764	71,575	72,807	74,715	75,150	76,676	78,287	79,685	81,627	82,746
I	Akmeemana	82,902	84,872	86,383	88,400	89,321	90,877	92,414	94,175	95,874	97,344
J	Habaraduwa	75,438	76,190	76,796	78,025	78,454	79,052	79,988	80,778	81,987	82,842
Total		753,172	761,815	770,570	784,530	790,207	799,232	809,882	819,666	833,891	843,470

Electoral District No. 08 - Matara

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Deniyaya	85,860	86,311	87,379	89,088	90,235	91,118	93,486	97,610	99,895	101,277
B	Hakmana	85,040	85,686	86,662	87,726	88,109	88,469	89,780	91,791	93,355	94,219
C	Akuressa	87,147	87,510	88,208	89,405	90,150	90,857	91,920	93,769	95,226	96,086
D	Kamburupitiya	77,494	77,705	78,408	79,521	79,350	79,571	80,321	81,524	82,457	82,928
E	Devinuwara	74,396	74,601	75,075	75,950	76,080	76,424	77,314	78,690	79,870	80,200
F	Matara	80,074	80,334	81,096	82,675	82,168	82,541	84,662	86,984	88,660	89,901
G	Weligama	86,197	86,711	87,972	89,413	89,776	90,029	91,041	93,450	95,455	96,436
Total		576,208	578,858	584,800	593,778	595,868	599,009	608,524	623,818	634,918	641,047

Electoral District No. 09 - Hambantota

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Mulkirigala	92,385	93,685	94,957	96,573	97,147	98,073	99,219	100,711	102,268	102,908
B	Beliatta	73,906	74,470	75,258	76,128	76,330	76,717	77,414	78,234	79,020	79,237
C	Kegalle	107,579	109,409	111,202	113,630	114,961	116,505	118,213	120,148	122,348	123,599
D	Thissamaharamaya	140,242	143,622	147,219	151,871	153,622	156,982	160,552	163,818	167,973	169,766
Total		414,112	421,186	428,636	438,202	442,060	448,277	455,398	462,911	471,609	475,510

Electoral District No. 10 - Jaffna

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Kayts	53,175	53,111	55,033	21,459	20,949	21,548	21,763	22,057	22,571	22,883
B	Waddukkodai	63,832	63,991	74,327	44,196	44,352	45,195	46,416	47,621	48,216	48,569
C	Kankasanthurai	68,215	69,082	78,146	67,898	61,706	61,196	62,371	63,217	63,936	63,883
D	Manipay	70,248	71,114	84,616	49,280	50,537	51,723	53,488	54,567	55,500	56,463
E	Kopay	65,342	65,798	77,389	50,653	51,583	53,616	54,844	55,891	56,935	57,776
F	Uduppidi	56,230	56,426	65,192	37,329	37,431	37,926	38,945	39,204	39,762	40,133
G	Point Pedro	48,119	48,613	52,851	33,511	33,399	35,054	35,686	36,138	36,822	37,557
H	Chawakachcheri	64,260	65,141	73,438	48,002	48,802	49,479	50,494	51,702	52,701	53,604
I	Nalloor	72,075	72,558	87,658	40,938	40,922	42,466	45,248	46,699	47,749	48,163
J	Jaffna	63,980	64,714	77,021	30,308	28,907	28,610	32,269	33,050	33,747	34,695
K	Kilinochchi	90,959	90,811	90,334	61,217	63,754	68,600	75,465	79,093	81,702	84,353
Total		716,435	721,359	816,005	484,791	482,342	495,413	516,989	529,239	539,641	548,079

Electoral District No. 11 - Vanni

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Mannar	83,962	85,322	86,501	68,989	67,862	75,737	79,366	79,433	83,224	84,764
B	Vavuniya	110,243	112,924	115,385	113,689	101,092	94,644	104,252	109,705	112,808	112,573
C	Mullaitivu	68,334	68,729	68,821	53,771	52,455	53,683	58,317	63,920	67,169	71,774
Total		262,539	266,975	270,707	236,449	221,409	224,064	241,935	253,058	263,201	269,111

Electoral District No. 12 - Batticaloa

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Kalkuda	95,794	97,135	97,703	99,955	100,616	100,878	102,970	105,056	108,625	111,275
B	Batticaloa	154,334	155,537	156,445	161,116	162,451	165,173	169,494	172,499	177,565	180,916
C	Paddiruppu	81,141	80,972	81,734	83,679	84,032	83,636	85,741	87,612	89,716	91,238
Total		331,269	333,644	335,882	344,750	347,099	349,687	358,205	365,167	375,906	383,429

