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ANACT TO AMEND THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS

ACT, NO. 32 OF 1968

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist

Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Registration of Persons Short title.

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2. The Long Title of the Registration of Persons Act, Replacement

No.32 of 1968 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal of the Long Title

to the Registration

enactment”) is hereby repealed and the following Long Title of Persons Act,

substituted therefor:- No.32 of 1968.

“AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF ALL CITIZENS OF

SRILANKA; FORTHEISSUE OFNATIONAL IDENTTYCARDSTOTHEELIGIBLE

CITIZENS SO REGISTERED, AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR

INCIDENTAL THERETO.”

3. (1) In the principal enactment and in any other written “Commissioner for

law, there shall be substituted – the Registration of

Persons”,

“Register of

(a) for the words “Commissioner for the Registration Persons”, “Identity

Cards” and “three

of Persons”, the words “Commissioner-General for copies of the

the Registration of Persons”; photograph or a

photograph” to be

known as

(b) for the words “Register of Persons”, the words “Commissioner-

“National Register of Persons”; General forthe

Registration of

Persons”,

(c) for the words “identity cards”, the words “national “National Register

of Persons” ,

identity cards”; and “National Identity

Cards” and

“photographs”.

(d) for the words “three copies of the photograph or a

photograph”, the word “photographs”.

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(2) Every reference to the “Commissioner for the

Registration of Persons”, “Register of Persons”, “Identity

Cards” and “three copies of the photograph or a photograph”

in any notice, notification or other document shall be read

and construed as a reference respectively to the

“Commissioner-General for the Registration of Persons”,

“National Register of Persons”, “National Identity Cards”

and “photographs”.

(3) Every reference to the “Commissioner” in sections 3, 4,

5, 6, 9,10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26,

33, 36A, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 47, 51 and 55 in the

principal enactment shall be read and construed as a reference

to “ the Commissioner-General for the Registration of Persons”.

Insertion of new 4. The following new part is hereby inserted

Part 1A in the immediately after section 1 and shall have effect as Part 1A

principal

enactment. of the principal enactment:-

“PART 1 A

PRELIMINARY”

Replacement of 5. Section 2 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 2 of the repealed and the following section is substituted

principal

therefor:-

enactment.

“Persons 2. (1) From the date of commencement of

liable to this Act, every person who is a citizen of Sri

registration. Lanka and who has attained or attains the

age of fifteen years shall be liable to registration

under this Act.

(2) A person liable to registration shall,

apply for such registration under this Act -

(a) for the purposes of section 6; and

(b) for the issue of a National Identity

Card,

within a prescribed period.

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6. Part I of the principal enactment is hereby amended Amendment of

by the substitution for the words “Part I”, of the following Part I of the

principal

words:- enactment.

“PART 1 B”

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

amended by the insertion immediately after paragraph (a) the section 3 of

the principal

of the following new paragraphs:-

enactment.

“(aa) a person by name or by office, to be or to act as the

Additional Commissioner-General for the

Registration of Persons;

(aaa) a person, or two or more persons by name or by

office, to be or to act as a Commissioner;”.

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

amended by the repeal of paragraph (b) thereof, and the section 4 of the

principal

substitution therefor of the following paragraph:-

enactment.

“(b) the Additional Commissioner-General, any

Commissioner, any Deputy Commissioner, any

Assistant Commissioner, any Certifying Officer and

any Registration Officer shall be subject to the

general or special directions of the Commissioner

General.”.

9. Section 5 of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

amended as follows:- section 5 of the

principal

enactment.

(1) by the repeal of subsection (1) of that section and

the substitution therefor, of the following

subsection:-

“(1) The Commissioner-General may, either

generally or specially authorize the Additional

Commissioner- General, any Commissioner, any

Deputy Commissioner, any Assistant

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Commissioner, any District Secretary, Divisional

Secretary or any officer of the Department for

the Registration of Persons to exercise, perform

or discharge any power, duty or function

conferred or imposed upon, or assigned to, the

Commissioner-General by or under this Act:

Provided however, that the preceding

provisions of this section shall not apply to the

power to compound offences conferred upon the

Commissioner-General by section 51.”;

(2) by the substitution, in subsection (2) of that section,

of the words “any Government Agent” of the words

“ any District Secretary or any Divisional Secretary”;

(3) by the addition immediately after subsection (2) of

that section of the following new subsections:-

“(3) The Commissioner-General may

establish an office of the Department for the

Registration of Persons at provincial level,

district level or divisional level as the case may

be, and appoint an officer to be in charge of

such office.

