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Chapter 1- Institutional Profile/Executive Summary

1.1 Department of Elections

In response to strong protests that emerged in the early 20th century demanding greater opportunities for local citizens to participate in the administration of the island, the British Crown appointed the Soulbury Commission in 1944 to draft a new constitution. The Soulbury Commission formulated the laws for the registration of electors and the conduct of parliamentary elections, leading to the enactment of the Ceylon (Parliamentary Elections) Order in Council on 26 September 1946. The Local Authorities Elections Ordinance was passed in 1946 to conduct elections for local government bodies. During the period from 1946 to 1955, the Department of Parliamentary Elections functioned under one Commissioner for the registration of electors and the conduct of parliamentary elections, while the Department of Local Authorities Elections. On 01 October 1955, the Department of Elections was established by merging the separate Department of Parliamentary Elections and the Department of Local Authorities Elections. The Department of Elections established in this manner performed its roles and functions for over 60 years.

1.2. Election Commission

The 17th Amendment to the Constitution was introduced on 03 October 2001, according to which the Election Commission was to be appointed by the President upon the recommendations of the Constitutional Council. However, due to issues regarding the appointments, the Election Commission was not appointed as expected. Pursuant to the 17th Amendment to the Constitution, the fifth Commissioner of Elections, who held the post at the time, was required to perform the duties of the Election Commission until such a Commission was appointed. The 18th Amendment to the Constitution, passed on 09.09.2010, increased the composition of the Election Commission to five members. It further mandated that the powers and functions of the Commission be exercised by the Commissioner of Elections until the Commission was established. Nevertheless, the Election Commission was not established on that occasion either.

In 2015, the government took steps to establish independent commissions in accordance with the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. Consequently, the existing Department of Elections was abolished, and the Election Commission, consisting of three members including a Chairman, was established on 13.11.2015 by His Excellency the President upon the recommendations of the Constitutional Council. The three members, including the appointed Chairman, commenced their duties at the new Commission on 17.11.2015. Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya was appointed as the Chairman, while Mr. N.J. Abeysekere, President's Counsel, and Professor S. Ratnajeewan H. Hoole were appointed as members of the Commission. Attorney-at-Law Mr. H.M.T.D. Herath, a retired officer of the Special Grade of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, was appointed by the Election Commission as its Secretary.

The twentieth amendment to the Constitution, enacted on 29 October 2020, increased the number of members of the Election Commission to five. Accordingly, the second Election Commission was appointed by His Excellency the President on 10.12.2020 upon the recommendations of the Parliamentary Council, consisting of five members including the Chairman. Attorney-at-Law Mr. Nimal G. Punchihewa was appointed as the Chairman, while Mr. S.B. Divaratne, a former Deputy Secretary to the Treasury; Mr. M.M. Mohamed, a former Commissioner General of Elections; Mr. K.P.P. Pathirana, a former Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police; and Mr. Jeevan Thyagarajah, a human rights activist, were appointed as the other members of the Commission. Mr. Jeevan Thyagarajah was appointed as the Governor of the Northern Province on 10.10.2021, and Mrs. P.S.M. Charles, a senior administrative officer and former Governor of the Northern Province, was appointed on 28.10.2021 to fill the vacancy. The Commission comprised five members, with a quorum of three members. Attorney-at-Law Mr. H.M.T.D. Herath, who was appointed as the Secretary to the first Commission, was also engaged as the Secretary to the second Commission.

The third Election Commission was appointed by His Excellency the President upon the recommendations of the Constitutional Council, in accordance with the 21st Amendment to the Constitution passed on 31.10.2022. Mr. R.M.A.L. Rathnayake, a former Commissioner General of Elections, was appointed as the Chairman of the Commission. Mr. M.A.P.C. Perera, also a former Commissioner General of Elections, and Attorney-at-Law Mr. Ameer Faaiz were appointed as members, and they commenced their duties on 05.07.2023. Furthermore, Attorney-at-Law Ms. A. Shanmuganathan was appointed as a member and assumed duties on 11.09.2023. Professor Lakshman Dissanayake was appointed as the fifth member of the third Election Commission on 02.01.2024. Following his assumption of duties on 10.01.2024, the Commission's membership was completed with a total of 05 members. To serve as the Secretary of the third Commission, the service of Attorney-at-Law Mr. H.M.T.D. Herath, who continued to function as a Special Grade officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, was further extended.

1.3 The Vision, Mission of the Election Commission

“A nation that safeguards universal franchise” is the Vision of the Election Commission.

In order to achieve this vision, the mission of the Election Commission is “Raise critical consciousness among all stakeholders, ensuring the protection of people's rights and conduct free, fair and credible elections efficiently and effectively that safeguard the people's sovereignty and universal franchise based on democratic principles”.

1.4 Objectives, Powers, Functions, and Duties of the Election Commission

As stated in Article 103 (2) of the Constitution, the objective of the Election Commission shall be to conduct free and fair elections and referenda. Furthermore, under the prevailing election laws, the Commission is empowered to conduct elections and to prepare and revise annual electoral registers; however, Article 104B (1) of the Constitution specifies that the

Commission's activities are not limited to those powers and functions. Accordingly, the Election Commission is entrusted with a more specialized responsibility compared to the Department of Elections, which was previously responsible for conducting elections under relevant acts and ordinances. In this regard, the powers of the Election Commission have been expanded by incorporating special provisions into the supreme law through the 19th Amendment to the Constitution.

When the Election Commission was established, special powers were granted to it. Under Article 104A of the Constitution, subject to judicial power, the following special immunities have been provided:

- I. The decisions, directions, or acts of the Commission shall be final and conclusive.
- II. No civil suit or legal proceeding shall be instituted against any member or officer of the Election Commission for any act done in good faith under any law relating to the holding of an election.

These immunities are granted subject to the appellate jurisdiction regarding the violation of fundamental rights under Article 126, the appellate jurisdiction concerning Presidential elections and election petitions under Article 130, and the appellate jurisdiction to hear petitions related to the election of a Member of Parliament under Article 144. Furthermore, it is a significant fact that the Election Commission is not bound by any responsibility other than enforcing and securing laws in the conduct of the electoral process and submitting annual reports on its activities to Parliament. In addition, a specific power has been granted under Article 104B (4) (a) to prevent the misuse of public property, while Article 104B (5) (a) allows for the issuance of media guidelines to media institutions and the enactment of relevant provisions to ensure the conduct of a free and fair election during the election period. The Commission has also been granted special powers to deploy the police under Article 104C and the armed forces under Article 104D.

The following functions are performed by the Secretariat of the Commission:

- Administrative functions of the Commission.
- Coordination and direction of statutory functions.
- Institutional matters concerning the members of the Commission.
- Recruitment, transfer, and release of staff members of the Election Commission; and matters relating to appointments, promotions, transfers, and retirement of all-island services and staff officers serving in the Head Office and District Election Offices of the Election Commission.
- Preparation of meetings and reports of the Commission.
- Human resource development activities, including institutional matters of staff officers.
- Coordination with institutions such as the Parliament, the Presidential Secretariat, and the Prime Minister's Office.

- Coordination with other independent commissions and government institutions, including ministries.
- Matters concerning the annual declarations of assets and liabilities of staff officers.
- Making policy decisions, providing instructions and guidance necessary to conduct elections entrusted to the Commission in a free and fair manner, and taking necessary steps to act accordingly.

1.5 Organizational Chart and Office Layout

The organizational chart, which includes the Election Commission, the Commissioner General of Elections, each division of the Election Secretariat, and the District Election Offices, is included as Chart 01.

According to the above organizational chart, the Election Secretariat belonging to the Election Commission consists of divisions such as National Elections, Local Authorities Elections, Accounts, Administration, and Legal Investigation branches, as well as Research and Planning, Internal Audit, Establishment, Transport, Procurement, and Information and Communication Technology. Furthermore, the office layout has been prepared to include each unit, showing how the District Election Offices established in all administrative districts are interconnected.

Chapter 2- Progress and Outlook

2.1. Meetings of the Election Commission

Commission meetings are held as required to discuss and make decisions on Commission Papers submitted in relation to the duties and functions assigned to the Election Commission, as well as based on other recommendations. Accordingly, 12 meetings were held in the first quarter of 2025, 11 meetings in the second quarter, 12 meetings in the third quarter, and 12 meetings in the fourth quarter; a total of 47 meetings have been held up to the fourth quarter of the year 2025.

2.1.1. Special discussions held with the Commission

After the introduction of new legislative amendments for the conduct of Local Authorities Elections and the drafting of related legislation, following discussions with the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government, the Commission held special meetings and discussions regarding the Local Authorities Election. In addition to the discussions held with political parties and candidates, discussions were conducted with parties necessary for the proper maintenance of the electoral process, including the acceptance of nominations, and action was also taken to hold special meetings of the Commission related thereto.

2.2. Registration of Electors

All citizens who meet the qualifications are granted the right to participate in the governing power of the country and the right to elect representatives for that purpose through universal franchise, without any distinction based on race, religion, language, ethnicity, caste, educational level, property ownership, birth, place of birth, wealth, gender, or any other factor. In accordance with Article 3 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, universal franchise is guaranteed. It states that sovereignty is vested in the people and is inalienable and non-transferable, and that such sovereignty includes the powers of government, fundamental rights, and the franchise.

Accordingly, the citizens of the country can exercise their franchise in an election to elect the President, at a Parliamentary General Election, at a Referendum, at a Provincial Councils Election, and at a Local Authorities Election. In order to cast a vote in the aforementioned elections, it is mandatory for citizens to be registered in the electoral register valid for the respective election.

These activities are carried out by the Election Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Registration of Electors Act No. 44 of 1980, as amended by the Registration of Electors (Amendment) Act No. 22 of 2021.

2.2.1 Basic Qualifications Required to Be Registered as An Elector in The Electoral Register

- Being a Sri Lankan citizen.
- **Having completed 18 years of age by February 01st**, which is the qualifying date for registration in the electoral register. **(Accordingly, persons born on or before 31.01.2007 are eligible to be registered in the main electoral register of the year 2025.)**
- Having ordinary residence at the address for which registration in the electoral register is requested, as of the qualifying date.

2.2.2 Disqualifications to Be Registered as An Elector

- Being determined by a court to be of unsound mind under any law in force.
- If a person is serving a sentence of imprisonment for a period of six months or more after being convicted by a court for an offense punishable with imprisonment for a period of not less than two years, or has fully served such a sentence within the preceding seven years, or is under a sentence of death.
- Not having completed a period of seven years after being convicted of a bribery charge.
- Having been convicted by a court for violating election laws.
- Having been convicted under the Public Bodies (Prevention of Corruption) Ordinance.

In addition to the above-mentioned disqualifications, a person must not be subject to any disqualifications for the loss of franchise as specified under Article 89 of the Constitution.

2.2.3. Registration of Electors (Amendment) Act, No. 22 of 2021

The main objective of this Amendment Act was to grant the franchise through supplementary electoral registers as soon as a person completes 18 years of age and to amend the qualifying date for the enumeration of electors. In accordance with this Amendment Act, which was first implemented in the year 2022, the revision activities were carried out for the fourth time in the year 2025.

2.2.3.1 Basic amendments made to the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980 (Principal Enactment) and specific related facts

- This Act was certified on the 13th day of October 2021.
- This amended Act is in effect from the 1st day of February 2022.
- The date on which a person must have completed eighteen years of age to be eligible for registration as an elector has been amended to the 1st day of February, instead of the 1st day of June.

- The qualifying date for inclusion or retention in the register of any electoral district, for the address of ordinary residence, and for other related decisions has been amended to the 1st day of February, instead of the 1st day of June.
- The requirement to commence revision activities on or before the 1st day of June each year was amended to on or before the 1st day of February.
- The requirement to complete List ‘A’ and List ‘B’ on or before the 31st day of January of the following year was amended to the 30th day of September of the relevant year.

2.2.3.2. Regarding Supplementary Electoral Registers

- The amended Act includes provisions stating that a person who completes eighteen years of age within the following periods is eligible to have their name included in the register as an elector, and can make a request to the registration officers along with a copy of the birth certificate or a copy of the National Identity Card:
- Within the period commencing on the first day of February and ending on the thirty-first day of May of any year;
- Within the period commencing on the first day of June and ending on the thirtieth day of September of any year;
- Within the period commencing on the first day of October of any year and ending on the thirty-first day of January of the following year.
- Furthermore, the amended Act stipulates that the registration officer must prepare supplementary lists, these supplementary lists must be exhibited, and notices regarding this must be published in the Gazette and in newspapers in all three languages; claims and objections can be submitted within 10 days from the date of publication of such notices. It also includes provisions regarding the conduct of inquiries into claims and objections and the functions up to the date of certification of the supplementary electoral register at the conclusion of such inquiries.
- The amended Act mentions the coming into force and the superseding of supplementary registers.

2.2.3.3 Legal provisions empowering the Election Commission to act regarding the registration of electors

The Commission is empowered to issue necessary provisions to decide on or appropriately modify difficulties and unforeseen matters arising in connection with the registration of electors.

2.3. Revision of Electoral Registers - 2025

In accordance with the amendments made by the Registration of Electors (Amendment) Act, No. 22 of 2021, the enumeration of electors for the 2025 main register was required to commence on or before February 01, 2025.

2.3.1 Preparation of the Main Register according to the 2025 Electoral Register Revision Process

This task is carried out by the District Election Offices under the instructions of the Election Commission and the direction of the District Registering Officer and District Deputy/Assistant Commissioners of Elections and Grama Niladharis act as enumerators for the house-to-house enumeration of electors in the field.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation, enumerators did not conduct house-to-house enumeration of electors in the years 2021 and 2022. However, although house-to-house enumeration was conducted in 2023 as well as in 2024, the Commission decided not to conduct house-to-house enumeration of electors in the year 2025 once again.

The revision of registers in accordance with Section 12(1) of the Act and the notification regarding the methodology for the enumeration of electors were published in the Extraordinary Gazette of the Government No. 2417/28 dated 01.01.2025. Additionally, advertisements were published in the Dinamina, Thinakaran, and Daily News newspapers in all three languages. (Annex 01)

The circular of instructions for the revision of electoral registers was issued on 17.12.2024 to all District Registering Officers, being the District Secretaries, and Assistant Registering Officers, being the District Deputy/Assistant Commissioners of Elections. Instructions were provided regarding the legal and practical aspects of the enumeration of electors, and the schedule of dates for future activities up to the certification of the electoral register was also provided. (Annex 02)

The certification of the 2024(3) supplementary register was carried out on 01.02.2025. However, since the preparation work for the 2024(3) supplementary register was completed in December 2024, data-printed consolidated lists were prepared for the enumeration of electors by consolidating the 2024 main register with the certified 2024(1) and 2024(2) registers and the names recommended for the 2024(3) supplementary register; based on this, the house-to-house enumeration of electors was conducted from 01.01.2025.

As the enumerator does not visit every household for the 2025 electoral register revision, Grama Niladharis visited houses to conduct enumeration only when an amendment to the 2024 consolidated list was required; namely, in instances where a name or names appearing in the 2024 consolidated list were to be removed, or where a name or names not included in the 2024 consolidated list were to be included. Even if the enumerator did not visit the house, it was the responsibility of the chief occupant to meet the enumerator and provide information if a name/names were to be included or removed under their household, or if an amendment was required to the name, National Identity Card number, or household number appearing in the valid register. If no amendments were to be made, action was taken to register the person as an elector under the address at which they were registered in the 2024 consolidated list. In such instances, there was no requirement for the chief occupant to complete any forms.

When an elector whose name appears in the 2024 consolidated list no longer qualifies for registration in the year 2025 due to death, change of residence, or any other reason, the enumerator categorized such disqualified persons into List 'A' and removed them from the valid register.

If a person's name was not included in the 2024 consolidated list, or if they were registering as an elector for the first time upon completing 18 years of age, or if they qualified for registration as an elector in the year 2025 due to a change of residence or any other reason, they were required to complete a 2025/ER form and submit it to the enumerator. Persons not included in the valid register but who qualify to be included in the register under a qualifying address were categorized into List 'B' and included in the 2025 register.

Upon the request of the Election Commission, the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils, and Local Government provided written instructions dated 17.01.2025 to all District Secretaries and all Divisional Secretaries to suspend the transfers of Grama Niladhari during the field enumeration period and to limit office days during that time. (Annex 03)

Field enumeration activities were scheduled to be conducted from 01.01.2025 to 28.02.2025, and the acceptance of forms from enumerators to the District Election Offices was scheduled from 03.03.2025 to 28.03.2025. However, with the issuance of the Local Authorities Elections notice on 03.03.2025, action was taken to accept revision documents at the District Election Offices from 19.05.2025 to 20.06.2025.

2.3.2. Exhibition of Lists 'A' and 'B': Submission of Claims and Objections

Although the exhibition of List 'A', which contains the names of persons whose names appear in the 2024 consolidated electoral register but are recommended for removal in the year 2025 due to death, change of residence, or any other disqualification, and List 'B', which contains the names of persons whose names are not included in the 2024 consolidated electoral register but qualify for new inclusion in the 2025 electoral register due to completion of 18 years of age, arrival for residence, or any other reason, was scheduled to be held from 02.05.2025 to 29.05.2025, it was conducted from 11.07.2025 to 07.08.2025 due to the 2025 Local Authorities Elections. Notices regarding this were published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2444/61 dated 11.07.2025 and in newspapers in all three languages. (Annex 04)

2.3.3 Exhibition Venues for the Operative Electoral Register (or portions thereof) and Lists "A" and "B"

Place of Exhibition	Electoral Register and Lists (or portions thereof) Exhibited
Each District Secretariat / District Election Office	A complete copy of the operative Electoral Register of the relevant Electoral District and copies of the relevant Lists "A" and "B".
Each Divisional Secretariat	A copy of the portion of the operative Electoral Register showing all polling districts located of the relevant Divisional Secretariat and copies of the relevant Lists "A" and "B".
Each Local Authority	A copy of the portion of the operative Electoral Register showing all polling districts located within the relevant Local Authority and copies of the relevant Lists "A" and "B".
Each Grama Niladhari Office	A copy of the portion of the operative Electoral Register showing all polling districts located within the relevant Grama Niladhari Division and copies of the relevant Lists "A" and "B".

- **In addition, facilities were provided for individuals to access the e-services of the Election Commission and enter their National Identity Card (NIC) number to verify whether their name has been recommended for the year 2025.**

A notice was published in the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on July 11, 2025, notifying that any person qualified to have their name or the name of another person included in the Electoral Register of a respective electoral district, but whose name has been omitted from the Electoral Register and List "B" or included in List "A," may, either personally or through a representative, submit a claim for the inclusion or retention of such name by applying substantially in accordance with Forms "A" and "B" prescribed in the Schedule of the Registration of Electors Act, provided that all such applications reach the Registering Officer of the respective electoral district within four weeks of the said date, namely on or before August 07, 2025.

