



Decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on 09.11.2020

01. Specimen collaborative agreement on the cooperation of the Police.

Entering into bilateral collaborative agreements with overseas Police organizations performing Police activities much efficiently utilizing modern technology is observed to have been the most successful way of exchanging experiences, knowledge, skills, internationally recognized best practices of modern Police duties and standards for our Police officers. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal submitted by the Minister of Irrigation and the State Minister of Internal Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management in order to enter into Memoranda of Understanding between the Ministry of which the Police is under and the overseas Police establishments under the guidance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in order to establish the assistance of the Police under 17 fields including terrorist activities, terrorist financing, narcotic drugs related crimes, human trafficking and trafficking, money laundering, cyber - crimes etc.

02. Reservation of the borrow area for extracting off - shore sand from the sea.

The requirement of reserving a long term off - shore sand extracting area has been arisen for extracting sand for the projects implemented by Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation as well as the construction industry. The institution has satisfied its sand requirement from time to time by extracting sand from an off - shore area of 61 square kilometers subject to licenses from the year 1994. Considering the proposal submitted by the Hon. Prime Minister as the Minister of Urban Development and Housing, the Cabinet of Ministers has given their consent to Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation for extracting sand from the off - shore area of 61 square kilo meters for a period of 10 years subject to performing an environmental impact assessment.

03. Construction of a pediatric surgical ward in Ratnapura teaching hospital.

Ratnapura provincial general hospital is the largest tertiary service providing hospital in the Sabaragamuwa province thus providing services to a large number of patients from other provinces as well. Adhering to the need of a surgical ward with proper facilities in the pediatric ward complex consisted of 116 beds, it is planned to be constructed in the second story of the relevant pediatric ward building. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution submitted by the Minister of Health for the construction of the proposed surgical ward with the funding of the donors and to sign a memorandum of understanding between the Ministry of Health and the donor for the purpose.

04 Establishment of a zone especially reserved for pharmaceutical manufacturing within the Arabokka estate in Hambantota.

The Presidential Task Force for the economic revival and eradication of poverty has identified the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry as one of the industries that can attract direct foreign investments as well as a field that possess a potential for earning foreign exchange. Therefore, it has been planned to establish a special pharmaceutical manufacturing zone with modern facilities within an extent of 400 acres of the Arabokka estate in Hambantota so that leading pharmaceutical companies in the world would be attracted. Declaring it as a strategic development project, it is expected to provide applicable relief and encouragement for the investors step forward to invest in this pharmaceutical manufacturing zone. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution submitted by the Minister of Health for the establishment of 20 pharmaceutical manufacturing companies within 200 acres as the first step of this project and 20 pharmaceutical manufacturing companies within 200 more acres as the second step of this project as well as furnish necessary infrastructure facilities by Sri Lanka Board of Investment.

05 Provision of relief for the bus owners for continuous maintenance of intercity (inter - provincial) passenger transport bus service amidst the COVID - 19 pandemic conditions.

Decision has been taken to waive and release the following charges from the passenger transport bus owners with effect from March 2020 for the for continuous maintenance of intercity (inter - provincial) passenger transport bus service amidst the COVID - 19 pandemic conditions.

- Permit updating charges
- Delay charges (penalty charges)
- Tender charges
- Log book charges
- Access permit charges
- Temporary permit charges for the expressways

However, it has been identified that the passenger bus owners need to be provided with relief to cater their commuters with much quality and efficient service since they have confronted with numerous constrains due to uprise of this pandemic as a second wave. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has rendered their consent to the proposal submitted by the Minister of Transport for further providing the said relief until the end of this year to the bus owners; considering the prevailing conditions.

06. Providing opportunity for sale of products of the Government Institutions in the showroom of the State Trading (General) corporation of Sri Lanka

It is planned to expand the showroom at the State Trading (General) corporation of Sri Lanka which is currently operating at the Narahenpita Dedicated Economic Center and establish a sales center called “Rajawasala” in order to facilitate the customers to get the products manufactured and sold in the following Government Institutions under one roof at reasonable prices.

- Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation
- Sri Lanka Fisheries Corporation
- Department of Education Publications
- Sri Lanka Tea Board
- State Pharmaceuticals Corporation of Sri Lanka
- B.B.C. Lanka Ltd
- Department of Cooperative Development
- Lanka Sathosa Ltd
- Sri Lanka Cashew Corporation
- Mantai Salt Ltd
- Litro Gas Lanka Limited
- State Timber Corporation
- Colombo Commercial Fertilizers Ltd
- Sri Lanka Fertilizer Company
- Milco Pvt Ltd
- Coconut Development Authority
- State Printing Corporation

Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal tabled by the Ministers of Trade to modernize the premises where the showroom of the Sri Lanka State Trading (General) Corporation located and to establish the proposed “Rajawasala” Sales Center.

07. Supplying of necessary Scrap Metal for the Local Small Scale Industrialists.

The Inter Ministry Task Force on Industry and Enterprise and the Task Force on Economic Rehabilitation and Poverty Alleviation had discussed the issues relating to the metal industry in their meetings and as determined in those discussions, steps have been taken to make restrictions to the export of scrap Copper, Aluminium, Stainless Steel, High Carbon Iron, Brass, Tints, Scrap Aluminum blocks and zinc blocks with immediate effect with the view to providing sufficient raw material for the Local Small Scale Industrialists.

According to a research conducted by Sri Lanka Industrial Development Board and University of Moratuwa, it has been proved that the demand for scrap Iron, Tints, Aluminium, Copper and Brass has been increased by the Local Industrialists and the demand for Zinc, Manganese, High Carbon Iron and Stainless Steel has been increased. Demand for Scrap Metal is expected to be

increased further in line with policies of the government to promote Local Industries. Therefore, it is appropriate to reconsider the current permission for the export of Copper Wire in order to use more value added products.

As per approval was granted by the Cabinet of Ministers to use scrap Iron, Copper, Aluminum, Stainless Steel, High Carbon Iron, Brass and Tints and scrap Aluminum blocks and zinc blocks only for the local use and export of unusable Scrap Metal only on the recommendation of the Sri Lanka Industrial Development Board and the other relevant institutions.

8. Granting state lands for landless War Heroes

The previous method of allocating lands to war heroes was revised at the Cabinet meeting held on 18.07.2016 and a new methodology was introduced instead. It has been reported that some war heroes who were given lands under the previous policy have been inconvenienced due to this. Therefore the cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal made by the Minister of Lands to introduce a new methodology to eliminate these inequalities that have occurred in providing relief to the war heroes.

9. Providing relief to tea smallholders for tea plantations damaged due to high temperature and drought

The cabinet approval has been granted on 03.06.2020 to implement a program to provide tea plants free of charge to restore tea plantations damaged due to high temperature and drought. The Cabinet took note of the information presented by the Minister of Plantation Industries that 3.5 million tea plants worth Rs. 105 million had been distributed accordingly and another 2.5 million tea plants worth Rs. 75 million are planned to be distributed within the year.

10. Amendment of Judicature Act No. 02 of 1978

The Special Committee appointed to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure Act and the Penal Code has recommended the holding of "High Court Pre-Trial Conferences" and the appointment of judges for this purpose.

Accordingly, amendments are being drafted to the Code of Criminal Procedure Act No 15 of 1979 to introduce the procedure for pre-trial conferences.

The Judicature Act No. 2 of 1978 provides for the appointment of a Judges to deal with all pre-trial and post-trial proceedings. However, due to some existing technical issues, no appointments have been made so far. The Judicial Service Commission should make the relevant appointments from the existing Judges. Accordingly the cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal presented by Hon. Minister of justice to amend the Judicature Act No. 2 of 1978 to include those provisions.

11. Construction of Ragama Peraland Wetland leisure park

Urban Development Authority plans to implement an leisure park project in the vicinity of Ragama Peralanda Wetlands. Accordingly the cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal presented by Hon. Prime Minister in his capacity as the Minister of Urban Development to award the relevant contract as a direct contract to the Land Development Corporation of Sri Lanka and to provide necessary consultancy services by the Urban Development Authority.

12. Awarding the Engineering Consultancy Services Contract for the Construction of the Medical Faculty of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

The Government of Sri Lanka has signed an agreement with the Saudi Development Fund to obtain a loan of 187.5 million Saudi Riyals to establish the Medical Faculty of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. Accordingly, competitive bids have been invited for the selection of a consulting firm for the establishment of the said Medical Faculty. On the recommendation of cabinet appointed consultants procurement committee, the cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal presented by Hon. Minister of Education to award this contract to Daa Engineering Company of Saudi Arabia for 5.37 million Saudi Riyals.