(4) The Commissioner-General may authorize

the officer in charge of the office referred to in

subsection (3) to exercise, perform or discharge

any power, duty or function vested in, or imposed

or conferred on the Commissioner-General in

respect of registering persons and issuing of

national identity cards under this Act .”.

Replacement of 10. Section 6 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 6 of the repealed and the following new section substituted therefor:-

principal

enactment.

“National 6. (1) For the purposes of this Act, the

Register of

Commissioner- General shall establish and

Persons.

maintain a database to be called the “National

Register of Persons” in the prescribed form and

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manner, in which every person who is a citizen

of Sri Lanka, shall be registered.

(2) There shall be recorded the following

information in respect of each person referred

to in subsection (1)-

(a) name;

(b) date of birth;

(c) place of birth;

(d) gender;

(e) the address;

(f) family details; and

(g) any other information as may be

prescribed.”.

11. The principal enactment is hereby amended by Insertion of new

the insertion immediately after section 6 thereof, of the section 6A in the

principal

following new section which shall have effect as section 6A

enactment.

in the principal enactment:-

“Duty to 6A. Every holder of a national identity card

inform the issued under this Act, shall inform the

Commissioner-

Commissioner-General of any change of

General of

change of circumstances affecting the information

information. relating to such person recorded in the

National Register of Persons, in the prescribed

manner and form within the prescribed period,

for the purpose of updating the National

Register of Persons.”.

12. Section 9 of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

amended as follows:- section 9 of the

principal

enactment.

(1) in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution

for the words “Commissioner or Government

Agent” of the words “Commissioner-General”.

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(2) in subsection (2) of that section –

(a) by the repeal of paragraph (bb)(i) and the

substitution therefor of the following

paragraph:-

“(i) if no certificate of waiver in respect of

the fee for such registration which the

Minister is hereby authorized to fix by

notification published in the Gazette

has been issued to applicant under this

Act, accompany a proof of payment of

such fee or substantiate such payment

through any prescribed mode of

payment; or”;

(b) by the repeal of paragraph (c) and the

substitution therefor of the following

paragraph:-

“(c)shall be signed by the applicant

manually or electronically; and”

(3) by the repeal of subsection (3) thereof and the

substitution therefor of the following

subsection:-

“(3) An application for registration shall

contain–

(a)(i) prescribed biometrics taken by the

Commissioner- General or by a person

authorized by him;

(ii)photographs of the applicant

of the prescribed dimensions,

specifications, standards and quality;

and

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(b) an image of the applicant taken by the

Commissioner- General or by a person

authorized by him.”.

13. Section 10 of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

section 10 of

amended by the repeal of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of the principal

that section. enactment.

14. Section 11 of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

amended by the addition immediately after subsection (3) section 11 of

the principal

thereof, of the following new subsection:- enactment.

“(4) The Commissioner-General shall, after issuing

a national identity card to the applicant, cause

the application to be returned to the applicant or

cause the application to be destroyed in the prescribed

manner.”.

15. Section 14 of the principal enactment is hereby Replacement of

section 14 of

repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:-

the principal

enactment.

“National 14. The Commissioner - General shall, as

Identity soon as practicable after a person becomes a

Cards to be

issued to a registered person, issue to that person, a

registered national identity card. Such card -

person.

(a) shall be in the prescribed form and

shall contain the prescribed particulars

and the prescribed validity period;

(b) shall bear the photographs or the image

taken by the Commissioner-General or

by a person authorized by him; and

(c) shall bear the signature, or a facsimile

of the signature of the Commissioner-

General.”.

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Replacement of 16. Section 15 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 15 of the

repealed and the following section substituted therefor:-

principal

enactment.

“National 15. (1) The holder of a national identity

Identity card

to be card shall, on a request made by the

produced Commissioner-General or any other prescribed

when

required. officer, produce that card at such time and

place as shall be specified in such request, and

permit it to be inspected:

Provided, however, that no person shall be

deemed to have contravened the preceding

provisions of this section, if his national

identity card had, at the time of the alleged

contravention, been lost and he has complied

with the provisions of subsection (1) of section

16 relating to the reporting of such loss to the

nearest police station and submitting a

declaration in writing to that effect to the

Commissioner- General and the making of an

application for the issue of a duplicate national

identity card.