Electoral District No. 13 - Digamadulla

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Ampara	143,648	145,479	146,835	150,993	153,079	155,761	158,827	161,999	166,870	196,574
B	Samanthurai	70,098	71,442	72,881	74,743	75,640	76,849	78,668	80,357	82,529	84,200
C	Kalmunai	65,198	66,135	66,971	68,198	68,239	68,955	69,971	71,254	72,735	73,738
D	Pothuvil	135,579	137,779	139,422	142,214	144,329	146,451	149,476	152,147	155,872	158,928
Total		414,523	420,835	426,109	436,148	441,287	448,016	456,942	465,757	478,006	513,440

Electoral District No. 14 - Trincomalee

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Seruwil	67,669	69,047	70,691	69,966	70,141	71,522	72,728	74,070	75,375	76,007
B	Trincomalee	88,404	86,685	87,069	87,555	85,852	84,425	85,535	86,978	89,547	90,621
C	Mutur	84,559	85,401	87,395	89,369	89,370	90,929	93,427	95,804	99,446	101,468
Total		240,632	241,133	245,155	246,890	245,363	246,876	251,690	256,852	264,368	268,096

Electoral District No. 15 - Kurunegala

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Galgamuwa	95,491	96,354	96,908	98,209	98,981	99,915	101,879	103,488	105,417	106,309
B	Nikaweratiya	87,102	87,897	88,754	90,304	91,048	92,046	93,520	94,910	96,771	97,830
C	Yapahuwa	104,554	105,779	106,803	108,425	109,191	110,317	112,036	113,858	116,036	117,329
D	Hiriyala	90,963	92,150	92,875	93,835	94,322	95,054	96,603	97,886	99,980	101,299
E	Wariyapola	71,255	71,905	72,405	73,405	73,977	74,823	75,820	76,817	78,137	79,137
F	Panduwasnuwara	69,672	70,131	70,587	70,966	71,344	71,622	73,115	74,100	75,401	76,059
G	Bingiriya	81,412	82,441	83,046	83,932	84,674	85,241	87,025	88,306	89,934	90,928
H	Katugampola	88,834	89,310	89,566	90,591	90,966	91,654	93,390	94,505	96,196	96,889
I	Kuliyapitiya	93,845	94,743	95,268	96,299	96,422	97,158	99,039	100,474	102,618	103,654
J	Dambadeniya	88,927	89,631	90,129	91,208	91,393	92,252	93,570	94,560	95,860	96,723
K	Polgahawela	72,413	73,283	73,837	74,597	75,017	75,656	76,506	77,321	78,623	79,295
L	Kurunegala	80,308	81,523	82,680	84,534	85,062	86,301	87,987	89,332	91,753	93,502
M	Mawathagama	81,646	82,656	83,758	85,696	86,351	87,559	89,265	90,682	92,688	94,030
N	Dodangaslanda	65,459	65,846	66,612	67,322	67,538	68,212	69,232	70,204	71,309	72,011
Total		1,171,881	1,183,649	1,193,228	1,209,323	1,216,286	1,227,810	1,248,987	1,266,443	1,290,723	1,304,995

Electoral District No. 16 - Puttalam

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Puttalam	100,637	102,643	103,897	107,720	111,943	115,165	120,546	125,702	132,374	135,790
B	Anamaduwa	100,470	101,696	102,696	104,546	105,771	107,886	110,658	112,978	116,171	117,885
C	Chillaw	107,331	108,244	109,066	110,426	111,670	113,388	115,896	118,171	120,939	122,741
D	Naththandiya	82,284	83,218	84,303	85,339	85,875	86,577	88,594	89,975	92,258	93,708
E	Wennappuwa	99,130	99,774	100,789	101,683	102,298	103,392	105,012	106,183	108,567	109,480
Total		489,852	495,575	500,751	509,714	517,557	526,408	540,706	553,009	570,309	579,604

Electoral District No. 17 - Anuradhapura

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Medawachchiya	74,962	75,683	76,180	77,235	78,545	79,798	80,540	81,996	84,532	87,814
B	Horowpathana	72,114	73,590	74,340	75,659	76,941	78,179	79,450	81,099	83,197	84,292
C	Anuradhapura East	86,208	88,157	89,311	91,051	92,376	94,447	95,879	97,576	100,541	101,966
D	Anuradhapura West	91,972	93,534	94,818	96,576	97,333	99,285	100,912	102,691	105,679	107,064
E	Kalawewa	113,350	115,275	116,878	119,040	120,545	122,269	123,257	125,162	127,728	129,343
F	Mihinthale	58,034	59,137	59,698	60,898	61,689	62,678	63,665	64,778	66,720	67,685
G	Kekirawa	72,777	73,885	74,709	77,815	79,079	80,247	82,037	83,431	84,754	85,999
Total		569,417	579,261	585,934	598,274	606,508	616,903	625,740	636,733	653,151	664,163

