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Ceylon (Amendment) Act, No. 30 of 2014

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L.D.—O.(Inc.) 18/2013.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS

OF CEYLON ORDINANCE

WHEREAS a portion of the area hitherto under the Preamble.

ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic Bishop of

Trincomalee has now been created into a new Diocese called

the Roman Catholic Diocese of Batticaloa and the Right

Reverend Dr. Joseph Ponniah has been duly appointed as

the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa to administer the

same:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Roman

Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon Ordinance, to

provide for the incorporation of the Roman Catholic Bishop

of Batticaloa and in other respects :

BE it therefore enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic

Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Roman Catholic Short title.

Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon (Amendment) Act,

No. 30 of 2014.

2. The Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Insertion of

Ceylon Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the “principal new section

enactment”) as last amended by Act, No. 19 of 2000 is hereby 3E in Chapter

338.

further amended by the insertion immediately after section

3D thereof, of the following new section which shall have

effect as section 3E of the principal enactment :—

“Incorporation 3E. The Roman Catholic Bishop of

of the Roman Batticaloa, to wit, the Right Reverend

Catholic

Dr. Joseph Ponniah and his successors duly

Bishop of

Batticaloa. appointed according to the laws and usages of

the Roman Catholic Church, shall be a body

corporate and shall, for all purposes of this

Ordinance, have the name of the “Roman

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Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa”, and by such

name shall have perpetual succession and shall

have full power to acquire, purchase, take, hold

and enjoy movable and immovable property

of every description and to sell or otherwise

dispose of the same, and may sue or be sued in

respect of such property in all courts of justic.”.

Insertion of new 3. The following new section is hereby inserted

section 5E in the immediately after section 5D of the principal enactment and

principal

shall have effect as section 5E of the principal enactment:—

enactment.

“Vesting of 5E. All property both movable and

property in immovable, already acquired, held or possessed

the Roman

Catholic by the said Right Reverend Dr. Joseph Ponniah,

Bishop of in his official capacity, shall, subject to any

Batticaloa. trust or condition affecting the same, vest in

the said Roman Catholic Bishop of

Batticaloa.”.

Amendment of 4. Section 6 of the principal enactment as last amended

section 6 of the by Act, No. 19 of 2000 is hereby further amended by the

principal

addition immediately after subsection (5) of that section, of

enactment.

the following new subsection:—

“(6) Any instrument of conveyance, transfer or

assignment executed by the Bishop of Trincomalee in

favaour of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa

of all the property movable or immovable which by

reason of the creation of the Roman Catholic Diocese

of Batticaloa become subject to the administration of

the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa, shall be

charged the stamp duty prescribed for such instrument,

under section 2 of the Stamp Duty Act, No. 43 of 1982

or section 13 of the Stamp Duty (Special Provisions)

Act, No. 12 of 2006, as the case may be.”.

Sinhala text to 5. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala

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

of inconsistency.

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