(2) If in any prosecution against any person

for an offence under this Act by reason of a

contravention of the provisions of sub-section

(1), there is produced a certificate issued by

the Commissioner-General, the Additional

Commissioner-General, a Commissioner, a

Deputy Commissioner, an Assistant

Commissioner, or a police officer of a rank not

below that of Assistant Superintendent or any

such public officer as may be notified for such

purpose by the Minister from time to time in

the Gazette, to the effect that he is satisfied

that such person is the holder of national

identity card, it shall be presumed, until the

contrary is proved by such person, that such

person is the holder of such card.”.

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17. Section 16 of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

amended as follows:- section 16 of

the principal

enactment.

(1) by the repeal of subsection (1) thereof and the

substitution therefor, of the following subsection:-

“(1) Any person who has lost his national

identity card shall immediately report such loss to

the nearest police station and submit a declaration

to that effect to the Commissioner-General and shall

thereafter forthwith apply to the Commissioner -

General for a duplicate of that identity card.”

(2) in subsection (2) of that section -

(a) by the repeal of paragraph (b)(i) thereof and

the substitution therefor of the following

paragraph:-

“(i) if no certificate of waiver in respect of

the fee for the issue of such duplicate which

the Minister is hereby authorized to fix by

notification published in the Gazette has

been issued to the applicant under this Act,

accompany a proof of payment of such fee or

substantiate such payment through any

prescribed mode of payment; or”

(b) by the repeal of paragraph (c) thereof and the

substitution, therefor of the following

paragraph:-

“(c) shall be signed by the applicant

manually or electronically ; and”

(c) by the repeal of paragraph (d) thereof and the

substitution, therefor of the following

paragraph:-

“(d) shall contain –

(i) a certified copy of the relevant

extract of the information book

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of the police station to which the

loss of the original of such card

was reported by the applicant;

(ii) prescribed biometrics taken by

the Commissioner- General or by

a person authorized by him;

(iii) photographs of the applicant of

the prescribed dimensions,

specifications, standards and

quality; and

(iv) an image of the applicant taken

by the Commissioner- General or

by a person authorized by him.”.

Amendment of 18. Section 17 of the principal enactment is hereby

section17 of the amended as follows:-

principal

enactment.

(1) by the repeal of subsection (1) of that section and

the substitution therefor of the following

subsection:-

“(1) Where a national identity card is damaged,

defaced or illegible or in danger of becoming

illegible or where the information appearing in

the national identity card is changed, or where the

holder of a national identity card is of the opinion

that such identity card carries incorrect information

of which he is aware, the holder of that card shall

forthwith –

(a) report that fact in writing to the

Commissioner- General; and

(b) apply to the Commissioner- General for a

duplicate of that card.”

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(2) in subsection (2) of that section-

(a) by the repeal of paragraph (aa)(i) thereof and

the substitution therefor of the following

paragraph:-

“(i) if no certificate of waiver in respect of

the fee for the issue of a duplicate of such

card has been issued to the applicant under

this Act, accompany a proof of payment of

such fee or substantiate such payment

through any prescribed mode of payment;

or”

(b) by the repeal of paragraph (b) of that section

and the substitution therefor of the following

paragraph:-

“(b) shall be signed by the applicant

manually or electronically; and”

(c) by the repeal of paragraph(c) thereof and the

substitution therefor of the following

paragraph:-

“(c) shall contain -

(i) prescribed biometrics taken by

the Commissioner-General or by

a person authorized by him;

(ii) photographs of the applicant of

the prescribed dimensions,

specifications, standards and

quality;

(iii) an image of the applicant taken

by the Commissioner-General or

by a person authorized by him,;

and

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(iv) the original of that card.”.

Amendment of 19. Section 18 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 18 of the amended by the repeal of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of

principal

enactment. that section and the substitution therefor of the following

paragraph:-

“(a) if the provisions of subsection (1) of section 16

have been complied with by such person prior to

such recovery, forthwith inform the nearest police

station and the Commissioner-General as referred

to in that subsection, of the fact of such recovery;

and”.

Amendment of 20. Section 19 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 19 of the amended by the repeal of subsection (2) thereof and

principal

substitution therefor of the following subsection:-

enactment.

