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CENTRAL PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

**Central Province Zonal Economic Development Institute Statute No. 01 of 2008 of the
Central Provincial Council**

HEREBY announced that the Central Province Zonal Economic Development Institute Statute No. 01 of 2008 of the Central Provincial Council was adopt on 22nd July, 2008 at the Council.

And the Hon. Governor has approved the same on 12th August, 2008.

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ENACTMENT OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

**THE ENACTMENT No. 01 OF 2008 OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCIAL COUNCIL - THE CENTRAL PROVINCE REGIONAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY - ENACTMENT**

This is an Enactment formulated for the establishment of a Central Province Regional Economic Development Agency ; to define its authority, rights and the role it is expected to play ; to empower it and to make provisions for it to deal with subsidiary matters relating to it or those other matters coming under its purview.

Establishment of a
Central Province
Regional
Economic
Development
Agency

The Central Provincial Council of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Enacts that —

1. (A) In accordance with the Provisions made herein, a Central Province Regional Economic Development Agency should be established.
- (B) This Central Province Regional Economic Development Agency shall function under the Chief Minister of the Central Province, and the Chief Executive Officer of this Agency shall be The Chief Secretary of the Central Province.

Abbreviation
and date of
coming into
effect

This Enactment No. 01 of 2008 of the Central Provincial Council shall be named “The Central Provincial Council’s Regional Economic Development Agency Enactment” and that it shall come into effect from the date of its approval by The Governor of the Central Province.

2. The Central Province Regional Economic Development Agency and its Composition :

Henceforth, the term “Agency” used in this document refers to the Central Province Regional Economic Development Agency.

This shall be an Agency coming under the definition provided in sub-para (1).

The Agency shall have a perpetuated existence and also possess A Frank of its own.

3. Implementing the Provisions of the Enactment :

Objectives of
The Agency.

The main objective of this Agency is to broadening and continuation and also carrying out any other economic programs and strengthening on a more firm footing of all the development strategies and programs that are being introduced and implemented, with a view to uplift and expedite economic development in the Central Province, by the Sri Lanka - German Economic Strategy Support Programme (GTZ - ESSP), between years 2000 July to 2007 June ; and also to convert the Central Province to a balancely developed prosperous province, jointly by and in full cooperation with the state and the private sector.

The responsibility of this Agency shall be to lead the Gross National Product (G.N.P.) to higher levels, and with a view of achieving such objective the steps it is expected to take are as follows :—

The functions of
the Agency.

- (A) To program, organize and implement and conduct workshops on technical services strategies conducive to ensure the enhancement and enlistment of quality of products and services of various such products and service suppliers in the Central Province.
- (B) To take steps and to lead Central Province producers and service suppliers so as to develop links with National and International Market and also to enable them to achieve access thereto.
- (C) To identify the existing trends and patterns and fields of competition prevalent in the Global Market and to take such steps to improve intensify and strengthen the position of the parallel Local Fields in the Central Province and bring about a greater demand for the Gross National Product (GNP).
- (D) To start and assure an Investment - Welcome atmosphere in the Central Province and thus attract and encourage Foreign and Local Investors here.
- (E) To provide such an environment and ways and means in an endeavor to enhancing the qualitative value of Central Province’s Products and Services.

- (F) To continue further all such programs mooted and steps that have been taken on the basis of Economic Strategy Support Programme (GTZ - ESSP) and also to strengthen further such steps already taken in that direction.

4. The Board of Management of The Agency :

To function the Agency and to carry out the management and administrative affairs of it, there shall be a Board of Management and it shall be constituted of 09 members, These members shall be appointed by the Chief Secretary on instructions by the Chief Minister of the Central Province. Board of Management.

- (A) A recognized economic specialist well versed with the Regional Economic Development work of the Central Province.
- (B) A District Secretary of the Central Provincial Territory (so as to represent District Secretary of Kandy Matale and Nuwara Eliya at the end of every three years).
- (C) The Secretary to the Ministry of Industries of the Central Provincial Council.
- (D) The Deputy Chief Secretary (Finance) of the Central Province.
- (E) The Deputy Chief Secretary (Planning) of the Central Province.
- (F) A representative of the state banking Field of the Central Province.
- (G) A member from the Chamber of Commerce and Industries of the Central Province.
- (H) An Industrialist from the Private Sector Industry in Central Province.
- (I) A representative involved with the field of Agro-industry or Tourism in the Central Province.

Out of the above, one person shall be appointed the Chairman of the Board of Management by the Chief Minister of the Central Province. This Board of Management shall hold responsibility about its activities to the Chief Minister and the Chief Secretary of the Central Province. The Director of the Central Province Regional Economic Development Agency shall function as the Secretary of this Board of Management.

The term of Office of the Board of Management and its Assignments and activities.

Henceforth, the term "Board" implies the Board of Management of the Central Province Regional Economic Development Agency's Management Board.

