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## Local Authorities Elections - 2023

### Refund of Deposits

It is hereby announced that in accordance with Section 2(3) of the Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions) Act, No. 1 of 2025 passed by Parliament on 17.02.2025, deposits made by recognized political parties and independent groups under Section 29 of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) for the election scheduled to be held in 2023 shall be refunded to the original depositors upon submission of the original receipt issued at the time of deposit.

Accordingly, for the refund of the deposit, I hereby inform you to submit

- the original receipt issued to the depositor under Section 29 (3) at the time of deposit; and
- a written request for the refund;

to the relevant District Election Office where the deposit was made, on or before 28.02.2025.

It is further announced that the relevant District Elections Offices will take immediate steps to process and refund the deposit to the respective applicants for requests submitted on or before 28.02.2025.

On the Order of the Election Commission,



Saman Sri Ratnayake  
Commissioner General of Elections