Any person whose name is included in the Electoral Register or List "B" of an electoral district may object to the inclusion of their own name or the name of any other person appearing in the said Register or List "B," or to the inclusion or retention of a name in the said Register. Such objections must be submitted in duplicate, substantially in accordance with Form "C" as prescribed in the Schedule of the aforementioned Act, to the Registration Officer of the Election Office. It was publicized that every objection regarding the inclusion of a name in the Register must reach the Registering Officer of the District Election Office within four weeks from the date the notice was published in the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, being July 11, 2025, and thus on or before August 07, 2025.

Every objection against the inclusion of the name of a claimant in the Electoral Register must be submitted to the Registering Officer in duplicate, substantially in accordance with Form 'D' as prescribed in the Schedule of the aforementioned Act, within 14 days from the date on which a notice containing a list of names of claimants is displayed at the District Election Office. This notice was publicized at the District Election Offices on July 25, 2025, and August 11, 2025.

Facilities were provided to obtain Forms 'A' and 'B' required for submitting claims and Forms 'C' and 'D' required for submitting objections from District Election Offices, Divisional Secretariats, and Grama Niladhari Offices. In addition, opportunities were provided for any interested person to download and print the forms through the website of the Election Commission.

2.3.4 Conducting Inquiries into Claims and Objections and Action Regarding Late Requests

The Election Commission, having considered the number of entries in Lists "A" and "B" and the number of claims received at the end of the claims-receiving period, issued instructions to the District Deputy/Assistant Commissioners of Elections to register qualified electors who had been omitted for any reason by treating their submissions as late requests in order to correct errors that may have occurred during the enumeration of electors.

Instructions were issued to act in accordance with subsection 12(7) of the Registration of Electors Act regarding multiple registered electors identified during the preparation of the main register and the supplementary register. Accordingly, the preferred address for registration of electors with multiple registrations is first inquired, and based on the response received, the name is removed from one address and registered at the address preferred by the elector. In cases where no response is received regarding multiple registrations within an electoral district, the Registering Officers shall act to register the name at the most suitable single address at their discretion. Decisions regarding multiple registrations across two electoral districts are implemented after referral to the Election Commission. Even if multiple registrations are identified by National Identity Card numbers, in instances where it is observed that they are two different individuals or where it is doubtful if it is a single individual, action will be taken to maintain the name at both addresses as usual until the information is confirmed.

Although the 2025 main register was planned to be certified on 15.09.2025, it was certified on 31.10.2025 in order to conduct the 2026 electoral register revision activities without interruption, taking into account the 2025 Local Authorities elections and the upcoming Provincial Council elections.

The preparation of the main electoral register for the year 2025 was completed at the district level and was certified by the Assistant Registering Officers of all electoral districts in the island on October 31, 2025.

Action was taken to publish a notice regarding this in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2460/39 dated 31.10.2025 and to publish newspaper advertisements in all three languages. Furthermore, it was displayed on the official website of the Election Commission, and the certified electoral register was placed for public exhibition at District Election Offices and all Grama Niladhari Offices throughout the island.

2.3.5. Numerical Data Related to the 2025 Electoral Register

- The number of names to be omitted (Names listed in List "A") and names to be included for 2025 (Names listed in List "B") from the operative register (2024) of each electoral district (Note 02)
- Submission of claims and objections under Section 14 of the Registration of Electors Act, and the claims and objections allowed (Note 03)
- The number of electors removed from one address upon disclosure of multiple registrations in each electoral district (Note 04)
- The number of registered electors at the level of each electoral district (Note 05)
- Annual calculation of the number of members entitled to be elected for each electoral district as per Article 98(8) of the Constitution after the certification of the 2025 main register on 31.10.2025 (based on the number of electors mentioned in the 2025 main register and the 2025 (1) and 2025 (2) supplementary electoral registers) (Note 06)
- Details of the Assistant Registering Officers who have certified the 2025 main register pertaining to each electoral district (Note 07)
- The percentage of the number of electors who submitted National Identity Card details pertaining to each electoral district (Note 08)

2.3.6 Comparative Statistical Data

The comparative statistical data regarding the registration of electors over the past few years are as follows:

- Comparative statement of the number of electors registered in the main register by polling divisions 2014 – 2025 (Note 09)
- Comparative statement of the percentage of electors who submitted National Identity Card details during the revisions of electoral registers 2014 – 2025 (Note 10)
- Comparison of electors registered in the main electoral register of each year and the increase and percentage of increase relative to the previous year 2001 – 2025 (Note 11)
- Comparative statement of the number of Members of Parliament to be elected for each electoral district after the certification of the main electoral register under Article 98(8) of the Constitution 2014 – 2025 (Note 12)
- Changes in the number of votes in the operative electoral registers and related details (Note 13)
- Comparison of registration of electors at electoral district level 2024 – 2025 (Annex 14)

2.3.7. Preparation of the 2024 (3) Supplementary Electoral Register

According to the Registration of Electors (Amendment) Act, a supplementary electoral register must be prepared to include persons who attain the age of 18 years on any date within the period from October 01, 2024, to January 31, 2025. The enumeration activities related to this supplementary register were conducted concurrently with the enumeration for the 2024 main register.

A notice regarding the exhibition of supplementary lists and claims and objections was published in the Gazette No. 2381/41 dated April 26, 2024, and in newspapers in all three languages.

On several occasions, details of persons attaining the age of 18 during this period were obtained from the Department for Registration of Persons, and action was taken to forward these details to the Grama Niladhari officers through the District Deputy / Assistant Commissioners of Elections. In addition, individual persons were notified by letter to take steps for registration.

Following the inquiry into claims, the certification of the supplementary electoral register was carried out on February 01, 2025, as initially planned. This was announced via Gazette Notification No. 2421/55 dated February 01, 2025, and through newspaper advertisements. The total number of electors registered in this supplementary register is 77,075.

2.3.8. Preparation of the 2025 Supplementary Electoral Registers

According to the Registration of Electors (Amendment) Act, supplementary electoral registers must be prepared to include persons who attain the age of 18 years on any date within the period from 01 February 2025 to 31 May 2025, the period from 01 June 2025 to 30 September 2025, and the period from 01 October 2025 to 31 January 2026.

The collection of preliminary information related to these supplementary registers was commenced concurrently with the enumeration of electors for the year 2024. The enumeration of other qualified persons was conducted concurrently with the enumeration of electors for the 2025 main register.

On several occasions, details of persons attaining the age of 18 during these periods were obtained from the Department for Registration of Persons, and action was taken to forward those details to the Grama Niladhari officers through the District Deputy / Assistant Commissioners of Elections. In addition, individuals were also notified by letters sent to their private addresses.

A notice regarding the exhibition of supplementary lists and claims and objections was published in the Gazette No. 2447/15 dated 29.07.2025 and in newspapers in all three languages.

2.3.9. 2025 (1) Supplementary Electoral Register

Following the completion of inquiries into claims, this supplementary register was certified on 15.10.2025.

The number of electors registered in this supplementary electoral register is 68,667.

2.3.10. 2025 (2) Supplementary Electoral Register

Following the completion of inquiries into claims, this supplementary register was certified on 22.10.2025.

The number of electors registered in this supplementary electoral register is 68,109.

2.3.11. 2025 (3) Supplementary Electoral Register

By 31.12.2025, most of the activities related to this supplementary register had been completed. As previously planned, this supplementary electoral register is scheduled to be certified on 02.02.2025. As of 31.12.2025, the number of electors recommended for registration in this supplementary electoral register is 68,267.

2.3.12. Preparation of the 2026 (1), 2026 (2), and 2026 (3) Supplementary Electoral Registers

The Election Commission decided to collect details of persons qualified for the 2026 (1) supplementary electoral register to be prepared from 01 February 2026 to 31 May 2026, the 2026 (2) supplementary electoral register to be prepared from 01 June 2026 to 30 September 2026, and the 2026 (3) supplementary electoral register to be prepared from 01 October 2026 to 31 January 2027, concurrently with the 2025 electoral register revision.

Accordingly, the number of names recommended for the supplementary registers pertaining to the year 2026 as of 31.12.2025 is as follows:

Supplementary Register	No of names recommended
(1)2026	14525
(2)2026	14115
(3)2026	12807

2.3.13 Notes relating to Supplementary Registers

- Number of registered voters by each electoral district/district in respect of the Supplementary Register of Electors 2024(3) certified on 01.02.2025 (Note 15)
- Number of Members entitled to be elected for each electoral district in terms of Article 98(8) of the Constitution after certification of the Supplementary Register of Electors 2024(3) on 01.02.2025 (based on the number of registered electors in the 2024 main register and 2024 (1), 2024 (2) and 2024 (3) supplementary registers) (Note 16)
- Number of registered voters by each electoral district /district in respect of the Supplementary Register of Electors 2025(1) certified on 15.10.2025 (Note 17)
- Number of Members entitled to be elected for each electoral district in terms of Article 98(8) of the Constitution after certification of the Supplementary Register of Electors 2025(1) on 15.10.2025 (based on the number of registered electors in the 2024 main register and 2024 (1), 2024 (2), 2024 (3) and 2025 (1) supplementary registers) (Note 18)
- Number of registered voters by each electoral district /district in respect of the Supplementary Register of Electors 2025(2) certified on 22.10.2025 (Note 19)
- Number of Members entitled to be elected for each electoral district in terms of Article 98(8) of the Constitution after certification of the Supplementary Register of Electors 2025(2) on 22.10.2025 (based on the number of registered electors in the 2024 main register and 2024 (1), 2024 (2), 2024 (3), 2025 (1) and 2025 (2) supplementary registers) (Note 20)

2.4 Introduction of Information Technology for the Electoral Registration Process

Public access has been provided to apply for registration in the electoral register through electoral e-services, instead of visiting Grama Niladhari offices or election offices.

The facility introduced in 2021, which allows all citizens to obtain a statement containing their electoral register information via mobile phone or computer, continued to operate in the same manner this year.

An e-service was implemented to provide residency details for the process of enrolling students in schools for the first year; this service was provided free of charge to Zonal/Divisional Education Offices and upon payment of a prescribed fee to the requesting schools.

Facilities have been provided to enable stakeholders of the Election Commission, including the public, to obtain services easily by improving the Election Commission's e-service system.

Facilities have been provided for Grama Niladhari officers to perform their duties related to the Election Commission online through electoral e-services.

In 2025, 1,152 Grama Niladhari officers performed the data entry related to the electoral register revision using their personal devices and data.

Special facilities have been provided to accommodate citizens with disabilities, and the collection of data regarding individuals' disabilities through electoral e-services has commenced. (This enables the provision of necessary special facilities for them during an election).

2.4.1 Notifying the Public Regarding the Revision via Short Message Service (SMS)

In order to notify citizens who have not yet been recommended for the 2025 electoral register or those who need to change their residential address and have not been recommended so far, action was taken to send the following short message to Dialog, Mobitel, and Hutch mobile subscribers under the heading "Elections" free of charge on 14.02.2025.

- **සිංහල**

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- **සිංග්ලිෂ්**

Mewara Grama Niladhari Geingeta nopaminena bavin, 2025 Chandahimi Namalekana ketumpathata sanshodana athnam pamanak ohu vimasanna. ec.lk/vrd

- **தமிழ்**

இம்முறை கிராம அலுவலர் வீடு வீடாக வருகை தருவதில்லையென்பதால், 2025 வாக்காளர் இடாப்பு வரைவுக்கு திருத்தங்கள் இருப்பின் மாத்திரம் அவரிடம் வினவவும். நஉ.டம/எசன

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Immurai Kirama Aluvalar Veeduhalukku Varuvathillai enbathal, 2025 Vaakkalar Idappu varaivukku Thiruththangal Iruppin Maaththiram Avaridam Vinavavum. ec.lk/vrd

- **English**

Since the Grama Niladhari will not be visiting houses this time, please contact him only if there are amendments to the 2025 draft electoral register.ec.lk/vrd

In order to notify citizens who were not included in the draft 2025 electoral register or those who need to change their residential address, action was taken to send the following short message to Dialog, Mobitel, and Hutch mobile subscribers under the heading "Elections" free of charge on 09.05.2025.

- **සිංහල**
2025 ඡන්ද ලැයිස්තුවට නිර්දේශ වී නැති; ලිපිනයේ, නමේ / හැඳුනුම්පතේ සංශෝධන ඇති; 2009.02.01 ට පෙර උපන් අය ග්‍රාම නිලධාරී විමසන්න. ec.lk/vrd
- **සිංග්ලිෂ්**
2025 Chanda laisthuwata nirdesha vi nathi; lipinaye, name/ hadunumpathe sanshodana athi; 2009.02.01ta pera upan aya Grama Niladhari Vimasanna. ec.lk/vrd
- **தமிழ்**
இம்முறை கிராம அலுவலர் வீடு வீடாக வருகை தருவதில்லையென்பதால், 2025 வாக்காளர் இடாப்பு வரைவுக்கு திருத்தங்கள் இருப்பின் மாத்திரம் அவரிடம் வினவவும். ec.lk/vrd
- **වෑංග්ලිෂ්**
2025 vakkalar idappukku parinthuraikkapadatha@ mugawariyil, peyaril /adaiyala attayil thiruththangal ulla; 2009.02.01 itku munnar piranthawargal kirama aluvalaridam vinavawum.ec.lk/vrd
- **English**
Those not recommended for 2025 electoral register / have changes in your address, name or NIC, born before 01.02.2009 enquire the Grama Niladhari. ec.lk/vrd

Action was taken to send the following short message to Dialog, Mobitel, and Hutch mobile subscribers under the heading "Elections" on 15.07.2025 to notify the public regarding the revision of the 2025 electoral register. In this instance, in accordance with the orders of the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka, action was taken to pay the relevant charges and taxes to the Mobitel telecommunications company, while Dialog and Hutch telecommunications companies once again took steps to send the relevant message free of charge.

- **සිංහල**
2025 ඡන්ද ලැයිස්තුවට නිර්දේශ නොවූ; පදිංචිය, නමේ, හැඳුනුම්පතේ සංශෝධන ඇති 2008.02.01ට පෙර උපන් අය ග්‍රාම නිලධාරී විමසන්න .ec.lk/vrd
- **සිංග්ලිෂ්**
2025 Chanda laisthuwata nirdesha novu; padinchiya, name/ hedunumpathe sanshodhana ethi 2008.02.01 ta pera upan aya Grama Niladhari vimasanna. ec.lk/vrd

- **தமிழ்**

2025 தேரூநர் இடாப்புக்கு பரிந்துரைக்கப்படாத வதிவிடம்இ பெயர்:அடையாள அட்டை திருத்தப்பட்ட 2008.02.01 இற்கு முன்னர் பிறந்தவர்கள் கிராம அலுவலரை வினவவும். ec.lk/vrd

- **உள்ளீழ்**

2025therunar idappukku parinthuraikapadatha; vathividam,peyar/adayalaattai thiruththapatta2008.02.01 kku mun piranthavargal kiramaaluvalarai vinavawum.ec.lk/vrd

- **English**

Contact Grama Niladhari if not recommended for the 2025 electoral register; with address, name, ID changes and born before 01.02.2008. ec.lk/vrd

2.5. Filling of vacancy in the office of Member of Parliament

Due to the death of Mr. Hapuarachchige Kosala Nuwan Jayawira, who had been elected as a Member of Parliament for Electoral District No. 22 Kegalle, the vacancy so created was filled by electing Mr. Rathnayake Mudiyansele Samantha Ranasinghe, and the same was published by Extraordinary Gazette No. 2431/11 dated 08.04.2025.

Due to the resignation of Mr. Muhammed Saley Naleem, who had been elected as a Member of Parliament upon nomination by the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress, a recognized political party under Article 99A of the Constitution, the vacancy so created was filled by electing Mr. Muhammed Saripu Abdul Wahid, and the same was published by Extraordinary Gazette No. 2443/50 dated 03.07.2025.

Due to the resignation of Mr. Harshana Sooriyapperuma, who had been elected as a Member of Parliament upon nomination by the National People's Power, a recognized political party under Article 99A of the Constitution, the vacancy so created was filled by electing Mr. Ushettige Don Nishantha Jayawira, and the same was published by Extraordinary Gazette No. 2444/07 dated 07.07.2025.

Due to the resignation of Mr. Muhammed Ismail Muthu Muhammed, who had been elected as a Member of Parliament upon nomination by the Samagi Jana Balawegaya, a recognized political party under Article 99A of the Constitution, the vacancy so created was filled by electing Mr. Neina Thambi Marikkar Mohamed Thahir, and the same was published by Extraordinary Gazette No. 2465/09 dated 02.12.2025.

2.6. Local Authorities Election – 06.05.2025

2.6.1. Background

In terms of subsection 38(1)(a) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance, the Returning Officers of the respective administrative districts had announced by Extraordinary Gazette Notifications No. 2317/02 to 26 dated 30.01.2023 that a poll would be held on 09.03.2023 for Local Authorities in the relevant districts.

However, due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances beyond the control of the Election Commission, and upon inquiry by the Election Commission, the Returning Officers of the relevant administrative districts subsequently announced the new date of poll as 25.04.2023 by Gazette Notifications No. 2322/28 to 52 dated 08.03.2023.

Due to the continued inability of the General Treasury to release funds for the conduct of the polls, resulting in a situation where it was not possible to hold such polls, the Returning Officers of the relevant administrative districts further announced by Gazette Notifications No. 2327/08 to 32 dated 11.04.2023 that a date subsequent to 25.04.2023, which had been scheduled for the poll, would be fixed as the date of the poll.

In order to empower the Election Commission to expeditiously conduct the Local Authorities election, which had been postponed indefinitely, on the basis of the 2024 Register of Electors, a Cabinet Memorandum No. PA/PCLA-31/99/2024 dated 01.12.2024 was submitted to Parliament by the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, in relation to instructing the Legal Draftsman to prepare a Bill to recall the nominations called in the year 2023.

Accordingly, in order to make provisions for calling for fresh nominations in respect of certain Local Authorities for which polls had been called and postponed at that time, and for holding polls in respect of such Local Authorities, and to make provisions for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, the Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions) Act, No. 1 of 2025 was certified on 17.02.2025.

Accordingly, in terms of section 26 of the said amended Local Authorities Elections Ordinance, the relevant nomination notices were required to be published on a date determined by an Order made by the Election Commission and published in the Gazette, before the expiry of a period of three months from 17.02.2025, being the date on which the said Act came into operation.

Information regarding the number of candidates to be nominated in the first nomination paper and the second nomination paper for each Local Authority contested by a recognized political party or an independent group in the Local Authorities election, the minimum number of youth and women candidates to be included, and the deposit amount to be lodged, was published in Extraordinary Gazette No. 2425/70 dated 01.03.2025.

