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PERSONS (SPECIAL PROVISIONS)

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ANACT TO AMEND THE GRANT OF CITIZENSHIP TO STATELESS PERSONS

(SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, NO. 39 OF 1988

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist

Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Grant of Citizenship Short title.

to Stateless Persons (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Act,

No. 5 of 2009.

2. Grant of Citizenship to Stateless Persons Insertion of

(Special Provisions) Act, No. 39 of 1988 (hereinafter referred section 2A in Act,

No. 39 of 1988.

to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the

insertion immediately after section 2 of that Act, of the

following new section which shall have effect as section 2A

of that enactment:—

“Grant of 2A. Notwithstanding the provisions of

Citizenship to section 2, any person who was a permanent

certain

resident of Sri Lanka with Indian Origin as at

persons.

October 30, 1964, but who due to circumstances

beyond the control of such person—

(a) was compelled to leave Sri Lanka; and

(b) thereupon took up residence in India,

and who consequently had, as at the day

immediately preceding the date of the coming

into operation of this Act, been unable to comply

with the requirements of paragraph (a) of section

2, shall, if such person satisfies the requirements

of paragraphs (b) and (c) of that section or is

able to submit proof that such person is a

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descendant of a person who was a permanent

resident of Sri Lanka with Indian Origin, have

the status of a citizen of Sri Lanka with effect

from the date of commencement of this Act and

shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges

to which a citizens of Sri Lanka is entitled to by

law.”.

Amendment of 3. Section 4 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 4 of the amended in subsection (1) thereof—

principal

enactment.

(1) by the substitution for the words and figures “by

reason of the provisions of section 2”, of the words

and figures “by reason of the provisions of section

2 or 2A”; and

(2) by the substitution for the words “substantially in

the Form set out in Schedule B to this Act.”, of the

words and figures “substantially in the Form set

out in Schedule B to this Act:

Provided however, any person who is entitled to

the status of a citizen of Sri Lanka under the

provision of section 2A, shall apply for a Certificate

of Citizenship under this Act, only upon his arrival

in Sri Lanka with the intention of permanently

residing in Sri Lanka.”.

Sinhala text to 4. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala

prevail in case of

and the Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

inconsistency.

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