13. Awarding the construction Contract of Allied Health faculty building at University of Ruhuna phase 1

The implementation of this project has been approved by the cabinet of Ministers on 11.09.2018. Accordingly, the National competitive bidding procedure has been followed and in accordance with the recommendation of cabinet appointed standing procurement committee the cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal presented by Hon Minister of Education to award this contract to Sathuta Builders Pvt .Ltd for Rs. 1,501.73 million.

14. Awarding the Contract for Construction of Faculty of Technology Building, Sabaragamuwa University, Sri Lanka

Constructions of this building will be implemented under the Science and Technology Human Resources Development Project funded by the Asian Development Fund. International competitive bidding procedure has been followed for this purpose and the cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal presented by Hon. Minister of Education upon the recommendation of cabinet appointed standing procurement committee to award this contract to International Constructions Consortium (Pvt)Ltd for 3.01 million of USD and Rs 1,507.24 million.

15. Awarding the construction contract of Gandara Fishery Harbour

Cabinet approval has been granted on 07 July 2019 to construct the Gandara Fisheries Harbor in the Devinuwara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara District. Accordingly, competitive bids have been called for this purpose. The cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal presented by Hon. Minister of Fisheries upon the recommendation of cabinet

appointed procurement committee to award this contract to RR SENPL JV for Rs. 5,367.69 million (without vat) .

16. Constructing of a new bridge across Rajagiriya – Nawala canal connecting Angampitiya Road at Ethulkotte and School Lane,Rajagiriya at Nawala.

Limited competitive bids were called to award the contract for the construction of a new bridge across Rajagiriya – Nawala canal connecting Angampitiya Road at Ethulkotte and School Lane, Rajagiriya at Nawala. Accordingly, the proposal submitted by the Minister of Highways to award the relevant contract to the State Development and Design Corporation for a sum of Rs.1,698.55 Million (Excluding VAT), as recommended by the Standing Committee on procurement appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers, was approved by the Cabinet of Ministers.

17. The contract for construct water supplying systems and pipe laying in Jaffna urban area.

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted for the proposals tabled by the Minister of Water Supply to award the contract for construct water supplying systems and pipe laying in Jaffna urban area, which is one of the components of Jaffna – Kilinochchi Water supply and Sanitation Project, to M/s NCC Company for a sum of RS.3,160.20 Million (Including VAT) on the recommendations made by the Standing Committee on procurement appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers.

18. Awarding the long term contract for import Petrol and Diesel for 8 months from 01-11-2020 to 30-06-2021.

The Cabinet of Ministers have given their consent to award the long term contract for import Petrol and Diesel for 8 months from 01-11-2020 to 30-06-2021,as recommended by the Standing Committee on procurement appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers.

- Awarding the procurement to M/s ES Energy DMCC,U.A.E to supply 1,800,000 barrels of Petrol (92 Unl)
- Awarding the procurement to M/s Swiss Singapore Overseas Enterprises Pvt Ltd in Singapore to supply 1,680,000 barrels of Diesel that contain maximum sulfur percentage 0.05.

19. Covid – 19 (Temporary Provisions) Act

It has emerged the need of taking a certain temporary measures to provide legal protection to all relevant parties and persons when administration of justice in current court proceedings due to the Covid 19 pandemic. As per the Covid 19 pandemic condition, it has become appropriate to make provisions for such measures to be taken out to the ordered time limit, particularly when certain persons are ordered to take certain measures within specified time limits. Accordingly,

the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal submitted by the Minister of Justice to provide instructions to the Legal Draftsman to draft the Covid -19 Bill to impose relevant provisions including such identified matters.

20. Selling of paddy stocks in the possession of the District Secretaries/Government Agents and paddy stocks owned by the Paddy Marketing Board through Sathosa outlets by threshing them into rice.

Having regards to the facts that the current rice shortage in the market and the owners of rice mills unable to supply sufficient rice stocks under the controlled price, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to take necessary measures to sell paddy stocks in the possession of the District Secretaries/Government Agents and paddy stocks owned by the Paddy Marketing Board through Sathosa outlets to consumers under the controlled price.