For these Local Authorities elections, except for the Kalmunai Municipal Council and Dehiattakandiya Pradeshiya Sabha in Ampara District, Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha in Mannar District, Poonakari Pradeshiya Sabha in Kilinochchi District, and the Elpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in Galle District, where the poll had already been completed on 26.10.2024, nomination papers were called for 336 Local Authorities comprising 28 Municipal Councils, 36 Urban Councils, and 272 Pradeshiya Sabhas in the island, and the notice calling for nominations was published on 03.03.2025. Accordingly, nomination papers were accepted from 17.03.2025 to 19.03.2025 until 12.00 noon at the respective District Secretariats in each district.

For the Dehiattakandiya Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, and Poonakari Pradeshiya Sabha, for which nominations had not been called during the first stage as stated above, the notice calling for nominations was published on 10.03.2025, and nomination papers were accepted from 24.03.2025 to 27.03.2025 until 12.00 noon at the respective District Secretariats in each district.

Accordingly, the Election Commission announced 06.05.2025 as the date of poll for all the above Local Authorities.

For contesting this election, 55 recognized political parties and 360 independent groups had deposited security deposits for 339 Local Authorities in the island. Accordingly, the total number of deposits made by parties and groups was 2806.

For the Local Authorities election held on 06.05.2025, 49 recognized political parties and 257 independent groups contested, and the total number of candidates submitted was 75,589. The certified Electoral Register for the year 2024, including the 1st, 2nd and 3rd supplementary registers, was used as the combined Electoral Register of electors, and 13,759 polling stations relating to 4,877 electoral divisions were used for this election, while the total number of registered electors in the country was 17,156,338.

Due to an interim injunction issued in relation to Fundamental Rights Petition No. SC/FR/7/23 filed before the Supreme Court by two residents, in which it is stated that the local authority referred to as the Saindamaruthu Urban Council, which identifies its place of residence as such, has been gazetted as part of the Kalmunai Municipal Council, it had not been possible, as at 30.09.2025, to publish the notice calling for nominations for the election of the Kalmunai Municipal Council.

2.6.2. Gazette Notifications issued in relation to Local Authorities elections

Information on Gazette Notifications issued in relation to the Local Authorities elections is included in Note 21.

2.6.3. Circulars issued to District Returning Officers in relation to Local Authorities elections

Information on circulars issued to District Returning Officers during the year 2025 is included in Note 22.

2.6.4. Documents printed by the Government Press in relation to Local Authorities elections

Information on documents, forms, envelopes, journals, instruction manuals and other materials provided to the Government Press for printing in connection with the 2025 Local Authorities elections is included in Note 23.

2.6.5 Court cases relating to Local Authorities elections

In relation to these Local Authorities elections, a total of 68 cases were filed before the Supreme Court against the Election Commission by various parties. These were as follows.

Classification of court cases	No. of Petitions
Fundamental Rights violations	11
Writ petitions	49
Petitions relating to Local Authorities (Amendment) Acts	4
Cases filed due to rejection of nominations	4

Further, 214 cases were filed before the Court of Appeal, 1 case before the District Court of Matara, and 1 case before the Magistrate's Court.

As at 30.09.2025, final judgments had been delivered in 66 out of the 68 cases filed before the Supreme Court. Out of the cases heard before the Court of Appeal, 205 cases had been concluded. Two cases filed before the Supreme Court, 9 cases filed before the Court of Appeal, and 1 case each before the District Court and the Magistrate's Court are still pending hearing.

2.6.6 Postal Voting

The closing date for acceptance of postal voting applications relating to the Local Authorities elections ended at midnight on 17.03.2025. Subsequently, only the postal voting applications relating to the Dehiattakandiya Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha and Poonakari Pradeshiya Sabha, for which nominations were called thereafter, were accepted until midnight on 19.03.2025.

Due to court cases filed by external parties in relation to nominations for this election, postal voting papers were issued on four separate days, namely 11.04.2025, 15.04.2025, 17.04.2025 and 21.04.2025. Accordingly, the total number of postal voting papers issued was 648,495.

2.6.6.1 Marking of Postal Votes

The Election Commission had allocated three days for marking of postal votes at the offices of Certifying Officers. Accordingly, marking of postal votes at District Secretariats, District Election Offices, the Election Secretariat, Police, Special Task Force and VIP Security Division was scheduled to be held on 22.04.2025, while marking of postal votes at all other government institutions, all military camps, corporations/statutory boards and all schools was scheduled to be held on 23.04.2025 and 24.04.2025, and for postal voters who were unable to mark their postal votes on those days, arrangements were made to mark postal votes on 28.04.2025 and 29.04.2025 at the respective District Election Offices. However, due to delays in the issuance of postal ballot papers arising from judicial proceedings, the Election Commission decided on 2025.04.17 to revise the dates for postal voting. Accordingly, postal voting for all government institutions, military camps, police stations, schools, and statutory bodies was conducted at the respective certifying officers' offices on 2025.04.24, 25, 28, and 29. The "A" envelopes containing postal ballots marked on 2025.04.28 and 29 were not handed over to the Postal Department, and a programme for the exchange of "A" envelopes between districts was held on 2025.05.01 at the Finance Commission office located at Sarana Mawatha, Rajagiriya. As usual, arrangements were made to facilitate and oversee the postal voting process covering all government and statutory institutions.

During this period, the Police Department requested the Election Commission to facilitate postal voting in Kandy for nearly ten thousand (10,000) police officers deployed for special duties related to the Dalada Exhibition held in Kandy. Accordingly, the "D" envelopes containing postal ballot papers received at the respective police stations of officers assigned to the Dalada Exhibition duties were collected at the District Election Offices of the relevant districts and, under a special security and transport plan, were brought to the District Secretariat of Kandy on 2025.04.20. The postal voting of these police officers was conducted on 2025.04.24, 25, 28, and 29 at a special centre established within the premises of Kandy Girls' High School. For members of the Tri-Forces deployed for special duties related to the Dalada Exhibition, approval was granted to Certifying Officers to facilitate postal voting at the respective camps where these officers were stationed in Kandy. Accordingly, the "D" envelopes containing postal ballot papers addressed to their permanent military camps were informed to the relevant District Election Offices and were securely transported to Kandy under an organised security arrangement. Arrangements were made for these officers to cast their postal votes at the camps to which they were attached in Kandy, while Assistant Returning Officers were deployed by the Kandy District Election Office to supervise the process, and monitoring activities were also carried out by the Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV) and People's Action for Free and Fair Elections (PAFFREL).

2.6.6.2 E-Services for Postal Voters

An e-service was introduced for postal voters, enabling them to easily identify the certifying officer responsible for their vote and the designated postal voting centre by scanning a QR code. In addition, the “Know Your Candidate” application included within this service allowed voters to conveniently access information on the political parties, groups, and candidates contesting the election.

2.6.7 Election Dispute Management and Enforcement of Electoral Law

2.6.7.1. Activities of the Election Dispute Resolution Unit in Enforcing Electoral Law to Ensure a Free and Fair Election

Under Articles 104B(4)(a) and 104B(5)(a) of the Constitution, the Election Commission formulated directives and media guidelines to prevent the use of State property and State media for election campaigning. These guidelines required print and electronic media institutions, online platforms, and social media networks to ensure impartial and balanced reporting of the election process, without granting undue advantage or disadvantage to any political party, group, or candidate. The said guidelines were published in the Gazette Extraordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2426/07 dated 2025.03.03.

Furthermore, the objectives of the Election Dispute Resolution Unit established for this election included the issuance of a code of conduct for candidates contesting the election, public awareness on offences, corrupt practices, and illegal activities prohibited under election laws, and the provision of necessary directives and recommendations to the Sri Lanka Police for the enforcement of election laws, along with coordination of such activities. It also included preventing the dissemination of misinformation and hate speech through social media platforms and establishing a mechanism to provide prompt resolution of complaints through the use of information technology-based systems.

Accordingly, from the date of announcement of this election on 2025.03.03, the National Complaints Management Centre was actively operational, and 25 district-level sub-offices were established. Under the supervision of the Chief Officer in charge of the National Complaints Management Centre, officers with adequate skills and technical expertise were deployed to monitor complaints, conduct site inspections, carry out surprise inspections, and obtain reports, as well as to coordinate with social media organizations. The Centre received complaints through four prescribed formats, which were classified and identified as violations of election laws and incidents of violence.

In addition, this unit further provided active support in training officers deployed for election duties at police stations, training public officials assigned to complaints management, and conducting awareness programmes for heads and owners of print and electronic media institutions.

The establishment of a Standing Committee on Media Guidelines was also undertaken, and coordination was maintained with relevant institutions including Local Authorities and Local Government Commissioners' Offices, the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, the Ministry of Mass Media, and the Government Information Department in relation to election complaint management. Based on daily complaint statistics, the Election Dispute Resolution Unit prepared the final report on complaints related to the 2025 Local Authorities Election.

During this election, a mobile application named **EC-EDR** was introduced for the first time to empower citizens by ensuring transparency in the reporting, monitoring of progress, and resolution of election law violations and incidents of violence. The application enabled users to submit complaints with supporting evidence, thereby facilitating a more efficient and accountable complaint management process.

2.6.7.2 Establishment of Election Dispute Management Centres

For the Local Authorities Election held on 2025.05.06, the National Election Dispute Management Centre and District Election Dispute Management Centres were established within the premises of District Secretariats, with effect from 2025.03.17 and continuing until one week after the declaration of the election results.

The main objective of these centres was to promptly address complaints regarding violations of election laws or obstruction of election activities reported by various parties, to prevent further escalation of such incidents, to ensure the lawful conduct of the election, to provide relief to affected parties arising from reported incidents, and to guarantee equal opportunities for all contesting parties in order to safeguard a free and fair election.

In parallel,

- a training programme was conducted on 2025.03.07 at the Computer Training Centre of the Welawatta Vilasitha Niwasa to brief officers of the District Election Dispute Resolution Centres and police officers on the EDR software developed to facilitate the functioning of Election Dispute Resolution Centres established in all districts for the Local Authorities Election, as well as on complaint management procedures.
- Furthermore, the launch programme introducing the Election Dispute Management software to the public was held on 2025.03.22 at the Auditorium of the Election Commission, while an awareness programme for police officers was conducted on 2025.03.27 via an online platform. These initiatives enabled the public to lodge complaints immediately in the event of election law violations and to monitor the progress of such complaints.
- In addition, a dedicated unit was established to monitor misinformation and harmful fake news disseminated through social media and the internet, and a qualified team of officers was appointed for this purpose. Through this mechanism, action was taken to prevent activities carried out via social media that resulted in violations of election laws.

2.6.7.3 Conducting Training Programmes on Election Dispute Management

Training programmes on election dispute management, aimed at briefing Assistant Returning Officers and police officers, were conducted covering all districts and police divisions during the period from 2025.03.24 to 2025.04.28.

- 24.03.2025 – Kilinochchi, Vavuniya, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Jaffna, Kankesanthurai
- 24.03.2025 – Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kegithigollewa
- 01.04.2025 – Kandy, Matale, Teldeniya, Gampola
- 02.04.2025 – Ampara, Batticaloa
- 03.04.2025 – Badulla, Bandarawela, Nuwara Eliya, Hatton, Monaragala
- 04.04.2025 – Ratnapura, Embilipitiya, Kegalle, Seethawaka
- 09.04.2025 – Kurunegala, Puttalam, Chilaw, Nikaweratiya, Kuliyaipitiya
- 10.04.2025 – Colombo North, Colombo Central, Colombo South, Nugegoda, Gampaha, Kelaniya, Negombo
- 26.04.2025 – Galle, Matara, Elpitiya, Tangalle
- 26.04.2025 – Kalutara, Panadura, Galkissa
- 28.04.2025 – Kantale, Trincomalee

2.6.7.4 Gazette Notifications Issued for the Enforcement of Election Law

12.01.2025 – Gazette Extraordinary No. 2418/50 issued on 12.01.2025, whereby the directive Gazette relating to the Local Authorities Elections 2023 was extended to remain in force for a further period of three months, was published.

16.01.2025 – Gazette Extraordinary No. 2419/25 issued on 16.01.2025, containing the names of political parties entitled to be recognised as registered political parties for electoral purposes under the provisions of Section 7(4)(b) of the Parliamentary Elections Act No. 1 of 1981, was published.

16.01.2025 – Gazette Extraordinary No. 2419/26 issued on 16.01.2025, whereby the media guidelines Gazette relating to the Local Authorities Elections 2023 was extended to remain in force for a further period of three months, was published.

13.02.2025 – Gazette Extraordinary No. 2423/15 issued on 13.02.2025, containing the Order made under Section 6(3) of the Elections Expenditure Regulation Act No. 3 of 2023, was published.

03.03.2025 – Gazette Extraordinary No. 2426/06 issued on 03.03.2025, containing the directives issued to prevent the use, whether directly or indirectly, of any movable or immovable property belonging to the Government, State corporations, or statutory bodies during the election period in a manner that promotes or prejudices any political party, group, or candidate, or that obstructs the conduct of a free and fair election, was published.

03.03.2025 – Gazette Extraordinary No. 2426/07 issued on 03.03.2025, containing the media guidelines issued under Article 104B(5)(a) of the Constitution in relation to the Local Authorities Elections 2025, was published.

03.03.2025 – Gazette Extraordinary No. 2426/08 issued on 03.03.2025, containing the Code of Conduct to be followed by candidates contesting on behalf of political parties and independent groups at the Local Authorities Elections 2025, was published.

03.03.2025 – Gazette Extraordinary No. 2426/10 issued on 03.03.2025, containing the names of political parties recognised for electoral purposes under Section 7 of the Parliamentary Elections Act No. 1 of 1981, was published.

03.03.2025 – Gazette Extraordinary No. 2426/11 issued on 03.03.2025, containing the symbols of political parties recognised for electoral purposes by province under Section 27A of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance, was published.

17.03.2025 – Gazette Extraordinary No. 2428/02 issued on 17.03.2025, containing the campaign restrictions to be observed during election campaigning, issued to the Secretaries/Authorised Representatives of all political parties contesting the Local Authorities Elections and the leaders of independent groups under Section 76A of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262), was published.

23.03.2025 – Gazette Extraordinary No. 2428/72 issued on 23.03.2025, containing the expenditure limits applicable to each polling district of every Local Authority contesting the election, for election campaigning purposes, issued under Section 03 of the Elections Expenditure Regulation Act No. 3 of 2023, was published.

28.03.2025 – Gazette Extraordinary No. 2429/47 issued on 28.03.2025, containing the expenditure limits applicable to candidates contesting from Poonakari Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, and Dehiattakandiya Pradeshiya Sabha for election campaigning in each electoral division of the respective Local Authorities, issued under Section 03 of the Elections Expenditure Regulation Act No. 3 of 2023, was published.

07.04.2025 – Gazette Extraordinary issued on 07.04.2025, amending Gazette Extraordinary No. 2428/72 dated 28.03.2025, whereby the name of Ward No. 13 of the Negombo Municipal Council area in the Gampaha Administrative District was corrected from “Vellawediya – North” to “Vellawediya – East,” was published.

09.04.2025 – Gazette Extraordinary No. 2431/02 issued on 09.04.2025, containing the Order made under Section 03 of the Elections Expenditure Regulation Act No. 3 of 2023 in relation to the Local Authorities Elections 2025, was published.

2.6.7.5 Refraining from Activities Promoting or Prejudicing Candidates During the Election Period

During the election period, candidates are required to refrain from any activities that promote or prejudice electoral outcomes, as stipulated under Article 104B(4)(a) of the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, which defines the election period as the time from the publication of the notice calling for nominations until the completion of polling and the announcement of results; accordingly, Gazette Extraordinary No. 2426/06 dated 03.03.2025 and Departmental Circular No. 06 were issued to draw the attention of all public officials, including Secretaries to Ministries and Heads of Departments responsible for State property, to ensure that no movable or immovable State property is used directly or indirectly for the purpose of promoting or prejudicing any political party, independent group, or candidate.

2.6.7.6 Maximum Expenditure Limit for Each Recognized Political Party, Independent Group and Candidate Contesting the Election

In order to establish a level playing field for all candidates contesting the Local Authorities Elections and to ensure a transparent pattern of expenditure, the provisions set out in the Elections Expenditure Regulation Act No. 3 of 2023 were made applicable and enforced for the 2025 Local Authorities Elections.

After consultation with all recognized political parties and independent groups contesting this election, the maximum expenditure limits for each recognized political party, independent group, and candidate were calculated by the Election Commission using a scientific methodology in accordance with Section 3 of the aforesaid Expenditure Regulation Act and were published in Gazette Extraordinary No. 2428/72 dated 28.03.2025. Accordingly, the amount allocated per voter for election-related activities ranged from Rs. 74 to Rs. 160. In order to facilitate the submission of income and expenditure reports relating to their respective campaign activities, a web link was also introduced by the Election Commission for Secretaries of political parties and leaders of independent groups.

2.6.8 Official Poll Cards

Official poll cards intended for distribution to all registered voters of the 339 Local Authorities scheduled for elections were handed over to the postal department on 16.04.2025. Special distribution days were designated as 20.04.2025 and 27.04.2025, and the final distribution was carried out on 29.04.2025. Accordingly, all official poll cards were delivered to the respective households as planned by 29.04.2025.

If any voter did not receive the official poll card by that date, the Election Commission provided a facility through the election e-service to download the poll card relevant to the household.

However, it was further emphasized by the Commission that the official poll card is not a mandatory requirement for casting a vote, and that any voter whose name appears in the

certified electoral register and who possesses a valid form of identification is entitled to go to the respective polling station, verify their identity, and cast their vote without any impediment.

2.6.9 Election Observation Activities

2.6.9.1. Domestic Observation Organizations

For the 2025 Local Authorities Elections, seven domestic election observation organizations were engaged in monitoring activities.

- People’s Action for Free and Fair Elections (PAFFREL)
- Centre for Monitoring Election Violence (CMEV)
- Campaign for Free and Fair Elections (CaFFE)
- Volunteer Initiative for Election Watch (VIEW)
- Mothers and Daughters of Lanka (MDL)
- National Election Observation Centre (NPOC)
- Institute for Reform and Electoral Studies (IRES)

2.6.10 Preparation of Forms for Issuing Final Results

Following the counting of votes for the Local Authorities Elections held on 06.05.2025, the formats required for recording results were prepared. These included forms for recording results at polling station level, postal vote results, ward-level results, summary sheets used at the counting centre, and the overall results of the respective Local Authority. All such forms were printed and distributed to the relevant Returning Officers.

2.6.11 Ensuring the Right to Vote for Persons with Disabilities

2.6.11.1. Programmes Implemented to Safeguard the Voting Rights of Persons with Disabilities

In line with the Election Commission’s Participatory Strategic Plan 2022–2025, and with the objective of ensuring that both citizens and voters are adequately informed about the power of the vote and democratic rights under the awareness and outreach component, the following programmes were implemented.