Electoral District No. 18 - Polonnaruwa

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Minneriya	76,120	77,084	77,993	79,150	80,050	81,214	82,507	83,395	85,218	86,247
B	Medirigiriya	72,128	72,402	73,468	74,640	75,069	75,945	76,884	77,505	79,488	80,087
C	Polonnaruwa	128,808	130,851	132,818	136,704	139,246	141,194	143,801	146,225	149,659	152,071
Total		277,056	280,337	284,279	290,494	294,365	298,353	303,192	307,125	314,365	318,405

Electoral District No. 19 - Badulla

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Mahiyanganaya	83,793	85,562	87,023	88,930	89,817	91,095	93,387	95,715	98,579	100,114
B	Viyaluwa	47,467	48,231	48,680	49,388	49,474	49,888	50,648	51,295	52,471	53,031
C	Passara	57,842	60,002	60,554	61,473	61,041	60,794	61,933	62,901	64,400	65,104
D	Badulla	50,177	51,468	52,622	52,908	52,574	52,912	54,327	55,185	56,438	57,212
E	Hali Ela	62,078	63,124	64,270	64,992	65,471	65,756	68,278	69,909	71,482	72,208
F	Uva Paranagama	58,267	59,472	59,745	60,426	60,542	60,980	61,925	62,689	63,831	64,338
G	Welimada	67,852	68,937	70,022	71,148	70,990	71,751	73,308	74,436	76,520	77,575
H	Bandarawela	75,397	77,312	78,272	79,697	79,576	80,351	82,025	83,147	85,325	86,336
I	Haputale	58,148	60,706	60,783	61,379	61,807	62,005	64,135	65,209	67,001	67,662
Total		561,021	574,814	581,971	590,341	591,292	595,532	609,966	620,486	636,047	643,580

Electoral District No. 20 - Moneragala

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Bibila	73,280	74,692	76,199	78,054	78,847	80,096	81,564	83,003	85,327	86,506
B	Moneragala	94,416	96,386	98,634	100,703	101,638	103,361	105,741	107,678	111,209	112,547
C	Wellawaya	127,065	129,564	133,397	136,695	139,072	141,885	145,459	149,116	153,940	156,421
Total		294,761	300,642	308,230	315,452	319,557	325,342	332,764	339,797	350,476	355,474

Electoral District No. 21 - Ratnapura

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Eheliyagoda	87,782	89,518	90,650	92,205	92,845	93,607	94,867	96,170	98,312	99,195
B	Ratnapura	105,475	108,122	110,050	113,018	114,426	116,667	119,011	121,108	123,974	125,840
C	Pelmadulla	73,056	75,685	76,793	78,327	79,253	80,979	82,414	83,934	86,746	88,130
D	Balangoda	93,468	96,855	98,407	100,447	101,506	103,244	104,792	106,575	109,420	111,441
E	Rakwana	90,894	92,891	94,272	95,738	97,049	98,788	100,524	102,618	105,704	107,346
F	Nivithigala	82,850	86,973	88,119	90,132	91,156	92,824	94,281	96,156	99,067	100,188
G	Kalawana	55,683	57,232	58,290	59,375	60,147	61,048	62,055	62,773	64,520	65,536
H	Kolonna	123,997	127,375	129,448	132,094	133,432	135,519	137,815	140,748	143,836	146,158
Total		713,205	734,651	746,029	761,336	769,814	782,676	795,759	810,082	831,579	843,834

Electoral District No. 22 - Kegalle

Letter and Names of Polling Division		Number of Electors in each Year									
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
A	Dedigama	82,632	83,554	84,324	85,333	85,488	85,997	87,119	87,800	88,946	89,562
B	Galigamuwa	63,819	64,565	65,021	65,920	66,071	66,245	66,936	67,375	68,101	68,425
C	Kegalle	66,367	67,118	67,828	68,978	69,151	70,159	70,719	71,183	72,320	72,676
D	Rambukkana	61,546	62,325	62,800	63,419	63,667	64,112	64,829	65,337	66,432	67,111
E	Mawanella	81,844	83,066	84,195	85,907	86,606	87,640	89,437	90,627	92,362	93,464
F	Aranayaka	51,025	51,391	51,792	52,254	52,457	52,718	53,113	53,207	53,941	54,034
G	Yatyanthota	68,793	69,964	70,632	71,589	71,991	72,624	73,626	74,244	75,739	76,091
H	Ruwanwella	69,082	70,448	71,222	72,154	72,128	72,460	73,069	73,498	75,083	75,785
I	Deraniyagala	60,518	61,507	62,276	64,115	64,422	64,883	65,955	66,607	68,078	68,669
Total		605,626	613,938	620,090	629,669	631,981	636,838	644,803	649,878	661,002	665,817