4. (1) Unless any membership falls vacant due to Resignation, Death or Removal or for any other valid reason, a member of the Board shall hold Office for three years.
- (2) Any member automatically vacating post at the end of the stipulated period is eligible for Re-appointment.
- (3) A member can resign on a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Board.
- (4) The Board shall meet at least once in two Months.
- (5) The minimum number required for any meeting shall be five members.
- (6) The director of the Agency shall, under the provisions given in this enactment, take all steps to carry out all the decisions arrived at by the Board at these meetings.

Other functions
of the Board of
Management.

- (7) By reason of any vacancy for membership in the Board existing or due to any lapses in the appointment of members to the existing Board, any decision arrived at or action taken by the Board shall not be treated as cancelled.
- (8) An allowance is payable to the Members for attending each and every meeting of the Board. The board shall hold the right of decision of such rates.
- (9) Management and administrative and financial regulations required for day-to-day affairs of the agency shall be sanctioned by the Board.

These regulations shall be governed by the government Financial Regulations and Administrative Regulations. Besides any other rules and regulations deemed necessary by the Board shall be identified and formulated by the Agency.

4.2

- (A) The Board of Management shall take steps to make appointments to effect removal of staff, and also to maintaining the discipline among the staff and in the Agency ;
- (B) And also the Board shall decide on salaries and other allowances payable to the staff. Such emoluments shall be in line with emoluments of parallel services.
- (C) Board shall decide on terms and conditions of services of such staff.
- (D) Board shall provide EPF and ETF membership to those officers attached to this agency for service from private sector and also make the required percentage of contribution of funds to the EPF and ETF.
- (E) The salaries of the provincial government sector staff shall be born by Provincial Council fund. The salaries of the private sector staff shall be born on a Six monthly and also 25% diminishing and drying up basis by the Provincial Council fund and shall stop after two years.

5. Being governed by the rest of provisions of this enactment :

The staff of the
Agency.

There shall be a staff to carry out the day-to-day functions of the Central Province Regional Economic Development Agency. This staff shall constitute of those with specialist knowledge of relevant subjects who shall be drawn from private sector, and also of government sector personnel who possess practical specialist knowledge relevant to subjects connected with the Institute. Consequently, the staff shall constitute of 23 persons (*viz.* the 14 from government sector and 9 from private sector). The Director of this Agency shall be a Senior Officer belongs to one of all Island Services and shall be appointed by the Chief Secretary of the Central Province in consultation with the Chief Minister.

The Government sector staff shall be as follows :—

1. Director	01
2. Assistant Director	01
3. Development Officer	02
4. Development Assistant	02
5. Program Assistant	01
6. Management Assistant	02
7. Driver	03
8. K.K.S.	01
9. Watcher	01

When vacancies here occur in the government sector levels they shall be filled with central government / provincial council / sector personnel.

The private sector level staff of the Central Province Regional Economic Development Agency shall be appointed.

A policy for the recruitment of these Government and Private Sector Personnel should be formulated.

N.B.—The staff on the date of establishment of this Agency shall consist of those who were involved with the Sri Lanka - German Economic Strategy Support Programme (GTZ - ESSP) as on 30.06.2007.

6. Finance and Accounts :

The Central Province Regional Economic Development Agency, so as to enable it to achieve its intended objectives, aims and purposes, shall maintain accounts.

The accounts of the Central Province Regional Economic Development Agency.

6.1 Accounts named “Regional Economic Development Agency A/C” with funds allocated for Provincial Regional Economic Development fund should be maintained, and that account shall consist of the following items :

6.2 The Fund :

- (A) The funds allocated to it annually by the Provincial Council.
- (B) Funds provided by the Central Government.
- (C) Foreign Aid and Grants to the Agency.
- (D) Any other form of Aid
- (E) Any other income earned by the Agency.

6.3 Expenses :

- (A) The Agency is empowered to spend, with government approval, out of the foreign Aids and any other form of Aids and grants the Agency is receiving and such expenses shall be governed by the Government / Provincial Council. Financial Regulations Regarding any other expenses other than above limits, the Provincial Cabinet shall decide, Recurrent expenses are not included herein.
- (B) Expenses approved by the Board of Management.

6.4 The Financial Year of the Agency is from 01st January to 31st December of the Year.

Financial Year of the Agency.

6.5 The Auditor General shall audit the accounts of this Agency. The Director or any other Officer authorized to act on his behalf, is bound to submit all the necessary documents to the auditors. Besides, audit officers can check the documents or finance of the Agency at any time.

6.6 All accounts, after being audited, shall be submitted to the Central Provincial Council before 31st March every year.

7. In the event of any discrepancy arising between the Sinhala, Tamil and English Texts (versions) of this Enactment, the Sinhala Text stands or shall be deemed final.

Interpretation

By “Provincial Council” the Central Provincial Council is meant.

By “Agency” the Central Province Regional Economic Development Agency is meant.

By “Board” Central Province Regional Economic Development Agency’s Management Board is meant.