(I) Conducting awareness programmes for persons with disabilities and marginalised communities and ensuring their active participation in the electoral process.

Conducting awareness activities through training programmes and online platforms.

Conducting awareness programmes on the Local Authorities Elections process.

Conducting awareness and training on the use of the tactile guiding frame for ballot papers.

(II) Addressing all major barriers that prevent the active participation of persons with disabilities and marginalized communities in the electoral process in 2025.

Providing accessibility facilities in 441 polling stations during the Local Authorities Elections.

During the Local Authorities Elections, providing a tactile guiding frame for ballot papers for visually impaired voters and displaying polling-related notices in sign language for hearing-impaired voters.

Providing private transport facilities within polling stations and arranging transport services via three-wheelers for polling stations located more than 100 metres from the entrance.

2.6.11.2 Requesting Special Transport Facilities by Persons with Physical Disabilities and Permission to Accompany an Assistant to Mark the Ballot Paper for an Incapacitated Voter

In terms of Section 82G(4)(d) of the Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act No. 01 of 2002, arrangements were made to facilitate persons with physical disabilities to request special transport facilities in order to ensure their inclusion in the electoral process. Accordingly, such requests could be made upon certification of the application by a medical certificate or by producing the identity card issued by the Election Commission for persons with disabilities.

Further, in terms of Section 54(2) of the principal enactment as amended by the Elections (Special Provisions) Act No. 28 of 2011, the legal provision permitting a voter with a physical incapacity to be accompanied by an assistant to mark his or her ballot paper at the polling station was also made applicable to this election.

2.6.12 Informing All Voters on the Manner of Casting the Vote

During this election, adequate awareness was provided in all three languages to all eligible voters, including postal voters, on the manner of casting the vote by means of a specimen ballot paper.

2.6.13 Granting Leave to Employees to Enable Them to Cast Their Vote

In terms of the provisions set out in Section 84A(1) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance, employers were informed by the Election Commission that, upon request made by any voter, such employer shall grant that voter leave for a continuous period of not less than two hours to enable the casting of his or her vote, and that the duration of such leave should be reasonably determined by the employer having regard to the distance between the place of work and the polling station.

2.6.14 Requirement for Voters to Establish Their Identity When Arriving to Cast Their Vote

All voters were informed that, for the purpose of casting their vote at this election, they are required to produce one of the following ten identity documents to the polling station officials:

- National Identity Card (old or new) issued by the Department for Registration of Persons
- Valid passport
- Valid driving licence
- Public service pensioner identity card (old or new e-ID) issued by the Department of Pensions
- Senior citizen identity card issued by Divisional Secretariats
- Clergy identity card (old or new) issued by the Department for Registration of Persons
- Confirmation of National Identity Card details letter issued by the Department for Registration of Persons
- Temporary identity card issued by the Election Commission
- Temporary identity card issued by the Election Commission for persons with complete disabilities
- Temporary driving licence with photograph issued by the Department of Motor Traffic

2.6.15 Silent Period During Which Election Campaign Activities Were Prohibited

The Election Commission announced that all parties, groups, and candidates contesting the Local Authorities Elections must cease all campaign activities related to the election after midnight on 03.05.2025.

Further, the Election Commission also instructed all heads of electronic and print media institutions, as well as all social media administrators, to strictly refrain on 05.05.2025 and 06.05.2025 from publishing or presenting, whether as newspaper headlines or in any other form, any news, opinions, or proposals that may promote or prejudice any political party, group, or candidate.

2.6.16 Counting of Votes, Declaration of Results and Appointments to Offices

In terms of Section 59A of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance, and subject to the directions of the Election Commission, District Returning Officers appointed Chief Counting Officers, Counting Officers, and counting staff for the purpose of counting votes.

At this election, there were 32 issuing and receiving centres established island-wide for the distribution and acceptance of ballot boxes, ballot papers, and other materials from Senior Presiding Officers relevant to each district, and a total of 5,783 counting centres were established.

Following the poll, the results of polling stations relevant to each ward were counted either at the respective polling station or at an identified counting centre, and the ward results were

declared accordingly. At separately established result compilation centres for each Local Authority, the overall result for the respective Local Authority was prepared. Accordingly, in terms of Section 65 of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262), the candidate of the political party or independent group that obtained the highest number of votes in the ward, including in instances of multi-member wards where applicable, was declared elected by the Chief Counting Officers in terms of Section 65(1) of the said Ordinance.

After calculating the number of female members to be returned by each party or group in respect of a particular Local Authority in order to achieve 25% female representation in that Local Authority, the members elected for each ward and the members returned for the respective Local Authority were published by the Election Commission in the Gazette in terms of Section 66(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance.

In instances where any recognised political party or independent group obtained more than half of the total number of members of a Local Authority, the offices of Mayor/Chairman and Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman of such council were published in the Gazette in terms of Section 66B(1) of the said Ordinance. In cases where more than half of the total number of members was not obtained, arrangements were made for the Provincial Commissioner of Local Government of the relevant Province to publish the offices of Mayor/Chairman and Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman in the Gazette in terms of Sections 66C(1) and 66C(2) of the said Ordinance.

2.6.17 Filling of Vacancies in Membership of Local Authorities

In terms of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262), vacancies in the membership of any Local Authority may arise due to death, resignation, failure to attend council meetings without approval for the prescribed period or in accordance with the prescribed number of meetings, failure to take the oath of office within the stipulated time or in accordance with the relevant Schedules 4 and 7 of the Constitution where applicable, election to a Provincial Council, election to Parliament, loss of party membership, removal from office, or appointment to another position within the same council. The legal procedure to be followed for filling such vacancies is implemented by the Local Authorities Elections Division of the Election Commission, in coordination with District Offices.

In relation to this matter, the Local Authorities Elections Division has issued four circular letters containing detailed instructions and guidelines.

Accordingly, by the end of 2025, 58 vacancies in respect of then functioning Local Authorities had been filled, and the relevant notices issued by the respective Returning Officers had been published in the Gazette. A further 22 vacancies are scheduled to be filled. A summary of the filled membership vacancies as at the end of 2025 is presented as Table 24.

2.7. Provincial Councils Election

The tenure of all Provincial Councils has ended by now, with the term of the Uva Provincial Council, which was the last to be held, concluding in September 2019. Although the Provincial Councils Elections (Amendment) Act, No. 17 of 2017, aimed at amending the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988, was passed, a clear and enforceable legal framework required to conduct the Provincial Councils Elections was not established due to the non-passage in Parliament of the Delimitation Report prepared for delimiting provincial council constituencies to conduct the elections under the ward-based system. Despite various efforts made by successive governments and Parliament in this regard, a consensus on the electoral system to be followed could not be reached. Accordingly, the Election Commission has continuously stated at meetings of political party secretaries as well as through the media that it is unable to conduct the Provincial Councils Elections until the necessary legal provisions and the final electoral framework are passed by Parliament.

All Provincial Councils whose terms have expired are currently under the administration of their respective Governors.

2.8. Special Projects

2.8.1 Annual Research Session – 2025

The Election Commission is the foremost state institution ensuring the continuity, freedom, and fairness of the electoral process within the country. With an unparalleled commitment to transparency, impartiality, and accountability, this Commission has prepared the ground to protect the rights of citizens so that they may participate in the democratic process in a free and fair manner.

Accordingly, in accordance with the participatory strategic goal No. 1.4.4.3 of the Annual Action Plan of the Election Commission, the Local Authorities Elections Division organizes annual research sessions as an initiative to motivate scholars on election and polling practices with the aim of creating interest in electoral functions among the public.

This research session contributes to advancing legal studies in the field of election management and has created a platform for researchers, academics, and social activists to gather to share insights, brainstorm, and explore innovative paths regarding the electoral process.

Accordingly, the research session for the year 2024 was organized for the second time, but its activities were temporarily suspended due to the conduct of the Presidential Election and Parliamentary Election in that year.

Accordingly, arrangements were planned to hold the research session for the year 2025 for the third time, including the 34 research papers received on that occasion. Newspaper advertisements were published in all three languages to call for the relevant research reports, and further action has been taken to provide wide publicity both nationally and internationally by publishing them on the official website and the official Facebook account of the Election Commission.

In this year, a high level of response was received from the public and the university community regarding the research reports. Based on the main theme, "**Empowering Democratic Processes: Strategies for Enhancing Voter Participation and Electoral Integrity in Sri Lanka**," 256 research abstracts were submitted in Sinhala, Tamil, and English by members of election commissions from various countries, heads of government institutions, university lecturers, scholars, undergraduates, and experts in various fields under the following 10 sub-themes:

1. Voter Education, Awareness, and Participation
2. Election Technology and Innovation
3. Preventing Election Fraud and Ensuring Transparency
4. Inclusivity and Accessibility
5. Building Trust and Confidence in Elections
6. The Role of Civil Society and the Media
7. Legal and Regulatory Frameworks
8. Promoting Gender Equality in Elections
9. Engaging Youth in Democratic Processes
10. Advocating for Disability Rights within Electoral Settings

The evaluation of the research papers was conducted by a panel of experts consisting of university lecturers with the approval of the Election Commission, and 157 excellent research reports were selected from among all the research papers.

Expert Committee for the Evaluation of Research Papers

1. Dr. Ajantha Atukorale, Director, University of Colombo School of Computing
2. Dr. Ramesh Ramasamy, Senior Lecturer, University of Peradeniya
3. Dr. Athula Withanawasam, Professor of Political Science, University of Peradeniya

The research session was held on 05 November 2025 at the Monarch Imperial Hotel premises in Colombo, with the participation of nearly 300 individuals, including heads of ministries and departments, university heads of departments, professors and lecturers, members of local and foreign election observation organizations, scholars, and heads of the Election Commission Head Office and District Offices, as well as the researchers who presented the selected research reports, in order to motivate experts on elections and polling practices.

Accordingly, on that day, a book containing the excellent research reports was published, and for the convenience of users, an electronic version (e-Version) was also made available for reference through the official website of the Election Commission. Furthermore, 7 selected research papers from among the abstracts were presented by the researchers. Among the selected research reports, those of the members of the Election Commissions of Russia and the

Maldives were presented online, which was a special occasion reflecting international participation in the 2025 research session.

The information regarding the presentations of the 2025 research session has been included as Note 25.

Furthermore, the guest lecture on that day was delivered by Dr. Nelum Deepika Udagama, who has served as the Dean of the Faculty of Law at both the University of Peradeniya and the University of Colombo.

As another step in this program, which was created as a platform for brainstorming and exploring innovative paths regarding the electoral process, two expert committees held extensive discussions on new dimensions of the electoral process, and the audience was also given the opportunity to engage with them and provide new ideas. As a result, numerous new ideas and dimensions for the electoral process were created.

Details of Fireside Chat Panelists

The fireside chat was moderated by Professor Lakshman Dissanayake, Member of the Election Commission, and the details of the panelists are included as Chart 26.

The second expert panel discussion was held under the theme “**Operational Planning and Risk Management in Strengthening Electoral Readiness,**” moderated by Ms. Ramona Stephen, Program Officer of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), with the participation of the following experts:

1. Ms. Silja Paasilinna, Senior Country Director, International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)
2. Mr. Lakshitha Bandara, Assistant Commissioner of Elections, District Election Office, Puttalam
3. Mr. Pulasthi Pathirana, Assistant Commissioner of Elections, District Election Office, Matara

In order to engage the attention of the entire community regarding the electoral process, the program was broadcast via social media on that day for the convenience of all interested stakeholders, in addition to the scholars who attended the 2025 research session.

With the aim of motivating scholars in election and polling practices to generate interest in electoral functions, all researchers who authored the 157 excellent research reports selected through scientific methods based on data and evidence based information were recognized and appreciated through the awarding of a valuable certificate.

2.8.2. Conducting Special Training Programs for the Plantation Sector and Marginalized Communities

In accordance with the proposed activities in the Action Plan of the Election Commission for the year 2025, the task of pre-identifying the issues faced by marginalized and special groups and assessing their awareness to ensure their active participation in the election and polling process and their inclusion in the electoral register is covered under the first priority area, "Awareness and Animation," of the 2022–2025 Strategic Plan.

Accordingly, with the objective that "it is essential for both citizens and electors to be sufficiently aware of the power of the vote and their democratic rights," the information regarding the programs conducted during the first four quarters of the year 2025 is mentioned in Note 27.

2.8.3. Implementation of Programs Related to Student Parliaments

In accordance with proposed activity numbers 1.2.1.3 and 1.2.1.4 of the 2022–2025 Participatory Strategic Plan of the Election Commission, activities have been included to raise awareness among school teachers and the student community as the primary target group regarding concepts such as the sovereignty of the people, democracy, and universal franchise, as well as the improvement of political literacy and existing election and polling systems.

It is expected that supporting the organization of student parliament programs, establishing electoral literacy clubs in schools, and conducting oratorical, essay, and art competitions at the school level will serve as the foundation for building a democratic nation that safeguards universal franchise. These programs are implemented by coordinating district election offices, zonal education offices, and schools.

Accordingly, the programs related to student parliaments conducted during the year 2025 are as follows.

Information on Student Parliament Programs - 2025 (Students)		
District	Program Date	Venue
Colombo - City	2025-02-11	Veluwana College Colombo 09
	2025-05-28	Ananda College
Colombo - District	2025-10-22	Jaya Model Boys' College Malabe
Kalutara	2025-07-07	Gnaneswara Central College, Dharga Town
	2025-07-14	Paragasthota Vidyaloka Central College
Nuwara Eliya	2025-09-29	Rawanagoda Central College
Hambantota	2025-10-17	Mirijjawila Central College - Hambantota
	2025-10-27	Udamalala Central College - Hambantota
Batticaloa	2025-08-20	Talankuda Technical College
Anuradhapura	2025-08-04	Zahira College - Anuradhapura
Badulla	2025-05-30	B/ Bharathi Central College

Information on Student Parliament Programs - 2025 (Teachers)		
District	Program Date	Venue
Matale	2025-12-16	Matale District Secretariat
Nuwara Eliya	2025-12-22	Hanguranketha Zonal Education Offices
Galle	2025-12-08	District Election Office - Online
Ampara	2025-12-17	District Secretariat Auditorium
Polonnaruwa	2025-12-10	Dimbulagala Zonal Education Office
Badulla	2025-12-09	Mahiyanganaya National School *
	2025-12-11	Bandarawela Dharmapala College *
* Due to inclement weather, it will be held at a later date. Expenses have been approved.		

2.8.4. Implementation of Programmes Relating to Training of Trainers

From 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2025, under the theme “The right to vote is an inalienable right”, programmes for establishing a pool of trainers, training, and educating leaders for community leaders / civil organizations and rural community organizations have been carried out covering many districts, and the approximate participation is 6480 persons. The relevant information is included in Note 28.

2.8.5. Empowerment of Women Politically.

With regard to empowering women on the election process, action has been taken to conduct 51 training workshops with the participation of 3936 persons covering all districts. The relevant information is included in Note 29.

2.9. Annual Action Plan

Preparation of the annual action plan including the activities implemented by each division of the Election Commission, reviewing the progress of the annual action plan on a quarterly basis and preparing progress reports, and submitting such reports to the Ministry of Finance are carried out. During this year as well, progress review meetings were held to examine the progress of the activities indicated in the action plan and necessary steps were taken to achieve the specified targets.

2.10. Participation Strategic Plan 2022 - 2025

The activities indicated in the Participation Strategic Plan prepared for the period 2022–2025 of the Election Commission were included in the annual action plan and implemented.

As the activities of the 2022–2025 Strategic Plan are scheduled to be completed by 31.12.2025, action was taken to commence the preparation of a new Strategic Plan for the period 2026–2029. In the planning process of preparing this Strategic Plan, a primary planning formulation committee was established and, under the coordination of the Planning Division of the Commission, workshops and discussions were held with the participation of the Chairman and members of the Commission as well as the Commissioner General of Elections, including the participation of the head office of the Commission and District Deputy/Assistant Commissioners of Elections. Furthermore, meetings/discussions were held at the Election Secretariat and at district level covering all 25 districts with stakeholder groups including political parties, observation organizations, retired and former officers of the Election Commission, public officers, District Secretaries, women, youth, disabled groups, media and social media activists, as well as disabled, youth, women, marginalized groups, social media activists and observation organizations, and action was taken to obtain their views and proposals and to obtain information in writing from political parties and media institutions.

Accordingly, identification of the activities for this plan was carried out from those groups, and all such proposals were consolidated and arranged according to priorities and discussed on several occasions with the members of the planning committee and the members of the Commission, and on the instructions of the Commission, the format of the plan and the activities to be removed as indicated in the previous plan, the activities to be further implemented and new activities were identified. At present, the preparation of this new Strategic Plan is at the final stage.

2.11. Media Coordination Activities

In order to inform the public on statutory and essential matters relating to the Local Authorities election, 03 public notices were published in trilingual in the newspapers *Dinamina*, *Thinakaran* and *Daily News*.

Further, in addition to the above newspaper notices, 103 media releases containing information relating to the Local Authorities election were also issued. These media releases were also issued in trilingual and were forwarded to all electronic and print media institutions. Arrangements had been made by those institutions to inform the public on the matters stated in the releases. These media releases were also published on the official website of the Election Commission (www.elections.gov.lk).

A summary note on the media releases issued in relation to the Local Authorities election (06.05.2025) is indicated in Note 30.

Further, several discussions were held with all media heads and journalists regarding polling and election activities, and such discussions were held at the Election Commission and at the Department of Government Information.

A mechanism for providing all relevant information through a WhatsApp group including heads of all media institutions, chief editors, news editors and journalists was also established and implemented.

2.12 Archives

Action has been taken to maintain the functions of the Election Commission's archives in a more organized manner. A program has been initiated to better secure the documents stored therein and to store them systematically to ensure easy reference for any interested party as required.

2.13. Knowledge Management Unit and Museum

The volume of requests and the demand for information regarding the functions and duties of the Election Commission are growing daily, with scholars, researchers, political party representatives, and election observation organizations being the primary seekers of such information. Therefore, the Election Commission established a Knowledge Management Unit to fulfill the requirements of these information seekers more efficiently and productively by establishing a formal mechanism for the storage and easy reference of existing electoral laws, acts, reports, and documents. In addition to providing information related to the polling process, the Commission is working to further facilitate these activities by providing visiting users with waiting areas, computers, multimedia facilities, and access to e-information services.

2.14. Maintenance of the Media Unit

The Media Unit is responsible for photographing and video-recording special events of the Commission, as well as video editing, graphic design, and archiving these materials. Additionally, the unit handles the editing of the Commission's publications and performs the computerized page layout and typesetting for those publications.