“(2) Any person who ceases to be a citizen of Sri

Lanka on or after the commencement of this Act,

shall forthwith inform the Commissioner- General

of such fact and surrender or caused to be

surrendered the national identity card to the

Commissioner- General with a declaration in the

prescribed form.”.

Amendment of 21. Section 22 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 22 of the amended as follows:-

principal

enactment

(1) by the insertion immediately after subsection (1)

thereof of the following subsection which shall have

effect as subsection (1A) of that section:-

“(1A) No person shall possess, use, or abuse a

national identity card belonging to any other living

person or any deceased person.”

(2) by the repeal of subsection (3) and substitution

therefor of the following subsection :-

“(3) any person who contravenes the provisions

of subsections (1), (1A) and (2) shall be guilty of an

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offence and shall, on conviction be liable to a fine

not exceeding ten thousand rupees, or to

imprisonment of either description for a term not

exceeding five years or to both such fine and

imprisonment.”.

22. Section 33 of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

amended by the repeal of subsection(2) of that section and section 33 of the

principal

the substitution therefor of the following new subsection:-

enactment.

“(2) A Tribunal shall cause notice of its decision

on any appeal made to the Tribunal under this Act

to be served on the Commissioner-General, and also

on the appellant, through the Commissioner-

General .” .

23. Section 36A of the principal enactment is hereby Replacement of

repealed and the substitution therefor of the following section 36A of

the principal

section :-

enactment.

“Waiver of 36A. The Commissioner-General or any

fees.

District Secretary or any Divisional Secretary -

(a) may, on the ground of the poverty of

any person, waive the fee payable by

that person for registration or the issue

of a duplicate of national identity card;

and

(b) shall, if such fee is so waived, issued

to that person a certificate of waiver in

respect of such fee.”.

24. Section 37 of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

amended by the repeal of subsection (2) of that section and section 37 of

the principal

the substitution therefor of the following subsection:-

enactment.

“(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) and

sections 38 and 39, the expression “authorized

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Officer” means the Additional Commissioner-

General, any Commissioner, any Deputy

Commissioner, any Assistant Commissioner, any

District Secretary or any Divisional Secretary.”.

Insertion of 25. The principal enactment is hereby amended by the

new sections

insertion immediately after section 39 thereof, of the

39A, 39B, 39C,

39D, 39E and 39F following new sections which shall have effect as sections

in the principal 39A, 39B, 39C, 39D, 39E and 39F in the principal enactment:-

enactment.

“Power of 39A. (1) The Commissioner General or an

the

authorized officer may, for the purpose of

Commissioner-

General or an discharging the functions under this Act,

authorized require a prescribed authority to furnish, in

officer to writing, such prescribed information relating

require

information to a person, recorded with such Authority .

from a

prescribed (2) It shall be the duty of the person who is

authority.

in charge of such authority referred to in

subsection (1) to comply with such requirement.

(3) The information transmitted under

subsection (2) shall be used only for the

purposes of this Act.

The 39B. The Commissioner-General or a

Commissioner-

prescribed officer in the prescribed manner

General or a

prescribed may, -

officer to

issue (a) issue to a person a certified copy of the

certified

copies and national identity card of that person

furnish upon a written request and on payment

information of a prescribed fee by such person; or

upon request.

(b) certify to the authenticity of the

particulars in a national identity card

of a person, upon a written request made

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by a public officer, in the exercise of

his official duties or for the purposes of

section 39C of this Act; or

(c) with the consent of the holder of a

national identity card, certify to the

authenticity of the particulars relating

to such card holder, upon a written

request made by a prescribed authority.

Commissioner- 39C. Notwithstanding any other provision

General to

of this Act, it shall be lawful for the

disclose

information Commissioner-General to disclose any

on matters information relating to a registered person

relating to recorded in the National Register of Persons,

national

security, to a public officer or authority, where such

crime disclosure is necessary -

prevention

etc..

(a) in the interest of national security upon

a direction issued by the secretary to

the Ministry of the Minister to whom

the subject of national defence is

assigned; or

(b) for the prevention or detection of

crimes; or

(c) for the purpose of complying with any

order or direction issued by a

competent Court.

Exemptions. 39D. The Minister may, in the interest of

national security require the Commissioner-

General to exempt any person or class of persons

from the application of any of the provisions

of this Act or any regulation made thereunder

to the extent as is necessary, subject to such

terms and conditions.

