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Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

Secretaries to Ministries,
Provincial and Chief Secretaries,
Heads of Departments,
Heads of Corporations and Statutory Boards

Regarding Implementation of Recommendations of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka.

All respondent parties are obliged to implement recommendations given by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) following investigations done as per the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act No. 21 of 1996. Furthermore, according to the Public Administration Circular No. 17/2005 dated 05.10.2005, the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs has brought the implementation of recommendations of the HRCSL to the attention of all Secretaries to Ministries, Provincial and Chief Secretaries, Heads of Departments, Heads of Corporations and Statutory Boards. Section 15(7) of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act requires the HRCSL to set a final date by which the respondents must inform the Commission about the steps they which to take in order to implement the recommendations of the Commission. The respondents are thus bound by the provisions of the said section.

However, upon being inquired about the reasons for non-implementation of such recommendations, certain institutions/officers state that that the recommendations are being appealed against. It is thus observed by the Commission that recommendations do not get implemented, as they are being appealed against.

It should be noted that there is no legal provision for appealing against recommendations of the HRCSL issued as per the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act. Therefore, not implementing such recommendations under the guise of an appeal procedure is against the law of the country.

It is further noted that officers or institutions not implementing recommendations of the HRCSL shall be liable for measures taken against them by the Commission.

Accordingly, you are required to inform all institutions and officers operating under your authority regarding this matter by way of internal circulars and to report in writing to the Commission on or before 30.06.2025.

Chairman,
Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka.

Justice L.T.B.Dehideniya
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**Making available the co-operation of Government Institutions
in the performance of duties vested in the Human Rights Commission**

I have to draw your kind attention to the following functions among others that have been vested in the Human Rights Commission under Section 10 of the Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission Act No. 21 of 1996.

- (a) To inquire into, and investigate, complaints regarding procedures, with a view to ensuring compliance with the provisions of the Constitution relating to fundamental rights and to promoting respect for and observance of, fundamental rights.
- (b) To inquire into and investigate complaints regarding infringements or imminent infringements of fundamental rights, and to provide for resolution thereof by conciliation and mediation in accordance with the provisions hereinafter provided.
- (c) To advise and assist the government in formulating legislation and administrative directives and procedures, in furtherance of, the promotion and protection of fundamental rights.

You are hereby informed that in the process of implementing the above functions by the Human Rights Commission, your Institution should submit information to the said Commission with a sense of responsibility and that on receipt by you of the recommendations of the Commission on the breach of Human Rights you should after obtaining the formal approval from the relevant authorities for implementing the said recommendation take necessary action to implement there.

Sgd. D. Dissanayake
Secretary
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