2.15. Maintenance and Updating of Social Media Platforms

The official social media platforms of the Election Commission (Facebook, YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, and WhatsApp) have been centralized and maintained in a more engaging manner to attract public interest. The Commission has also compiled, designed, and uploaded official announcements, information, and statistics to educate stakeholders via these platforms, covering a large number of users.

Among these platforms, the broadcasting duration on YouTube has expanded, and it is noteworthy that it has been converted into a platform capable of monetization.

While access to the Commission's official social media platforms was previously limited to a small group, the continuous user base has grown during the period under review as a result of the aforementioned initiatives. The details are as follows.

Serial No.	Social Media	Number of users Before the establishment of the Media Unit	Total number of users as at 31.12.2025
01	YouTube	900	6029
02	Facebook	38000	77026
03	WhatsApp	-	4166

2.15.1 Factors Contributing to the Popularity of the Election Commission’s Social Media Platforms Among Stakeholders/Users

- Presenting election-related information and data in a simple and user-friendly manner, with the use of images and infographics.
- Publishing results of Local Authorities Elections and voter statistics.
- Launching an official WhatsApp channel to provide the public and media personnel with instant access to official information and announcements.
- Monitoring the reach and engagement of information, data, images, and other content shared by the Commission via social media platforms.
- Strengthening trilingual communication by ensuring that all announcements/information are simultaneously released in Sinhala, Tamil, and English.

2.16 Publications Released in the Year 2025

Under the priority areas identified in the Election Commission’s Four-Year Participatory Strategic Plan (2017–2020), a quarterly newsletter titled “*Kathiraye Balaya*” was published covering the functions and activities of the Commission. The first issue of the ninth volume of the Kathiraye Balaya newsletter (January - April 2025) and the second issue of the ninth volume (May - August 2025) have been printed.



For submission to the Committee Stage of the Budget Debate 2026, the 2025 Progress Report of the Election Commission, which includes the functions and activities carried out from 01.01.2025 to 30.09.2025, was submitted to Parliament and tabled.



2.17 Legal Matters

During the year 2025, a total of 296 new cases were reported to the Election Commission, in which the Chairman and Members of the Election Commission, as well as officers of the Election Commission, were named as respondents.

2.17.1 Supreme Court

A total of 73 cases were filed before the Supreme Court against the Election Commission, comprising 11 Fundamental Rights petitions filed alleging violations, 50 writ petitions, 4 petitions filed seeking Supreme Court determinations in respect of draft amendments to the Local Authorities Elections laws, 4 special cases filed by way of appeal against decisions of the Court of Appeal in relation to rejection of nominations, and 4 special cases filed against judgments of the Court of Appeal.

A total of 11 Fundamental Rights applications were filed in relation to the 2025 Local Authorities Elections, including cases SC/FRA/59/2025, SC/FRA/60/2025, SC/FRA/63/2025, SC/FRA/65/2025, SC/FRA/68/2025, SC/FRA/69/2025, and SC/FRA/72/2025 alleging violation of fundamental rights due to rejection of nominations; SC/FRA/15/2025 alleging violation of fundamental rights due to denial of leave to cast votes; SC/FRA/30/2025 alleging violation of fundamental rights due to unlawful issuance of liquor licences during the election period; SC/FRA/87/2025 alleging violation of fundamental rights due to the conduct of the 2025 Local Authorities Elections without registration of political parties; and SC/FRA/135/2025 alleging violation of fundamental rights due to denial of opportunity to attend a meeting of the Paduwasnuwara Pradeshiya Sabha by a duly elected member.

In addition, 46 writ petitions were filed in relation to the rejection of nominations in respect of the 2025 Local Authorities Elections, along with one case (Case No. SC/WRIT/65/2025) concerning the inclusion of the name of an employee of the Kasbewa Urban Council in the nomination paper submitted by the Jathika Jana Balawegaya for that Urban Council, and two cases filed in relation to the declaration of disqualification under Section 8 of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) concerning candidates of the Ahila Ilankai Tamil Congress contesting for the Chavakachcheri Urban Council, namely Case No. SC/WRIT/68/2025 in respect of Ms. Yasokumar Tushya and Case No. SC/WRIT/69/2025 in respect of Ms. Yoganathan Kalyani. Furthermore, Case No. SC/WRIT/70/2025 was filed by Mr. Rauff Hakeem and Mr. Nizam Kariapper in relation to the alleged failure of the Election Commission to inform the Secretary-General of Parliament regarding the alliance formed between the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress and the Samagi Jana Balawegaya for the 2024 Parliamentary Elections.

In addition, four cases were filed under SC/SD/1/2025, SC/SD/2/2025, SC/SD/3/2025, and SC/SD/4/2025 seeking a determination of the Supreme Court in relation to the draft amendments to the Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill.

Furthermore, in relation to the rejection of nominations for the 2025 Local Authorities Elections, cases bearing Nos. SC/SPL/LA/105/2025, SC/SPL/LA/107/2025, SC/SPL/LA/108/2025, and SC/SPL/LA/110/2025 were also filed before the Supreme Court.

In relation to the appointment of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Vavuniya Municipal Council, Case No. CA/WRIT/708/2025 filed by Mr. Kandaiah Vijayakumar and Mr. Sivasubramaniam Premadas against such appointments, and the interim order issued by the Court of Appeal dated 21.10.2025, two cases bearing Nos. SC/SPL/LA/356/2025 and SC/SPL/LA/357/2025 were filed before the Supreme Court. Furthermore, appeals bearing Nos. SC/SPL/LA/386/2025 and SC/SPL/LA/387/2025 were filed by the Election Commission against the judgments delivered by the Court of Appeal in Cases Nos. CA/WRIT/607/25 and CA/WRIT/586/25.

2.17.2. Court of Appeal

A total of 219 court cases have been filed in the Honorable Court of Appeal against the Election Commission. Among these cases, 203 pertain to the rejection of nominations related to the 2025 Local Authorities Elections. Additionally, one case was filed regarding the membership of Mr. R.M. Yasin, who contested under Independent Group 2 for the Kandy Municipal Council in the 2025 Local Authorities Elections (Case No. CA/Writ/576/2025). Another case was filed by the Samagi Jana Balawegaya party regarding female representation in the Kekirawa Pradeshiya Sabha (Case No. CA/Writ/586/2025). Furthermore, a case was filed against the nomination of women for members elected from the Samagi Jana Balawegaya for the Galnewa Pradeshiya Sabha (Case No. CA/Writ/607/2025), and case No. CA/Writ/611/2025 was filed stating that Mr. Mohamed Thambi Mohamed Anwar, who contested from the Samagi

Jana Balawegaya party for the Korala Pattu West Pradeshiya Sabha in the 2025 Local Authorities Elections, is disqualified for membership.

Furthermore, Case No. CA/Writ/661/2025 was filed against the holding of the first meeting of the Beruwala Urban Council in an irregular manner following the 2025 Local Authorities Elections. Additionally, one case was filed against the appointment of women as members of the Vanathavilluwa Pradeshiya Sabha in relation to the 2025 Local Authorities Elections (Case No. CA/Writ/672/2025). Case No. CA/Writ/700/2025 was filed regarding the election held to appoint the Chairman and Vice Chairman from among the elected members for the Seethawaka Pradeshiya Sabha in the 2025 Local Authorities Elections, and Case No. CA/Writ/708/2025 was filed against the appointment of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Vavuniya Municipal Council in relation to the 2025 Local Authorities Elections.

In addition, Case No. CA/Writ/714/2025 was filed regarding the election held to appoint the Chairman and Vice Chairman from among the elected members for the Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in the 2025 Local Authorities Elections. Similarly, one case (Case No. CA/Writ/735/2025) was filed regarding the election held to appoint the Chairman and Vice Chairman from among the elected members for the Pathahewaheta Pradeshiya Sabha in the 2025 Local Authorities Elections. Furthermore, Case No. CA/Writ/833/2025 was filed against the appointment of another person to the member seat that became vacant due to the resignation of Mr. Sandanam Johnson Paul, who was elected from the United National Party for the Horana Urban Council in the 2025 Local Authorities Elections.

In addition, three cases have been filed regarding the removal of party membership: Case No. CA/WRIT/981/25 filed by Mr. Adam Bawa Asfar regarding his removal from the All Ceylon Makkal Congress, Case No. CA/WRIT/982/25 filed by Mr. Mohamed Hanifa Mohamed Fairuz regarding his removal from the All Ceylon Makkal Congress, and Case No. CA/WRIT/985/25 filed by Mr. Dharmaratnam Sudhakaran regarding his removal from the Tamil Makkal Viduthalai Pulikal party. Furthermore, Case No. CA/INJ/3/2025 was filed by Ms. Mohammodu Jennath Beevi regarding her removal from the Sarvajana Balaya party, and Case No. CA/INJ/5/2025 was filed by Mr. Abubakr Muhammadu Infas, who was elected to the Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha representing the Sarvajana Balaya party, regarding his removal from party membership. Both cases have been filed before the Honorable Court of Appeal.

2.17.3 High Court

No cases were filed in the High Court during the year 2025 naming the Election Commission as a party.

2.17.4 District Court

A total of three cases were filed before the District Courts. One case was filed before the Matara District Court (Case No. MC/20383/Matara) in relation to the failure to include a voter's name in the electoral register at the place of residence for the 2023 Electoral Register. Furthermore, in respect of removal from party membership of the Samagi Jana Balawegaya, Anuruddhika Senanayake filed case No. DSP 335/2025 before the Colombo District Court, and in relation to removal from membership of the Sri Lanka Labour Party, Xavier Jones Polington filed case No. SP 166/2025 before the Mannar District Court.

2.17.5 Magistrate's Court

Case No. PC/6653/25-Batticaloa has been filed in the Magistrate's Court of Batticaloa regarding an incident where Mr. R. Saseelan, who served as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections for Batticaloa during the 2015 Parliamentary Election, and another officer were obstructed while performing election duties in the Kattankudy area.

Out of the aforementioned cases filed in the Supreme Court, 76 cases have been concluded following final judgments delivered by the Honorable Court or due to withdrawal by the petitioners, while 06 cases are still being heard before the Honorable Court. Out of the 219 cases filed in the Court of Appeal, 211 cases have been concluded, and only 08 cases are currently being heard. The 03 cases filed in the District Court and the case filed in the Magistrate's Court are still being heard before the Honorable Court.

2.17.6. Requests for Legal Advice from the Attorney General

Requests for legal advice regarding 06 legal matters were referred to the Attorney General, and the Honorable Attorney General has provided advice concerning all such inquiries. The relevant parties have been duly informed of the advice provided.

2.17.7. Complaints related to the Human Rights Commission and Investigations related to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption

Inquiries for information and necessary actions have been initiated regarding 03 complaints received from the Human Rights Commission. Furthermore, necessary information has been provided and coordination with other parties has been facilitated for 09 investigations related to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

2.17.8. Legal Matters Related to the Revision of Electoral Registers and Disposal of Documents Related to the Enumeration of Electors

Instructions have been issued to blacklist 71 persons serving prison sentences in relation to the 2025 revision of electoral registers. Additionally, 42 instructions were provided concerning claims and objections submitted in connection with the 2025 revision of electoral registers.

2.18. Amendments to Electoral Laws

Action was taken on 20.08.2025 and 15.09.2025 to brief the Secretary to the President to draw the attention of the Honorable Minister of Justice and National Integration toward the passing of bills containing proposed legal amendments. These include the regulation of security deposits for elections, legal provisions for establishing special and mobile polling stations, advance voting, the inclusion of media criteria and codes of ethics in the Elections (Special Provisions) Bill, and amendments to remove the requirement for marking voters with an "appropriate mark" using indelible ink from all election acts.

Preliminary discussions regarding essential amendments to existing electoral laws (Parliamentary Elections Act No. 1 of 1981) were held with officials of the Election Commission on 04.08.2025, 06.08.2025, 13.08.2025, 02.09.2025, and 10.09.2025.

A discussion with the officers of the Legal Reform Committee of the Election Commission regarding proposed amendments to the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) was held on 17.12.2025.

Preliminary discussions regarding the Gazette notification to be prepared for amending laws related to the recognition and registration of political parties were held with the officers of the Legal Reform Committee of the Election Commission on 10.09.2025 and 17.10.2025.

Cabinet Decision No. අම/25/1692/816/073 dated 23.09.2025, titled "Informing the Cabinet of Ministers on the Requirement to Draft Laws to Enable Sri Lankans Abroad to Vote," was submitted for the instructions and orders of the Commission. Accordingly, the progress in this regard is as follows:

- On 08.10.2025, a discussion regarding the necessity of drafting laws to enable overseas Sri Lankans to vote was held in the Chairman's office with the Chairman, members of the Election Commission, and Heads of Divisions.
- On 30.10.2025, a discussion was held with the officers of the Legal Reform Committee of the Election Commission regarding the preparation of draft laws to enable voting for Sri Lankans living abroad.
- On 06.11.2025, a discussion regarding the preparation of draft laws for overseas Sri Lankan voting was held with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Employment, officials from the same ministry, and officials of the Commission.
- On 15.12.2025, a committee chaired by the Additional Commissioner of Elections (Legal and Investigation), Mr. B.P.C. Kularatne, was appointed by the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, and Local Government, with Cabinet approval, to submit recommendations for providing provisions to enable Sri Lankans living abroad to vote.

2.19. Activities Related to the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016

In accordance with the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016, 170 requests were received for the year 2025, and information has been provided for all such requests. Furthermore, 7 appeals were submitted by appellants to the Right to Information Commission, and those details were also released in compliance with the decisions of the said Commission.

2.20. Recognition of Political Parties for Electoral Purposes

2.20.1. Process for Recognition of Political Parties for the Year 2025

In accordance with Section 7(4) of the Parliamentary Elections Act No. 1 of 1981, as amended by the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act No. 58 of 2009, and pursuant to Gazette No. 2263/23 dated 21.01.2022, newspaper advertisements were published (in all three languages) and posted on the official website calling for applications for recognition as political parties for the year 2025. The following steps have been completed to date in this regard:

Calling for Applications

- I. In terms of Section 7(4)(a) of the Parliamentary Elections Act No. 1 of 1981, as amended by the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act No. 58 of 2009, applications for consideration as recognized political parties for electoral purposes were accepted from 28.02.2025 to 28.03.2025.
- II. Applications were submitted by 83 political parties.

Preliminary Examination

- I. The preliminary examination was held on 26.06.2025, where 47 political parties were selected for the first round, and 36 political parties were rejected.

First Interview

- I. The first interview for the recognition of political parties (For 47 selected political parties) was conducted on 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 25, 26, 27, and 28 of August 2025 at the main auditorium of the Election Commission.

Second Interview

- I. Out of the 47 political parties that attended the first interview, 14 were selected for the second interview, while 33 parties were rejected.
- II. Following field inspections of the 14 selected parties, the second interview was held on 08, 09, and 16 of October 2025 at the main auditorium of the Election Commission.

- III. Following the second interview, 05 parties were included in the list of recognized political parties for 2025.

2.20.2. Management of Already Recognized Political Parties

Updating information related to all political parties currently recognized and published by the Election Commission and summoning political party meetings during election/polling periods, maintaining records, and handling all relevant coordination activities are being carried out.

Among the political parties already recognized by the Election Commission, the recognition of 03 parties has been terminated due to their failure to submit financial statements by the due date.

2.21. Acceptance of Declarations of Assets and Liabilities

In accordance with Section 80(1)(t) of the Anti-Corruption Act No. 9 of 2023, the Election Commission accepted declarations of assets and liabilities from office bearers of recognized political parties as required under the Presidential Elections Act No. 15 of 1981, the Parliamentary Elections Act No. 1 of 1981, the Provincial Councils Elections Act No. 2 of 1988, the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262), or the Trade Unions Ordinance (Chapter 138). These documents were subsequently handed over to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

2.22. Implementation of Awareness Programs on Regulation of Election Expenditure Act and Electoral Laws

The Election Expenditure Regulation Act No. 3 of 2023 was enforced for the Local Authorities Election to establish a level playing field for all candidates and to create a transparent pattern of election expenditure. Accordingly, the scientific methodology introduced by Mr. Lakshman Dissanayake, a member of the Election Commission, which was utilized to determine the advertising expenditure limits during the last Presidential and Parliamentary elections, was used for this purpose.

Furthermore, a common format for election campaign income and expenditure for candidates, political parties, and independent groups was introduced during this election. Additionally, for the convenience of candidates, secretaries of parties represented by candidates, and leaders of independent groups submitting election campaign income and expenditure reports, the Election Commission introduced the web link <https://cf.elections.gov.lk>.

In the Parliamentary Election held on 14.11.2024, approximately 10% of candidates, political parties, or independent group leaders failed to submit their election campaign income and expenditure reports. Accordingly, the Election Commission organized a series of training-of-trainers programs to conduct regional-level awareness programs for candidates contesting the Local Authorities Election regarding the functions of the Regulation of Election Expenditure Act No. 3 of 2023. Consequently, 09 programs covering the entire island were conducted, and

through those trainers, awareness sessions were held for parties interested in contesting the 2025 Local Authorities Election covering all local authorities island-wide.

Moreover, in parallel with this training program, awareness sessions were also conducted for stakeholder institutions and all political parties that submitted nominations for the 2025 Local Authorities Election.

As a result of those training programs, out of 75,775 candidates who contested the 2025 Local Authorities Election, 74,275 candidates, and out of 2,650 political parties and independent groups that contested the election, 2,579 have submitted their election campaign income and expenditure reports.

2.23. Purchase of Materials, Purchase / Repair / Maintenance of Machinery and Equipment

2.23.1. Registration of Voters

In connection with the annual voter registration activities, action was taken to print ER forms specifically for collecting only "A" and "B" information instead of the BC forms. After printing approximately 2 million ER forms through the Department of Government Printing, arrangements were made to distribute them to the district offices. Regarding the preparation of the supplementary register introduced since 2022, approximately 1 million YC forms were printed and distributed to district offices, and claim/objection forms and notices were also printed and distributed, for which approximately Rs. 4.78 million was spent.

2.23.2. Printing of Electoral Registers

Action has been taken this time to print the 2025 electoral register through private institutions, and after the completion of those printing activities, steps were taken to distribute them to the relevant district offices. Payments amounting to approximately Rs. 18.08 million have been made for that purpose.

2.23.3. Purchase / Repair / Maintenance of Machinery and Equipment

Action was taken to purchase items such as computers, laptops, and UPS machines for the Head Office and District Election Offices. An amount of Rs. 29.64 million was spent for that.

An amount of Rs. 21.52 million has been spent to purchase toners and drum units required for computer printers and photocopy machines used in offices, as well as ink and master rolls for duplicating machines. This expenditure resulted from the necessity of purchasing these items for election-related activities and other office functions.