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Unauthorized 39E.(1) No person shall, without the

access to the approval of the Commissioner-General gain

National

access to the National Register of Persons, or

Register of

Persons. makes copies or extracts of any information,

recorded in the National Register of Persons,

relating to a registered person.

(2) No person shall, tamper with any

information containing in the National

Register of Persons, which may come to his

knowledge in the performance of his duties

under this Act.

Official 39F. Every person appointed under the

Secrecy. authority of this Act shall, before entering

upon his duties, sign a declaration pledging

himself to observe strict secrecy in respect of

any information, which may come to his

knowledge in the exercise, performance and

discharge of his powers, duties and functions

under this Act and shall by such declaration

pledge himself not to disclose any such

information, except for the purpose of

exercising, performing and discharging the

powers ,duties and functions under this Act and

any other written law.”.

Amendment of 26. Section 40 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 40 of the amended by the substitution for the words “the

principal

Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, an Assistant

enactment.

Commissioner” of the words “the Commissioner-General,

the Additional Commissioner - General, a Commissioner, a

Deputy Commissioner, an Assistant Commissioner”.

Replacement of 27. Section 43 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 43 of the repealed and the substitution therefor of the following

principal

section:-

enactment.

”Commissioner- 43. The Commissioner-General, the

General, &c.

Additional Commissioner-General, every

deemed to be

peace District Secretary, every Commissioner, every

officers. Divisional Secretary, every Deputy

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Commissioner, every Assistant Commissioner,

every Registration Officer, every Certifying

Officer and every other officer acting under

the authority of the Commissioner General

shall be deemed to be a peace officer within

the meaning of the Code of Criminal Procedure

Act, No.15 of 1979 for the purposes of

exercising any power conferred upon a peace

officer by that Code.”.

28. Section 44 of the principal enactment is hereby Replacement of

repealed and the substitution therefor of the following section 44 of the

principal

section:- enactment.

“offences. 44. (1) Any person who-

(a) fails to make an application for

registration in compliance with the

provisions of section 8;

(b) gives any incorrect information in such

application or in response to any

inquiry;

(c) makes more than one such application

for registration;

(d) obtains a national identity card by

fraud; or

(e) notwithstanding the provisions of

sections 24 and 47, obtains by fraud or

is in possession of or uses more than

one national identity card,

shall commit an offence under this Act, and

shall on conviction be liable to a fine not

exceeding five thousand rupees.

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(2) Any person who organizes or facilitates

one or more persons to obtain a national

identity card in contravention of any provision

of this Act shall commit an offence under this

Act, and shall on conviction be liable to a fine

not exceeding one hundred thousand rupees

or to imprisonment of either description for a

term not exceeding five years or to both such

fine and imprisonment.

(3) Any employer –

(a) who fails to carry out the duty

imposed on him by section 38 to

comply with any direction issued

to him under that section to furnish

a return relating to any person or

persons in his employment; or

(b) who furnishes any such return

containing any particular regarding

such person or persons that is untrue

or incorrect,

shall be guilty of an offence under this Act,

and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not

exceeding one hundred thousand rupees or to

imprisonment of either description for a term

not exceeding one year or to both such fine

and imprisonment -

(i) in the case referred to in

paragraph (a) of this subsection,

in respect of each such person

or persons in relation to whom

he has omitted to furnish such

return; and

(ii) in the case referred to in

paragraph (b) of this subsection,

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in respect of each such person

or persons to whom such untrue

or incorrect particular relates.

(4) Any person who contravenes or fails to

comply with any provision of this Act, other

than any such provision as is referred to in

subsections (1) to (3), or any regulation made

thereunder, shall be guilty of an offence under

this Act and shall on conviction be liable to a

fine not exceeding one hundred thousand

rupees or to imprisonment of either description

for a term not exceeding five years or to both

such fine and imprisonment.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of any

other law, any person including any public

officer-

(a) who attempts or aids and abets any

other person to organize and facilitate

under subsection (2); or

(b) who aides and abets or incites any

other person liable to registration not

to make an application for registration

as required by this Act; or

(c) who aids, abets or facilitates the

commission of any other offence, under

this Act,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on

conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding

one hundred thousand rupees or to an

imprisonment of either description for a term

not exceeding five years or to both such fine

and imprisonment.”.