Table XIII

**The list of recognized political parties declared by the
Commissioner of Elections on 2016.01.30 in terms of Section 7 (4)
(B) of Parliamentary Elections Act No. 1 of 1981**

1	Akila Ilankai Tamil Congress
2	Akhila Ilankai Tamil Mahasabha
3	Our National Front
4	our srilanka freedom front
5	All Ceylon Makkal Congress
6	Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi
7	Eelavar Democratic Front
8	Eelam People's Democratic Party
9	Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front
10	United People's Freedom Alliance
11	United National Party
12	United Democratic Front
13	United People's Party
14	United Socialist Party
15	United Peace Front
16	Okkoma Wasiyo Okkoma Rajawaru Sanvidhanaya
17	Up-Country People's Front
18	People's Liberation Front
19	Democratic Tamil National Alliance
20	Jana Setha Peramuna
21	National Congress
22	National People's Party
23	National Freedom Front
24	Jathika Hela Urumaya
25	Nationalities Unity Organization
26	Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Pulikal
27	Desha Vimukthi Janatha Pakshaya
28	Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization
29	Tamil United Liberation Front
30	New Democratic Front

31	Nawa Sama Samaja Party
32	Nawa Sihala Urumaya
33	Pathmanabha Eelam Revolutionary Liberation Front
34	Purawesi Peramuna
35	Frontline Socialist Party
36	People's Alliance Front
37	Democratic United National Front
38	Democratic People's Front
39	Democratic People's Liberation Front
40	Democratic National Movement
41	Democratic National Alliance
42	Democratic Party
43	Democratic Left Front
44	bodu jana peramuna
45	Maubima Janatha Pakshaya
46	Mahajana Eksath Peramuna
47	Muslim National Alliance
48	Ceylon Worker's Congress (P.Wing)
49	Lanka Sama Samaja Party
50	The Liberal Party
51	Sri Lanka Labour Party
52	Sri Lanka National Front
53	Sri Lanka Freedom Party
54	Sri Lanka Progressive Front
55	Sri Lanka Mahajana Pakshaya
56	Sri Lanka Muslim Congress
57	Communist Party of Sri Lanka
58	Socialist Alliance
59	Socialist Equality Party
Recognized Political Parties with problems about the office of the Secretary	
60	united democratic front
61	Eksath Lanka Podujana Pakshaya
62	Jathika Sangwardhena Peramuna
63	srilanka prograssive front

Filling of the Vacancies in the Membership of Parliament- 2016

Electoral District / Whether the vacancy filled under Article - 99 A of the Constitution	Name of the Member whose seat in the Parliament has fallen vacant	Political Party / Independent Group	Cause of the vacancy	Date of information of the vacancy from the Secretary General of the Parliament	Name of the member elected/ Action taken	Mode of Filling the vacancy	No. and Date of relevant Gazette
Filling the Vacancies under Article 99(A) of the Constitution	abdul ravub abdul hafeez	United National Party	Resignation	2016.01.19	mohhamed thareek duwfik	Under Section 64(2) of the Parliamentary Elections Act No. 1 of 1981	1950/50 2016.01.22
	M.K.D.S.Kunaw ardhana	United National Party	Death	2016.01.21	Karthikeva sarath chandrallaal fonseka		1953/6 2016.02.08

Table XV

FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF PROVINCIAL COUNCILS - 2016