2.23.4. Purchase of Furniture and Office Equipment

Since only approximately Rs. 8 million in provisions were received for purchasing the furniture and office equipment required for the Head Office and District Offices, it was possible to meet the requirements by distributing provisions to the District Election Offices as much as possible based on the needs presented in the draft budget estimate. Accordingly, office furniture was purchased by spending an amount of Rs. 7.54 million.

2.23.5. General

Printing of electoral registers, voter registration activities, and other office stationery requirements, as well as the purchase of stationery including envelopes and indelible ink pens for the Local Authorities Election, had to be carried out. An expenditure of approximately Rs. 97.62 million was incurred for that purpose.

An amount of Rs. 813,870.40 was spent on the water requirement of the Head Office, and approximately Rs. 23.03 million was spent on telephone, internet, and VPN connections provided by Sri Lanka Telecom.

Action was taken on the basis of granting approval to conduct the purchase of tires required for District Election Office vehicles at the regional level, and the purchase and supply of tires for offices that were unable to purchase them within the district and for the vehicles of the Election Secretariat were successfully carried out based on necessity, while action was also taken to purchase the batteries required for those vehicles. Approximately Rs. 2.83 million was spent for that by following procurement procedures.

Official poll cards related to the elections also had to be printed by three private institutions, and approximately Rs. 84.64 million has been spent on printing activities, including relevant documents.

Due to the shortage of machinery available at the District Election Offices for the election, computers, laptops, computer printers, and photocopy machines had to be obtained on a rental basis. An amount of Rs. 5.65 million was spent for that.

Modernization of the fire protection system at the Head Office was commenced during this year, and after concluding procurement activities, it was handed over to the Department of Buildings. Provisions of approximately Rs. 9.6 million have been released to the relevant department for those activities, and following the completion of the task, the Department of Buildings has charged Rs. 8.06 million as the cost. (The total expenditure for this, including provisions allocated in 2024, is Rs. 17.42 million).

2.24 Progress of Information Technology Activities

The primary responsibility of this division is to modernize the functions of the Election Commission through the use of Information and Communication Technology, providing efficient and effective IT applications for the institution's officers and securely delivering necessary IT services to relevant stakeholders. This includes studying and planning innovative IT requirements, preparing and obtaining approval for project reports, project testing, installation, and officer training, as well as managing all information security activities of the Election Commission.

2.24.1. Study of IT Requirements, Software Design, Development, and Maintenance

An e-results processing system was prepared for the tabulation and release of results to the media for the Local Authorities Election held on May 06, 2025. Accordingly, it was possible to release results through a results system developed by the Election Commission itself, and this e-results system consisted of a results tabulation system operating at the local authority level, a system for the instantaneous release of results to the media, a backup results system, and a results website through which the public could easily access results and which can be maintained continuously.

The nominations management system was improved to manage the nominations of candidates who contested the Local Authorities Election, and candidate information was provided for reference through an e-service. Improvements were made to facilitate further activities carried out through nominations, including printing activities, obtaining reports, obtaining statistical data, and scrutiny of nominations, and the relevant tasks were performed.

The e-service for the online census of officers was improved so that the e-service could be used entirely instead of printed data sheets for the census of officers. Accordingly, the census of officers was conducted entirely through e-services for 09 districts during the 2025 Local Authorities Election.

The "My eDuty" e-service was introduced to enable officers to obtain information required for election duties, such as information on training classes, appointment details, and route descriptions, including road maps.

The program for applying for postal votes online was improved, and facilities for applying for postal votes online were provided through three methods: Self-Online Applying, Certifying Officer Online Applying, and Semi-Online Data Printing Applying. Furthermore, the postal voting process was made more convenient by improving the postal vote management system.

The "E Poll Book" was introduced as a pilot project as the primary step of the smart voting methodology.

The computer program for the registration of political parties and the computerization of party information to create party profiles was completed.

The Electoral Dispute Resolution Management System (EDR System) was utilized and improved, and all technical instructions regarding its use were provided to the relevant parties. To use this system more conveniently, the EDR App was introduced for use on mobile phones. It was successfully utilized during the Local Authorities Election 2025.

The Silver Award under the Digital Government in Public Sector and Government category, dedicated to unparalleled IT innovations for digital initiatives aimed at providing improved public services or enhancing public services, at the 26th National ICT Awards 2024 (NBQSA 2024) organized by the Sri Lanka section of the British Computer Society (BCS), the country's leading IT awards ceremony, was awarded to the electoral EDR system introduced by the Election Commission.

Similarly, a system was prepared for the declaration of assets and liabilities of political parties and independent groups and was used for the Local Authorities Election 2025.

As performed in previous years, programs related to the annual revision of electoral registers and supplementary registers for the year 2025 were introduced and updated, and computer programs were designed/improved to facilitate the duties of the officers in charge of polling divisions in district election offices.

The computer program prepared to facilitate future revision activities and to prepare integrated electoral registers for elections using the main electoral register and certified supplementary registers was maintained and updated.

The computer program prepared for printing new data-printed enumeration forms, multiple registration lists, etc., using integrated registers for revision activities was maintained and updated.

Providing technical instructions and guidance required for district election office officials when performing electoral register revision tasks through the computer program, and providing technical support required when obtaining extracts of electoral registers, was carried out continuously during the relevant periods throughout the year.

In addition, the following computer programs were designed to facilitate the internal administrative affairs of the Election Commission, and they were maintained and improved during the year 2025.

- Maintaining a Leave Management System for all officers of the Head Office to apply for leave online. During the year 2026, the Leave Management System has been improved so that it can be used by all District Election Offices as well.
- Developing and maintaining the Vehicle Management System of the Election Commission.
- Developing and maintaining the Expenditure Management System for accounting purposes.
- Developing and maintaining the Strategic Plan Monitoring System.

- Developing the Procurement Plan Monitoring System.
- Developing and maintaining the personal data storage program (HRIM).
- Preparing the EC System Development Framework to facilitate the preparation and maintenance of internal systems.
- Preparing the Internal System Administration Management System required for managing users of all other internal systems.
- Completing the development of the Contract Program Monitoring System to oversee contract work carried out by the Election Commission.
- Completing the development of the first phase of the Assets Management System.
- Introducing the Meeting Management System of the Election Commission.
- Completing the development of a Resource Booking System to facilitate the reservation of institutional resources.
- Completing the development of the Task Assign system to refer duties to officers.
- Completing the development of the Diary Management system for the staff officers of the institution.
- Establishing a Learning Management System (Moodle LMS) for the Election Commission.
- Completing the development of the Issue Tracking Management system to facilitate the resolution of issues arising in computers and computer accessories.
- Completing the development of the first phase of the Political Party Management System.

2.24.2. Provision of E-Services to Stakeholders Related to the Electoral Process

The Grama Niladhari e-service was improved and its usage was increased. This involved conducting the electoral register revision of one district (Jaffna District) entirely (100%) through the Grama Niladhari e-service and increasing the number of Grama Niladharies using the e-service in other districts.

The "Youth Citizen Teacher Service Portal" e-service was introduced for school coordinating teachers to facilitate the online registration of school students, and the computer program related to registering school students as youth citizens was improved.

The "E-Services Awakener" training program was introduced to train individuals as trainers to support communities with low technical capacity in utilizing e-services.

The "E-Services Awakener" training program was introduced to train youth representing marginalized communities (Vedda community, estate Tamil community, island dwellers) to assist those communities in using electoral e-services.

A school-level program was organized to register school students as youth citizens through the electoral e-service.

A program was introduced to create trainers to assist school students in applying for registration in the electoral register as youth citizens through the electoral e-service.

A digital sign language support service was introduced to provide services offered by the Election Commission to deaf individuals in sign language.

Citizens registered in the electoral register were provided with a service to obtain the Declaration of Voter Registration, which includes certified registration information from 2015 to date to verify their residency, free of charge at any time of the day through a smartphone with internet facilities, a computer, or other such devices.

The official website of the Election Commission was updated and maintained continuously in all three languages, and specifically, information such as details regarding the registration of political parties, the list of political parties, media releases, media guidelines, gazettes, and circulars was updated on the official election website in all three languages throughout the year.

Furthermore, the use of information technology was utilized to make the electoral process more efficient by promptly providing updated information to the public using widely spread social media networks.

Arrangements were made to carry out the necessary development activities to maintain the official website and official social media networks of the Election Commission in a disability-friendly manner.

The electoral register details required for the admission of children to the first grade of government schools were securely provided to schools online under the prices approved by the Election Commission. Furthermore, this facility was provided free of charge to Divisional Education Offices and Zonal Education Offices.

In addition, technical support was provided for the online provision of electoral registration information to the Department for Registration of Persons, the Registrar General's Department, the Sri Lanka Police Department, the Department of Inland Revenue, National Colleges of Education, and the University Grants Commission.

The Voter Education and Electoral Engagement (VEEE) system was maintained and developed to provide knowledge and education on matters related to the electoral process to all stakeholders of the Election Commission.

A WhatsApp account and an email account were prepared and maintained during the year 2025 as well to contact relevant officers to resolve issues encountered by the public when using electoral e-services, including online registration.

Activities such as referring public complaints received through the website and social media networks to the relevant parties and providing responses for them were also carried out continuously throughout the year.

Providing necessary technical support to e-service users was carried out more efficiently through the use of communication software.

A new smart brochure on electoral e-services was introduced to provide a better service to the public.

In addition, the office email service of the Head Office and all District Election Offices was maintained subject to secure methodologies.

2.24.3. Improvement and Maintenance of Information and Communication Technology Infrastructure

Improvement and maintenance of the information and communication technology infrastructure at the Head Office and District Election Offices were carried out continuously throughout the year. Therein, tasks such as maintaining services of the data center established at the Head Office and obtaining backups were performed, and maintenance work was carried out through the relevant institutions.

Securely maintaining and properly carrying out maintenance work for computers, computer accessories, computer networks, the VPN network, firewalls, and ADSL internet systems at the divisions of the Head Office of the Election Commission and District Election Offices were performed continuously throughout the year.

Video conferencing technical support was provided for conducting meetings for the Head Office, all District Election Offices, and external parties using online methodologies.

Expansion of the security camera system (CCTV) at the Head Office and related activities were carried out continuously during the year.

2.25 Financial and Audit Information

According to the 2025 budget estimates, a provision of Rs. 21,487 million was allocated to the Election Commission under Expenditure Head 020, with Rs. 20,000 million specifically allocated under Object Code 7-1409 for Local Authorities and Provincial Councils elections. Due to the Provincial Council elections not being held, Rs. 9,000 million was transferred back to the Department of National Budget via letter No. EH/F9/Re-trans.(Gen)/2025 dated 11.12.2025. Accordingly, the provision allocated to the Election Commission for expenditure under Head 020 was Rs. 12,487 million, comprising Rs. 12,278 million for recurrent expenditure and Rs. 209 million for capital expenditure. The recurrent expenditure for 2025 was Rs. 10,452 million (85.12%), while the capital expenditure was Rs. 125 million (60%). Out of the Rs. 11,000 million provision under Object Code 7-1409 for holding elections, Rs. 9,297 million (84.5%) was spent on expenses related to the 2024 Presidential Election, Parliamentary Election, and Elpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha Election, as well as the Local Authorities Elections held in 2025. In comparison, the recurrent expenditure in 2024 was Rs. 14,338 million and the capital expenditure was Rs. 89.6 million.

An amount of Rs. 198.4 million was spent on activities related to the preparation and revision of the electoral registers in 2025, and when the outstanding amount of approximately Rs. 812,000 is included, the total expenditure is approximately Rs. 199.2 million. Compared to the Rs. 236.2 million spent for the same purpose in 2024, the expenditure for 2025 shows a relatively lower value, which was achieved by utilizing new low-cost methods for the preparation and revision process.

Approximately Rs. 31.7 million in loan advances were provided in 2025 for officers and employees who applied for distress loans, special advances, and festival advances. The maximum expenditure limit of the advance account for government officers in 2025 is Rs. 32 million, representing an increase of Rs. 14 million in provided advances compared to 2024, which had a maximum expenditure limit of Rs. 18 million.

The income from issuing extracts of the electoral registers in 2025 was Rs. 6.65 million. This reflects an increase of Rs. 0.44 million compared to the 2024 income of Rs. 6.21 million.

The issuance of the electoral register in book form has been limited. It is now prepared in the form of compact discs (CDs), and the income earned from selling them in 2025 was Rs. 4.28 million. Compared to the income for 2024, the income in 2025 has increased by Rs. 2.28 million.

During the year 2025, 10 audit queries were submitted by the National Audit Office on various subjects. Responses have been provided for all 10 of those audit queries.

2.26 Activities of the Internal Audit Division

The Internal Audit Division performed the statutory duties assigned to it during the year 2025 in accordance with the provisions of the National Audit Act, Financial Regulations, and Management Audit Circulars when carrying out internal audit activities of the Election Secretariat and District Election Offices under the supervision of the Election Commission.

Accordingly, 03 Management Audit Committees were organized during the year 2025 as per the provisions set out in Section 41(2) of the National Audit Act.

To ensure effective performance within the Election Commission, attention was focused on examining the most high-risk activities belonging to the respective audit fields.

The Internal Audit Division issued a circular covering several audit fields with the objective of minimizing post-audit queries regarding the Local Authorities Elections held in 2025. Furthermore, precautions and instructions regarding expenditure management and formal reporting were provided to the Department of Posts and the Police Department, which are two government institutions providing a direct contribution to election activities and for which the Election Commission allocates financial provisions. Accordingly, this division has provided the basic guidance necessary to incur election expenses in a more controlled manner.

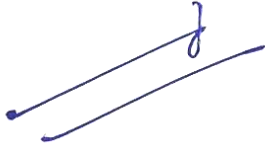
The preliminary organizational and post-election duties for the Local Authorities Elections held during the first and second quarters of 2025 were carried out, and this division has been able to achieve an operational progress of 90% including the duties of the Election Dispute Resolution Unit related to the Local Authorities Elections.

One (01) audit inspection was conducted regarding each division of the Election Secretariat, and 19 interim audit inspections were carried out regarding District Election Offices in relation to the two national elections held in 2024. Along with the 06 interim audit inspections conducted in the final quarter of 2024, a total of 25 interim audit reports were issued in 2025. Furthermore, 11 District Election Offices were subjected to a full audit regarding those two national elections, and 02 reports have been issued. In addition, action was taken regarding 09 investigations in 2025; although 02 of these were investigations conducted during the latter part of the final quarter of 2024, the investigation reports were submitted in 2025. The total number of complete investigation reports issued during the year 2025 is 08. Action has been taken under subsection 40(4)(3) of the National Audit Act regarding all internal audit reports issued.

Based on the audit observations mentioned above, it is expected to present proposals regarding new internal control strategies aimed at minimizing audit queries arising from future elections and polls, as well as precautions that ensure the effectiveness of the electoral process.

2.27. Future Targets

In the future, to carry out the activities related to the revision of electoral registers as statutorily assigned, as well as to conduct inclusive elections such that no qualified person is excluded.


Rasika Peiris
Commissioner General of Elections

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Chapter 03 - Overall Financial Performance of the Year

3.1 Financial and Audit Information

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Statement of Financial Performance for the period ended 31st December 2025

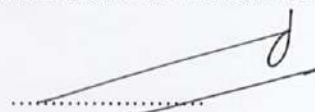
Revised Budget Allocations 2025	Note	Actual	
		2025	2024
Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
-	Revenue Receipts	-	-
-	Income Tax	-	-
-	Taxes on Domestic Goods & Services	-	-
-	Taxes on International Trade	-	-
-	Non Tax Revenue & Others	-	-
-	Total Revenue Receipts (A)	-	-
-	Non Revenue Receipts	-	-
-	Treasury Imprests	6,437,099,867	7,800,394,000
-	Deposits	177,363,564	19,375,496
-	Advance Accounts	36,830,411	35,094,414
-	Other Main Ledger Receipts	-	-
-	Total Non Revenue Receipts (B)	6,651,293,842	7,854,863,910
-	Total Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts C = (A)+(B)	6,651,293,842	7,854,863,910
-	Remittance to the Treasury (D)	-	-
-	Net Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts E = (C)-(D)	6,651,293,842	7,854,863,910
-	Less: Expenditure		
-	Recurrent Expenditure		
-	Wages, Salaries & Other Employment		
718,250,000	Benefits	710,961,736	593,328,155
11,556,750,000	Other Goods & Services	9,739,052,211	13,742,335,691
3,000,000	Subsidies, Grants and Transfers	2,818,625	2,892,376
-	Interest Payments	-	-
-	Other Recurrent Expenditure	-	-
12,278,000,000	Total Recurrent Expenditure (F)	10,452,832,572	14,338,556,222
-	Capital Expenditure		
99,000,000	Rehabilitation & Improvement of Capital Assets	33,700,430	29,742,803
108,000,000	Acquisition of Capital Assets	89,944,955	58,577,962
-	Capital Transfers	-	-
-	Acquisition of Financial Assets	-	-
2,000,000	Capacity Building	1,765,400	1,300,337
-	Other Capital Expenditure	-	-
209,000,000.00	Total Capital Expenditure (G)	125,410,785	89,621,102
-	Deposit Payments	292,189,730	9,210,475
-	Advance Payments	39,351,316	27,091,269
-	Other Main Ledger Payments	-	-
-	Total Main Ledger Expenditure (H)	331,541,046	36,301,744
-	Total Expenditure I = (F+G+H)	10,909,784,403	14,464,479,068
-	Balance as at 31st December J = (E-I)	(4,258,490,561)	(6,609,615,158)
-	Statement	(4,258,490,561)	(6,609,615,158)
-	Imprest Balance as at 31st December	(0)	-

**Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st December 2025**

	Note	Actual	
		2025 Rs.	2024 Rs.
<u>Non Financial Assets</u>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA-6 ✓	2,665,346,947 ✓	2,463,295,691
<u>Financial Assets</u>			
Advance Accounts	ACA-5/5(a) ✓	92,057,327	89,536,422
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA-3 ✓		
Total Assets		2,757,404,274	2,552,832,113
<u>Net Assets / Equity</u>			
Net Worth to Treasury		32,649,639	(84,697,432)
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		2,665,346,947 ✓	2,463,295,691
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(b) ✓		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Deposits Accounts	ACA-4 ✓	59,407,688	174,233,854
Imprest Balance	ACA-3 ✓	-	-
Total Liabilities		2,757,404,274	2,552,832,113

Detail Accounting Statements in ACA format Nos. 1 to 7 presented in pages from 7 to 22 and Annexures to accounts presented in pages from 23 to 30 form an integral part of these Financial Statements. **The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Government Financial Regulations 150 & 151 and state Accounts Guideline No. 02/2025, dated 17.12.2025** and hereby certify that figures in these Financial Statements, Notes to accounts and other relevant accounts were reconciled with the Treasury Books of Accounts and found in agreement.