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Amendment of 29. Section 46 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 46 of amended by the repeal of subsections (2) and (3).

the principal

enactment.

Amendment of 30. Section 52 (2) of the principal enactment is hereby

section 52 of the amended by the insertion immediately after paragraph (f), of

principal

enactment. the following new paragraphs:-

“(ff) the application for registration electronically and

the process of registering an applicant;

(fff) the disposal of applications after issuing the

national identity cards;

(ffff) the fees to be charged under section 39B”.

Amendment of 31. Section 55 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 55 of amended as follows:-

the principal

enactment.

(1) by the omission of the definition of expression

“Government Agent”.

(2) by the insertion of the following definition of

expression immediately after the definition of

expression “ Appropriate Tribunal”:-

‘ “Additional Commissioner -General” means a

person appointed to be, or to act as the

Additional Commissioner-General for the

Registration of Persons, for the purposes of

this Act;’;

(3) by the insertion immediately after definition of

expression “Assistant Commissioner” the following

new definition:-

‘ “Biometrics” includes the finger impression of a

person;’;

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(4) by the repeal of the definition of expression,

“Commissioner” and the substitution thereof of the

following definitions of expression:-

‘ “Commissioner” means a person appointed to

be, or to act as a Commissioner for the

Registration of Persons for the purposes of

this Act;

“Commissioner-General” means a person

appointed to be, or to act as the

Commissioner-General for the Registration

of Persons, for the purposes of this Act;’;

(5) by the insertion of the following definition of

expression immediately after the definition of

expression “ District”:-

‘ “District Secretary” means the District Secretary

referred to in the Transfer of Powers

(Divisional Secretaries) Act, No.58 of 1992;

“Divisional Secretary” has the same meaning

assigned to it under the Transfer of Powers

(Divisional Secretaries) Act, No.58 of 1992;’;

(6) by the insertion of the following definition of

expression immediately after the definition of

expression “registered or registration”:-

‘ “Writing” includes writing in manual or

electronic form.’.

32. (1) Every person who, on the date of commencement Special

of this Act, is in the possession of a valid identity card issued provisions

relating to the

under the principal enactment shall, re-register with the

registration of

Commissioner- General in the manner prescribed, within the holders of

such period as may be prescribed, by the Minister by Order identity cards

published in the Gazette. under the

principal

enactment.

(2) Every identity card referred to in subsection (1) shall

cease to be valid on the expiration of the date specified in

such Order.

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(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as

preventing any person from re-registering, who failed to re-

register within the period specified in subsection (1).

(4) The date of the expiration of the period referred to in

subsection (1) may be altered, in respect of any district, by

an Order published in the Gazette.

Special 33. (1) Any citizen who, on the day prior to the date of

provisions commencement of this Act, had attained the age of fifteen

relating to

years but had not attained the age of sixteen years and was

certain persons

who are deemed therefore not a person liable to registration under subsection

to be not guilty (1) of section 2 of the principal enactment and on such date

of an offence becomes so liable by virtue of the provisions of that section

under section 44 as amended by this Act, shall be deemed not to be guilty of

of the principal

enactment. an offence under section 44 of the principal enactment,

provided that such person makes an application within the

prescribed period for such registration under the provisions

of that enactment.

(2) In this section “prescribed period” means the period

within which any person referred to in subsection (1) is

required by virtue of any regulation made under section 52,

read with subsection (4) of section 7, of the principal

enactment to apply for registration under the provisions of

that enactment.

Special 34. (1) Notwithstanding the amendments made to

provisions sections 6,9,14,16 and 17 of the principal enactment by this

relating to the

Act, sections 6,9,14,16 and 17 of the principal enactment

infrastructure

arrangements and every regulation made under the principal enactment

etc. and in force immediately prior to the date of commencement

of this Act, shall continue to be in operation under this Act

until the necessary infrastructure arrangements and

technological methodologies are made, to give effect to the

amendments made to sections 6,9,14,16 and 17 by this Act.

(2) The Minister may, by Order published in the Gazette

determine the period of operation of sections 6,9,14,16 and

17 of the principal enactment referred to in subsection(1) .

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(3) The date of expiration of the period of operation of

sections 6,9,14,16 and 17 of the principal enactment

determined by Order published in the Gazette by the Minister

under subsection (2) may be altered, from time to time by

the Minister by a like Order.

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

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

of inconsistency.

prevail.

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