Provincia I Council	Administrative District	Name of the Member whose seat in the Provincial Council became vacant	Political Party/ Independent Group	Date of Information from the Secretary to the Council	Reason for the Vacancy	Name of the member elected / Action taken	No.and Date of Relevant Gazette
Western	Colombo	Kumara Sarath Sumansekara	United People's Freedom Alliance	2016.05.16	Death	Sumith viyamuni De Zoysa	1968/17
							2016.05.26
Central	Kandy	Azaad Shali Mohhamed Sanoon	United National Party	2016.03.10	Resignation	S.S.W. Honghahage	1959/10
							2016.03.24
Southern	Matara	Jinaadhasa Kithulagoda	People's Liberation Front	2016.08.26	Resignation	Paraniwala Liyanage Laal Premanath	1987/22
							2016.10.05
Northern	Vavuniya	M.P.Nadaraj	Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi	2016.05.11	Resignation	Senthilnathan Mayuran	1974/9
	Mullaitivu	Mariyaampillai Antony	Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi	2016.10.24	Death	Aandiyaiyaa Puwaneswaran	1996/47
North Central	Polonnaruwa	Anatha Rathnayaka	United People's Freedom Alliance	2016.12.26	Death	Nonkomu Vithanaalage Samantha	1999/46
							2016.12.30
Uva	Badulla	Harin Fernando	United National Party	2015.08.21	Eleted to the Parliemaent	Murugan sachithanaththan	1948/5
		Raveendra Samaraweera	United National Party	2015.08.21	Eleted to the Parliemaent	Welimagara Saruhali Pattapenthige Pragathi Anusalya	1948/5
							2016.01.04
							2016.01.04

FILLING OF VACANCIES IN MUNICIPAL COUNCILS - 2016

Colombo District

Name of Council	Date of Vacancy	Name of Member who Vacated	Designation	Political Party /Ind. Group	Cause of Vacancy	Name of New Member declared elected	Date of Gazette Notification
Colombo Municipal Council	2016.03.11	Aananthan Murugaiah Thirubagara Kumar	Member	D.P.F.	Death	Lowrance Fernando	2016.03.23
Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte Municipal Council	2016.01.26	Krish Wilhel Abalthsaar	Member	U.N.P.	Expulsion from the Party	Mungabu Arachchige Nagasinga Rohitha	2016.02.05
Moratuwa Municipal Council	2016.04.01	Wethige Nimal Jasasiri Pieris	Member	U.P.F.A.	Death	ayaya Markalage Perti Ishan suranka perera	2016.05.13

Kandy District

Kandy Municipal Council	2015.11.19	Thushantha Maheendra Rathwaththe	Member	U.P.F.A.	Resignation	Methagethara Sugath Dhamika	2016.01.07
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Matara District

Matara Municipal Council	2015.08.20	Hadunge Sosindra Nandana	Member	U.P.F.A.	Failure to attend three consecutive meetings of the Council	Usman Mohammed Mohammed Safar	2016.01.13
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Badulla District

Badulla Municipal Council	2015.12.03	Koku Hennadige Madusha Manoj De Silva	Member	U.P.F.A.	Failure to attend three consecutive meetings of the Council	Santhanayake Mudiyanseelage Samila Buddhika	2016.01.08
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Table XVII

Details of officials of the Department of Elections who retired from Government Service during the Year-2016

Serial No.	Name of the Officer	Designation	Date of assuming duties of the Department of Elections	Office at the time of retirement	Date of retirement	Service Period						Date of first appointment
						Total period in the Government Service			Service period in the Department of Elections			
						Years	Months	Days	Years	Months	Days	
1	Mrs.L. Kampurawela	P.M.A.S. 1	1977.03.07	Gampaha	2016.04.22	39	1	15	39	1	15	1977.03.07
2	Mr. G.W Dayarathne Silva	P.M.A.S. 1	2007.04.03	Kalutara	2016.10.04	36	2	11	9	6	1	1980.07.23
3	Mr. R. M. Mithrarathne Banda	P.M.A.S. 1	1998.02.19	Kandy	2016.04.22	32	10	7	18	2	3	1983.06.15
4	Mr. H. M. Wijeyakoon	P.M.A.S. 1	1987.03.01	Badulla	2016.10.25	31	7	24	29	7	24	1985.03.01
5	Mr. N. J. L. Fernando	P.M.A.S. 11	1985.05.02	puttalam	2016.02.01	31	3	0	30	8	30	1984.11.01
6	Mrs. H. W. E. M. Anulavathi	P.M.A.S. 11	1996.06.03	Matale	2016.03.08	27	6	7	19	9	5	1988.09.01
7	Ms. M. S. N. Samarasinge	P.M.A.S. 1	1998.01.01	Kurunegala	2016.08.14	25	1	13	18	7	13	1991.07.01
8	Mr.A. VP. Ariyadasa	O. E. S. 1	1980.01.02	Rathnapura	2016.06.18	36	5	16	36	5	16	1980.01.02
9	Mr. A. K. Lakpathirana	O. E. S. 1	1995.10.16	Badulla	2016.08.22	20	10	6	20	10	6	1995.10.16
10	MR.W.M.W.B. Wijeyakoon	O. E. S. 1	1995.10.16	Kurunegala	2016.01.21	20	3	5	20	3	5	1995.10.16