We hereby certify that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Reporting Entity and carried out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of internal control system for the financial control and accordingly make alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out as per the Section 38(1)(C) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018

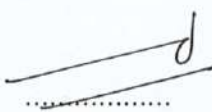

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Chief Accounting Officer

Name :

Designation :

Date : 23. 02. 2026

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Name :

Designation :

Date : 23 . 02 . 2026

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Chief Financial Officer/ Chief Accountant/

Director (Finance)/ Commissioner (Finance)

Name :

Date : 26/2/23

K.S.P. PERERA
Chief Financial Officer
Election Commission
Sarana Mawatha,
Rajagiriya.

**Statement of Cash Flows
for the Period ended 31st December 2025**

	Actual	
	2025 Rs.	2024 Rs.
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u>		
Total Tax Receipts		
Fees, Fines, Penalties and Licenses		
Profit		
Non Revenue Receipts	120,381,492	80,621,056
Revenue Collected on behalf of Other Revenue Heads		
Imprest Received	6,437,099,867	7,800,394,000
Recoveries from Advance	37,033,590	39,960,375
Deposit Received	177,363,564	19,375,496
Total Cash generated from Operations (A)	6,771,878,513	7,940,350,927
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Personal Emoluments & Operating Payments	6,368,247,338	7,826,547,036
Subsidies & Transfer Payments	2,818,625	2,892,376
Expenditure incurred on behalf of Other Heads	1,470,434	1,226,479
Imprest Settlement to Treasury	-	-
Advance Payments	38,021,008	26,737,839
Deposit Payments	292,189,730	9,210,475
Total Cash disbursed for Operations (B)	6,702,747,135	7,866,614,205
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (C)=(A)-(B)	69,131,378	73,736,722
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</u>		
Interest		
Dividends		
Divestiture Proceeds & Sale of Physical Assets	678,631	375,031
Recoveries from On Lending		
Total Cash generated from Investing Activities (D)	678,631	375,031
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Capital Asset Construction, Purchases and Other Investment Acquisitions	69,810,009	74,111,754
Total Cash disbursed for Investing Activities (E)	69,810,009	74,111,754
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES (F)=(D)-(E)	(69,131,378)	(73,736,723)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING & INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES (G)=(C) + (F)	-	(0)
<u>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</u>		
Local Borrowings	-	-
Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Grants Received	-	-
Total Cash generated from Financing Activities (H)	-	-
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Repayment of Local Borrowings	-	-
Repayment of Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Total Cash disbursed for Financing Activities (I)	-	-
NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES (J)=(H)-(I)	-	-
Net Movement in Cash (K) = (G) + (J)	-	-
Opening Cash Balance as at 01st January	-	-
Closing Cash Balance as at 31st December	-	-

Statement of Imprest Adjustment

Revenue Collected by Other Entities on behalf of Reporting Entity	-	
Expenditure incurred by Reporting Entity on behalf of Other Entities	1,470,434	
Debits made to Advance "B" Account on behalf of Other Entities	4,549,673	
Credits made to Advance "B" Account by Other Entities	1,330,308	7,350,415
Less:		
Revenue Collected by Reporting Entity on behalf of Other Entities	121,060,123	
Expenditure incurred by Other Entities on behalf of Reporting Entity	4,137,367,385	
Credits made to Advance "B" Account on behalf of Other Entities	6,083,160	
Debits made to Advance "B" Account by Other Entities	1,330,308	4,265,840,976
Imprest Adjustment Balance as at 31st December 2025		(4,258,490,561)

* Any Items can be added in addition to the above mentioned items if applicable.

3.2. Financial Statements

Revenue Code	Description of the Revenue Code	Revenue Estimate		Collected Revenue	
		Original Estimate Rs. (million)	Final Estimate Rs. (million)	Amount (Rs.) (million)	As a % of Final Revenue Estimate
20.02.02.99	Interest - Other	4.50	4.50	3.97	88
20.03.02.99	Sales and Fees - Administrative fees and payments	0.04	0.04	0.04	100
20.03.99.00	Sales and Fees - Other Receipts	14.00	14.00	77.18	551
20.02.01.01	Rent for Quarters	1.44	1.44	2.13	147
20.04.01.00	Widows and Orphans	20.15	26.22	32.18	122
20.06.02.02	Capital Sales (Other)	1.00	1.00	0.65	65

3.2.1. Revenue collection performance

Not relevant.

3.2.2. Performance of the Utilization of Allocation

Rs. ,000

Type of Allocation	Allocation		Actual Expenditure Rs.	Allocation Utilization as a % of Final Allocation
	Original Estimate Rs.	Final Estimate Rs.		
Recurrent	12,278,000,000	12,278,000,000	10,450,832,572	85
Capital	209,000,000	209,000,000	125,410,785	60

3.2.3. Allocation made to this Department / District Secretariat / Provincial Council in terms of F.R. 208 as a representative of other Ministries / Departments

Rs. ,000

Serial No.	Ministry/ Department received allocations	Purpose of the Allocation	Allocation		Actual Cost	Utilized Allocation as % of final Allocation Completed
			First Allocation	Last Allocation		
01	Department of Pensions		1140	1140	1140	100

3.2.4. Performance of the Reporting of Non-Financial Assets

Assets Code	Code Description	Balance as per Board of Survey Report as at 31.12.2025	Balance as per financial Position Report as at 31.12.2025	Yet to be Accounted	Reporting Progress as a %
9151	Building and Structures	288,660,133	288,660,133		%100
9152	Machinery	928,409,587	928,409,587		%100
9153	Land	1,338,539,612	1,338,539,612		%100
9154	Intangible Assets	-	-		
9155	Biological Assets	-	-		
9160	Work in Progress	109,737,614	109,737,614		%100
9180	Lease Assets	-	-		

3.2.5 Report of the Auditor General

English Translation

NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE

My No.: PIC/B/EC/2/25/5

Your No.:

Date: 29 May 2026

**Chief Accounting Officer
Election Commission**

Head 020 - Auditor General's Summary Report on the Financial Statements of the Election Commission for the Year Ended 31 December 2025 in terms of Section 11 (1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Qualified Opinion

Head 020 - The financial statements of the Election Commission for the year ended 31 December 2025, comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, the statement of financial performance and the cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including information on significant accounting policies, were audited under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, read in conjunction with the provisions of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018. My comments and observations on these financial statements, which are submitted to the Election Commission in terms of Section 11(1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, appear in this report. The Annual Detailed Management Audit Report will be issued to the Chief Accounting Officer in due course in terms of Section 11(2) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018. The Auditor General's Report to be presented to Parliament in terms of Section 10 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, read in conjunction with Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, will be submitted to Parliament in due course.

My opinion is that, except for the effects of the matters described in paragraph 1.6 of this report, the financial statements reflect a fair view, in all material respects, of the financial position, financial performance, and cash flows of the Election Commission for the year ended 31 December 2025, in accordance with the basis of preparation of financial statements stated in Note 1 to the financial statements.

1.2 Basis for Qualified Opinion

My opinion is qualified based on the matters described in paragraph 1.6 of this report. I conducted the audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities under those auditing standards are further described in the Auditor's

Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of this report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of preparation of these financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared for the requirement of the Election Commission, the General Treasury, and Parliament in accordance with the Government Financial Regulations 150 and 151 and the State Accounts Guidelines No. 02/2025 dated 17 December 2025. Therefore, these financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. My report is intended solely for the use of the Election Commission, the General Treasury, and the Parliament of Sri Lanka. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

1.4 Chief Accounting Officer's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Chief Accounting Officer is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that reflect a fair view in all material respects in accordance with Government Financial Regulations 150 and 151 and the State Accounts Guidelines No. 02/2025 dated 17 December 2025, and for determining such internal control as is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

In terms of Section 16 (1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, the Election Commission shall maintain proper books and records of its income, expenditure, assets, and liabilities so as to enable the preparation of annual and timely financial statements.

In terms of Sub-section 38 (1) (c) of the National Audit Act, the Chief Accounting Officer shall ensure that an effective internal control system is designed and maintained for the financial control of the Election Commission, and reviews on the effectiveness of that system shall be carried out from time to time, and accordingly, necessary changes shall be made to maintain the system effectively.

1.5 Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercised professional judgment and maintained professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Designed and implemented audit procedures appropriate to the occasion to identify and assess the risks of material misstatements that may occur in the financial statements due to fraud or error when obtaining a basis for the expressed audit opinion. The impact of a fraud is stronger than the impact of material misstatements occurring due to misrepresentation, because they occur due to reasons such as collusion, forgery, intentional omission, misrepresentation, or the bypass of internal controls.
- Obtained an understanding of internal control to design audit procedures appropriate to the occasion, though not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluated that the transactions and events underlying the structure and content of the financial statements, including disclosures, are included in the financial statements in an appropriate and fair manner.
- Evaluated the overall presentation of the financial statements including disclosures, and that the transactions and events underlying the structure and content of the financial statements are appropriately and fairly included.

I inform the Chief Accounting Officer regarding important audit findings, main internal control weaknesses, and other matters identified within my audit.

1.6 Comments on Financial Statements

1.6.1 Non-Financial Assets

- a) Due to the duplication of the value of 245 printing machines amounting to Rs. 20,648,362 shown under non-financial assets in the year under review, non-financial assets had been overstated by that value.
- b) According to paragraph 8.2 of the State Accounts Guideline No. 02/2025 dated 17 December 2025, if there are further non-financial assets to be reported, they should be properly identified and accounted for at cost, or at valued price in instances where the cost cannot be identified; however, due to the failure to identify and account for the value of 317 asset units belonging to 09 asset items, non-financial assets had been understated in the accounts.
- c) Action had not been taken to identify the cost of 57 items of non-financial assets identified to be disposed of by the survey of goods in the year 2024 and remove them from non-financial assets.
- d) In relation to the year under review, under the rehabilitation and improvement of capital assets, the value of Rs. 15,770,423, which was the expenditure incurred by other ministries/departments through Government Financial Regulation 208, had been capitalized.
- e) Although a balance of Rs. 678,631 was shown under provisions for disposal of rights and sale of physical assets according to the cash flow statement, non-financial assets

had been overstated by that amount due to the failure to remove the cost of those disposed assets from non-financial assets.

- f) When comparing the balances mentioned in the survey of goods report of the year under review with the balance according to the Boss Report, a deficit of 5,009 goods across 07 items of goods was observed.

1.6.2 Non-submission of Evidence for Audit

Although expenditures of Rs. 55,600,776 incurred by other ministries/departments through Government Financial Regulation 208 under the expenditure heads of rehabilitation & improvement of capital assets and acquisition of capital assets had been accounted for, no documents relevant to substantiating those expenditures were submitted to the audit.

1.6.3 Non-maintenance of Documents and Books

- a) According to paragraph 4 of the Public Administration Circular No. 13/2008 dated 26 June 2008, a document showing the approved additional fuel quantity for officers entitled to the fuel allowance and transport allowance had not been maintained.
- b) Although a document for issuing fuel relevant to the Kurunegala District should have been maintained according to Circular No. PRE/2024/16 and No. PE/2024/35 of the Commissioner General of Elections, and payments had been made for fuel amounting to Rs. 11,939,999 relevant to the Presidential Election 2024 and Rs. 11,246,845 relevant to the Parliamentary Election, such a document maintained for fuel issued by the Transport Committee was not submitted to the audit.
- c) According to section 10 of Circular No. PRE/2024/40 dated 18 August 2024 of the Commissioner General of Elections and Circular No. PRE/2024/40 dated 13 October 2024, although payments had been made by the Kurunegala District Election Commissioner's Office for vehicles obtained on a rental basis amounting to Rs. 12,601,106 relevant to the Presidential Election 2024 and Rs. 12,836,903 for the Parliamentary General Election, a document containing information regarding the vehicles engaged on a rental basis had not been maintained.
- d) According to Circular No. PRE/2024/38 dated 13 October 2024 of the Commissioner General of Elections, although the Kurunegala District Election Office had paid Rs. 12,836,903 for vehicles engaged on a rental basis for the Parliamentary Election, a document had not been prepared by the Transport Committee in terms of section 10 of the circular, and even though that document should be kept under the custody of the Deputy/Assistant Commissioner of Elections according to section 12 of the circular, such a document was not submitted to the audit.

2. Report on Other Legal Requirements

In terms of Section 6(1)(d) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, I state the following matters.

- a) That the financial statements are consistent with the preceding year.
- b) That the recommendations made by me regarding the financial statements relevant to the preceding year had been implemented.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Expenditure Management

- a) Due to the financial estimates not being properly prepared in terms of Government Financial Regulation 50, provisions ranging from 05 percent to 70 percent across 21 object codes had not been utilized during the year under review.
- b) The entire provision amount of Rs. 1,000,000, which had been transferred to one vote through Government Financial Regulation 66, had still not been utilized for expenditure by the end of the year.

3.2 Entering into Liabilities and Commitments

- a) In terms of Government Financial Regulation 94 (1), no expenditure or commitment should be entered into for any work, service, or supply unless money is available in the annual estimates; however, liabilities exceeding provisions amounting to Rs. 3,109,944 had been entered into for 03 object codes.
- b) In terms of Government Financial Regulation 94 (2), although the total maximum commitment limits that can be entered into for 15 object codes was shown as Rs. 360,549,500 in the financial statements, it should be corrected as Rs. 354,396,167, and accordingly, a variance of Rs. 6,153,333 was observed.
- c) Under the software maintenance object code, a liability of Rs. 1,706,314 was shown under annexure (iv) of the financial statements, and in the year 2026, that expenditure had been shown under the vehicle insurance object code.
- d) Liabilities amounting to Rs. 12,677,717 relevant to the year under review had not been shown in the annexure (iv) statement of liabilities submitted with the financial statements.

3.3 Non-compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations

Reference to Laws, Rules and Regulations	Non-compliance
(a) Section 04 of the Public Administration Circular No. 13/2008 dated 26 June 2008	Although it is stated that provisions for additional fuel should not be granted to officers entitled to a fuel allowance for official vehicles, 7,501 liters of additional fuel amounting to Rs. 1,941,853 had been granted to 08 officers entitled to the fuel allowance.
(b) Section 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No. 30/2016 dated 29 December 2016	Fuel consumption tests had not been conducted for 49 vehicles owned by the Commission.

3.4 Operation of Bank Accounts

According to the bank reconciliation relevant to the year 2025, although 28 vouchers valued at Rs. 307,573, for which expenditures had been recommended and approved relevant to the month of April at the Colombo District Election Office, were recorded in the cash book, cheques had not been drawn for them. That variance had been carried forward in the bank reconciliation from April to October, and in the month of October, the relevant amount had been accounted for as a receipt by a reminder voucher.

4. Operational Review

4.1 Performance

4.1.1 Election Expenses

- a) The expenditure for the Presidential Election, General Election, and Local Authorities Election held on 21 September 2024, 14 November 2024, and 06 May 2025 was Rs. 7,447 million, Rs. 7,667 million, and Rs. 7,393 million respectively, and 60 percent of the expenditure had been incurred by the Election Commission, 12 percent by the Department of Posts, 14 percent by the Police Department, and the remaining 14 percent by the Department of Government Printing.
- b) As per the letter of the Commissioner General of Elections No. LADV/A&MC/2024 dated 09 October 2024, it had been informed that the reports on financial provisions granted to other departments for the Parliamentary Election held on 14 October 2024, audited by the internal auditor of the respective department, should be submitted to the Commission before the lapse of three months from holding the election; however, none

of the departments that obtained financial provisions had provided such audited expenditure reports within 3 months, and the Commissioner of Elections who issued the circular had also not taken steps to pay proper attention in this regard.

- c) Out of the expenditure incurred by the Commission for the Presidential Election, General Election, and Provincial Councils Election, 59 percent, 62 percent, and 66 percent respectively were expenditures incurred for salaries, allowances, overtime, holiday pay, traveling expenses, and welfare activities of department officers, casual employees, retired officers, and other public servants.
- d) Although the amount estimated to be granted to the Department of Printing for election purposes on behalf of the Presidential Election was Rs. 753,560,472, the provision granted was Rs. 933,473,160, and thereby, an excess provision of Rs. 179,912,688 had been granted exceeding the estimated amount.
- e) In the audit, a variance of Rs. 538,953,620 and Rs. 549,621,248 was observed for the Presidential Election and the General Election respectively, between the actual expenditure provided by the Department of Posts to the Election Commission and the actual expenditure incurred according to the statistical records maintained within the Department of Posts. Out of that, an amount of Rs. 1,090,364,358 had been accounted for by treating it as revenue of the Department of Posts. Accordingly, the actual expenditure incurred for the election had been overstated.
- f) Assistance of state institutions is obtained for election activities, and the Election Commission provides provisions for the estimates submitted by those institutions for that purpose. Attention of the Election Commission had not been drawn towards preparing and providing proper guidelines to the relevant institutions, on the advice of the Treasury, to separately identify expenditures incurred by other institutions solely for election activities and to account for only that value under the relevant object code. Accordingly, specific identification of the actual expenditures incurred for elections was a matter of contention in the audit.
- g) The election conducting object code of the General Treasury opens for the Election Commission to conduct polls only after an election is declared, and since a time period for closing that object code is not specifically mentioned, steps had not been taken to settle this object code until March 2026, which was the date of audit, even though the Presidential Election held on 21 September 2024, the General Election in November 2024, and the Local Authorities Election on 06 May 2025 had been conducted.
- h) Since the establishment of the Election Commission in the year 2015, 08 elections consisting of 03 Presidential Elections, 03 General Elections, and 02 Local Authorities Elections had been conducted, and accordingly, it was observed that the attention of the Commission should be further drawn towards identifying the methodologies required

to further minimize election expenses by utilizing the knowledge, expertise, and experience gained.

- i) Although the proposal regarding the utilization of a mechanism for electronic voting in the polling process has been a matter under discussion since the mid-2000s, the Commission had not paid sufficient attention so far to take the necessary actions for it.
- j) The Election Commission had issued 74 circulars for the Presidential Election and 72 circulars for the General Election, with the objective of operating with proper control, frugality, and due care when incurring expenses for election activities. However, the compliance with or adherence to those circulars remained at a very minimal level, and due to the absence of a proper follow-up mechanism regarding non-adherence to those circular instructions, non-compliance with the said circulars was widely observed. As a result, the Election Commission had been unable to achieve the expected results anticipated by issuing those circulars.
- k) In obtaining electricity, water, and telephone facilities, incurring expenses had been carried out according to districts, and it was observed that the ability to further manage expenses exists by paying attention to following a common methodology for obtaining the relevant facilities in accordance with specifications prepared by considering district requirements at the national level.
- l) In terms of the Public Administration Circular No. 09/2009 dated 16 April 2009, the fingerprint machine shall be used to confirm arrival and departure, and even though Section 02 (IV) of the said circular, as well as paragraph 04 of the Circular No. PRE/2024/35 dated 09 August 2024 of the Commissioner General of Elections, state that arrival and departure must be confirmed according to fingerprint machines, contrary to that, officers of the Ratnapura District Election Office had obtained overtime allowances and holiday pay amounting to Rs. 1,303,956 in the months of August and September 2024 alone, for the performance of duties relevant to the 2024 Presidential Election.

4.2 Procurement

- a) Although it had been planned to purchase 750,000 postal voting envelopes 'A' and 500,000 envelopes 'D' relevant to the 2025 Local Authorities Election, and subsequently notified by amending the envelope supplies as 600,000 envelopes 'A' and 400,000 envelopes 'D', payments had to be made for 650,000 envelopes 'A' and 470,000 envelopes 'D' because the said notification had been made after 24 March 2025, which was the date on which the goods were to be delivered. Accordingly, due to the failure to accurately estimate the envelope requirement, a total value of Rs. 1,456,000 had to be overpaid, at the rate of Rs. 553,000 for 50,000 envelopes 'A' and Rs. 903,000 for 70,000 envelopes 'D'.

- b) Although it had been notified that the envelopes relevant to this purchase should be delivered before 24 March 2025, the relevant suppliers had not handed over the envelopes on the due date, and even though 01 percent of the contract sum should be charged for a delay of one week as stated in Section 20.2 of the invitation to bid, the liquidated damages amounting to Rs. 76,110 had not been charged from the relevant supplier for envelopes 'D' in this procurement.
- c) The following observations are made regarding the purchase of 14,250 cardboard ballot boxes valued at Rs. 34,817,758 for the Presidential Election.
- i. Although the bid security to be specified in terms of Section 5.3.11 of the Procurement Guidelines Manual should be equivalent to an amount from 01 percent to 02 percent of the estimated sum, the bid security relevant to this procurement had been indicated in the bidding documents as 0.95 percent, i.e., Rs. 200,000, and contrary to that as well, opportunity had been granted to pay an amount of Rs. 100,000 as 0.47 percent of the estimated sum to the shroff.
 - ii. Prices relevant to the procurement had been submitted by only one supplier, and even that institution had not responded to the "Thickness" and "Material" mentioned in the specifications of the bidding documents. Since the specifications had not been mentioned by the said supplier, the Technical Evaluation Committee had informed to obtain agreement for the specifications, to check the possibility of reviewing the submitted prices, and to manufacture and submit 03 samples under each respective quantity. The supplier had expressed agreement by a letter dated 23 August 2024. However, information relevant to the receipt or inspection of the said samples was not observed in the audit.
 - iii. In relation to the aforementioned order, it had been indicated that the performance guarantee amounting to Rs. 2,848,860 should be provided before 30 August 2024, making it valid until 30 September 2024. Nevertheless, the supplier had provided the performance security to be valid from 19 September 2024 to 18 October 2024, and the security had been submitted after handing over this order.
- d) Although provisions of Rs. 5,000,000 had been allocated for installing a fire protection system according to the procurement plan of the year 2021, due to the non-performance of the said task, provisions had been allocated for Rs. 25,000,000 in the year 2024, and an agreement had been entered into on 07 June 2024 with the Department of Buildings to complete the work by 30 September 2024 based on an estimate of Rs. 17,739,130 excluding VAT. During the year under review, even though an expenditure of Rs. 17,430,085 had been incurred under transfers of non-current assets through FR 208, bills or other records relevant to the work performed to confirm the expenditure were not submitted to the audit. Furthermore, it was not confirmed in the audit that this task had been completed and handed over even up to 30 April 2026, and although the period of delay was 19 months, necessary provisions had not been made through the agreement to enable the charging of liquidated damages relevant to the said period.
- e) According to paragraph 03 of Circular No. PRE/2024/12 dated 28 July 2024 issued by the Commissioner General of Elections, at least 05 price quotations should have been obtained for the Presidential Election by utilizing the "Market Price Quotation Method." Furthermore, even if obtaining a sufficient number of quotations proved

difficult, the reasons therefor should have been included in the procurement committee decision, but regarding the procurements carried out for the Presidential Election relevant to the Kurunegala District, there were instances where at least 05 price quotations had not been obtained, yet the reasons therefor had not been stated in the procurement decision.

- f) Regarding the purchase of fruits for the Presidential Election in the Kandy District, prices had been submitted by only one supplier, and among the other institutions to which quotations were sent, it was observed that one institution was unaware of these quotations and had not been carrying out business activities at that location for a long time, sufficient information could not be disclosed regarding another institution, and another supplier was a person carrying out business activities in the Colombo area. Accordingly, the audit could not be satisfied with the documentary requirements of the procurement process and the transparency of the said task in this manner. In terms of Section 1.2.1 of the Procurement Guidelines Manual, it was also observed that the baseline objectives of procurement, which are the minimum cost as well as granting a fair opportunity to participate in the procurement for institutions possessing the interest and capacity to respond, are not fulfilled by this.
- g) In terms of paragraph 3.6.6 of Circular No. PRE/2024/32 dated 05 August 2024 of the Commissioner General of Elections, agreements should have been entered into with the selected suppliers in procurements such as the supply of food relevant to the Puttalam District; however, actions had not been taken to sign agreements with suppliers in relation to the procurements for purchasing food items during the Presidential and Parliamentary Elections.
- h) According to Section 3.6 of the Government Procurement Guidelines Manual, although provisions exist to place repeat orders up to 50 percent of the original contract value, approval had been granted on 03 occasions to place repeat orders exceeding that limit, by quantities ranging from 74 percent to 233 percent, in relation to the procurement of 1,050 breakfast packets and 5,500 lunch and dinner food packets for the officers engaged in duties of the 2024 Presidential Election in the Ratnapura District.
- i) In terms of Section 8.9.1 (a) of the Procurement Guidelines Manual, a formal agreement should have been entered into regarding contract works for jobs exceeding Rs. 250,000; however, a formal agreement had not been entered into between the Ceylon Electricity Board and the Election Office for electricity supply works exceeding Rs. 12 million. Accordingly, it was observed that due to not entering into agreements, a risk exists in facing any disadvantageous or problematic situations regarding the performance of election duties, and it could also affect detrimentally in legal matters.
- j) According to the estimate submitted by the Galle Regional Electrical Engineer's Office for the Presidential Election, allocations of Rs. 7,058,783, Rs. 5,569,920, Rs. 200,000, Rs. 300,000, and Rs. 3,003,207 had been made for materials, labor wages, other expenses, transport costs, and the supply of generators respectively, and the relevant estimated sum had been paid without identifying the actual expenditure. Without realistically identifying the contingencies relevant to this electricity supply, the entire sum of Rs. 656,435, which had been allocated as 05 percent for contingencies, had been paid for the same.

- k) Although the estimated sum of Rs. 3,003,207 had been paid for the supply of generators, since the charge for it according to the invoice submitted by the Kolonnawa Branch of the Electricity Board was Rs. 1,130,772 including VAT, an overpayment of Rs. 1,872,435 had been made to the Galle Regional Electrical Engineer's Office for this purpose.
- l) The Galle Regional Electrical Engineer's Office had estimated Rs. 2,834,870 for temporarily obtaining electricity from LECO. Only Rs. 986,396 had been expended for that purpose, and since it was an over-estimate of 65 percent, it could not be ruled out in the audit that the paid total value of Rs. 16,788,385, comprising Rs. 7,058,783 for materials, Rs. 5,569,920 for labor, Rs. 300,000 for transport, Rs. 200,000 for other expenses, Rs. 656,435 for contingencies, and Rs. 3,003,207 for obtaining generators, which were paid based on the estimated value, has been overvalued.
- m) In the Parliamentary Election held 01 1/2 months after conducting the Presidential Election, payments of Rs. 4,014,911 had been made, as Rs. 3,677,450 for reusable materials and Rs. 337,461 for materials, and accordingly, the materials relevant to the value of Rs. 11,073,694 paid for materials during both elections had not been handed over to the Galle Election Office by the Galle Regional Electrical Engineer's Office. By taking actions to pay Rs. 3,660,000 again for materials for the Local Authorities Election, actions had not been taken with the objective of maximizing economy, efficiency, and effectiveness.
- n) According to the estimate submitted by the Galle Regional Electrical Engineer's Office for the Parliamentary Election, allocations of Rs. 4,014,911, Rs. 4,177,440, Rs. 300,000, Rs. 300,000, and Rs. 2,092,602 had been made for materials, labor wages, other expenses, transport costs, and the supply of generators respectively, and the exact estimated sum itself had been paid without identifying the relevant actual expenditure.
- o) A sum of Rs. 527,541 had been allocated for contingencies as 05 percent relevant to this electricity supply, and actions had been taken to pay the said sum of Rs. 527,541 without realistically identifying the contingent payments.
- p) The Galle Regional Electrical Engineer's Office had estimated Rs. 2,368,638 for temporarily obtaining electricity from LECO. Only Rs. 939,172 had been expended for that purpose, and since it was an overestimate of 60 percent, it could not be ruled out in the audit that the total paid value of Rs. 11,412,494, comprising the material cost, labor wages, transport cost and other expenses, contingencies, and the payment made for obtaining the generator included in the bill paid based on the estimated value, has been overvalued.
- q) According to the estimate of Rs. 25,811,315 submitted by the Katugastota Electrical Engineer's Office to obtain electricity connections for the Presidential Election in the Kandy District, 800 concrete nails had been indicated as Rs. 960,000 at the rate of Rs. 1,200 each. Due to the subsequent revision of a nail as Rs. 3, the original estimate had been over-estimated by Rs. 987,600. Accordingly, when the original estimate, recommended and submitted by a Regional Engineer of the Electricity Board, was approved by the Election Office, it had not been properly checked, recommended, and approved. Furthermore, the revised estimate of Rs. 24,631,887 had also not been

checked or recommended by the Ceylon Electricity Board, and it had not been approved by the Election Office either.

- r) While the exact estimated sum of Rs. 316,521 had been requested to be paid for electricity at counting centers, the Kandy Election Office had taken actions to make payments for the same without verifying the actual electricity consumption utilized therein.
- s) Although a sum of Rs. 427,423 had been allocated for contingencies in the estimate provided by the Electricity Board as 05 percent of the total estimate, actions had been taken to make payments without realistically identifying the contingent payments relevant to this electricity supply.
- t) A sum of Rs. 13,838,085 had been paid to the Ceylon Electricity Board for electricity temporarily obtained for the final election results issuing center, the vehicle parking center, the centers utilized for providing accommodation facilities for drivers, and the counting centers relevant to the Puttalam District, and although only the total expenditure had been presented under 05 items in the estimates, a detailed schedule regarding the expenditure had not been submitted. Furthermore, the cost of supplying temporary electricity for Andrew College, Puttalam had increased by 20 percent relative to the Presidential Election.
- u) The head office had incurred an expenditure of Rs. 432,182 to perform periodic servicing for 09 government vehicles utilized for election duties, and periodic servicing had also been performed by expending Rs. 1,860,743 for 34 vehicles belonging to the Colombo Municipal Election Office.
- v) The Gampaha District Election Commissioner's Office had issued fuel for vehicles during the Presidential Election held on 21 September 2024 as 915 liters of super diesel valued at Rs. 322,080 for 15 vehicles, and during the General Election held on 14 November 2024 as 970 liters of super fuel diesel valued at Rs. 313,610 for 17 vehicles. A formal approval obtained regarding the use of super fuel for vehicles was not submitted to the audit, and it was observed in the audit that the attention of the authorities should be directed towards minimizing the utilization of vehicles that use super fuel for election duties, in order to minimize the expenditures that the government has to incur regarding national elections.
- w) In the Parliamentary Election held on 14 November 2024, according to the stipulations mentioned in paragraph VIII of Circular No. PE/2024/35 issued on 17 October 2024 by the Commissioner General of Elections regarding the procurement of fuel through fuel orders, the fuel orders for 560 liters of fuel obtained for 14 vehicles relevant to the period from 02 November 2024 to 16 November 2024 in the fuel register maintained by the Gampaha District Election Commissioner's Office regarding the issuance of fuel had not been signed by staff officers. Relevant to the period from 05 October 2024 to 21 November 2024, the drivers in charge of the vehicles had not signed to acknowledge the receipt of fuel regarding 4,480 liters of fuel obtained by drivers for 116 vehicles. Accordingly, it could not be verified in the audit whether the 5,040 liters of fuel obtained by the drivers contrary to the stipulations of the circular had been realistically utilized for the vehicles used for election duties.

- x) Although the signature of the driver who received the fuel order should be obtained in the fuel order issuance register which must be maintained in terms of the circulars relevant to the issuance of fuel orders, fuel orders for 918 liters had been issued in the fuel issuance register maintained for election activities within the Kurunegala District Election Office without the signatures of the drivers.
- y) According to Election Circular No. PE/2024/39 dated 17 October 2024, in the inspection regarding the utilization of Sri Lanka Transport Board buses for transporting polling station staff, ballot boxes, and other materials, the minimum charge per day for normal buses with more than 40 seats is indicated as Rs. 30,000, the maximum kilometers that can be driven under the minimum fare as 100 km, and the maximum time that can be granted as 12 hours. In the sample inspection carried out regarding the Galle Election Office, the utilization of buses belonging to the Galle Depot had not been performed cost-effectively, and accordingly, payments had been made for quantities between 32 km and 75 km amounting to Rs. 1,140,000, which is 57.9 percent, even though they had not been driven.
- z) A sum of Rs. 8,983,235 had been expended to obtain 256 vehicles on a rental basis for the Presidential Election held on 21 September 2024 relevant to the Ratnapura District. Regarding this, the following matters were observed:
 - i. Although the Senior Presiding Officer or the traveled officer should have signed on the signature column of the running chart submitted with the payment voucher, in front of the traveled places and distances along with the dates, and arrival and departure times, payments had been made for 39 vouchers totaling Rs. 1,267,880 without being so.
 - ii. In the running charts submitted with the vouchers, instances where the odometer reading upon arrival of the relevant vehicle at the transport center and the odometer reading upon release were not correctly stated, and instances where no odometer numbers were stated at all, were observed.
 - iii. In terms of Circular No. PRE/2024/40 dated 18 August 2024, although rented vehicles should not be utilized for other requirements such as welfare activities, payments of Rs. 288,290 had been made for 93 instances that did not comply with it.
 - iv. In the inspection of the distances calculated from the Ratnapura District Election Office to the polling stations and the distances stated in the running charts of the rented vehicles, an overpayment of Rs. 849,850 had been made for distances exceeding the prescribed distance (to and fro).
- aa) A sum of Rs. 1,108,000 had been paid for purchasing 5,540 instant noodle cups at the rate of Rs. 200 per cup for the staff engaged in duties of the Presidential Election in the Kalutara District, and in relation to the Parliamentary General Election, a sum of Rs. 1,107,050 had been paid to a Prima marketing agent for purchasing 6,326 noodle cups of the same size at the rate of Rs. 175 per cup.
 - i. Although it had been stated in the quotation register that prices had been invited from 04 suppliers including the Prima Company to purchase the required instant noodles for the Presidential Election, the name of one of those suppliers had been included in the register subsequently. Herein, although prices had been invited

- from the Prima Company, prices had not been received, and prices had been received only from a Prima marketing agent and one other supplier.
- ii. Between those two suppliers, the procurement committee had decided, on the recommendation of the technical committee, to purchase an instantly cooked 180g noodle cup from a Prima agent under a price of Rs. 200. Although 5,540 noodle cups had been purchased based on that decision, it had been stated when inviting prices that a quantity of 500 or more may be required at one time. Accordingly, due to not inviting prices by accurately identifying the gross requirement, the economic benefits that could have been entitled when purchasing a quantity more than ten times greater than the quantity stated when inviting prices had been disregarded.
 - iii. According to this, when suppliers submitted prices, they had submitted prices indicating the unit price that can be supplied for 500 units as Rs. 200, and it had been obtained at the exact same price even when purchasing a quantity greater than 5,000 units.
- bb) A sum of Rs. 1,301,000 had been paid for purchasing drinking water bottles for the Presidential Election, and a sum of Rs. 1,284,750 had been paid for the Parliamentary Election. Out of 30,000 water bottles of 500 ml size purchased for the Presidential Election, 5,700 water bottles, and out of 3,020 water bottles of 1 liter size, 300 bottles remained at the end of election activities without being taken for consumption. However, a quantity of 30,000 water bottles of 500 ml size had been purchased again for the Parliamentary Election as well, and when compared with the number of officers deployed for election duties, this was observed as an unusual situation.
- cc) In terms of paragraph 4 of Circular No. PE/2024/15 of the Election Commission regarding the incurring of welfare expenses for the 2024 Presidential Election and Parliamentary Election, instructions had been granted that action should be taken to file and maintain quantitative data and relevant information related to welfare activities in writing, as the incurring of entertainment expenses is frequently subjected to audit queries. Nevertheless, due to not properly filing and maintaining the said information, the Kalutara District Election Office had failed to submit the complete information to the audit regarding the food meals that should be provided as welfare, in terms of the information calling letter formats (XVII) relevant to the financial and performance audit conducted in connection with the Presidential Election held in the year 2024.
- dd) It had been stated in the Welfare Committee Performance Report that due to the curfew conditions imposed island-wide on 22 September 2024, breakfast and lunch had to be mandatory provided, and therefore, the supply of breakfast and lunch was entrusted to several food supply establishments with the assistance of the Public Health Inspectors attached to the committee. However, on that day, only 1,650 breakfast packets had been purchased, and the fact that 3,485 food packets, which is more than double the breakfast quantity, had been purchased for lunch on that day became a matter of contention in the audit.
- ee) Furthermore, it was revealed according to the files that approximately 1,990 officers only had been deployed for the duties of counting the second preference on that day, comprising 1,375 officers who held the post of Senior Presiding Officer and above, and

615 officers who performed committee duties. In such a situation, since payments had been made for 3,485 food packets, an overpayment of a sum of Rs. 373,750 had to be made for 1,495 food packets.

- ff) A sum of Rs. 1,815,000 had been paid to 08 suppliers for purchasing 7,250 breakfast packets on the day after the polling day of the General Election. The counting staff for the breakfast meal on the day after the polling day had been estimated as 5,375. However, in the previously held Presidential Election, appointments had been granted only for a total counting staff of 3,164, and while the staff to whom food should be supplied during the General Election could have been estimated based on the Presidential Election, the fact that it had been estimated by 2,211 more than that became a matter of contention in the audit.
- gg) Since the counting staff had been thus estimated as 5,375 and the other staff as 1,886, the breakfast quantity that should be provided on the day after the polling day had been estimated as 7,261, and accordingly, it was observed that 7,250 food packets had been purchased. However, according to the information submitted to the audit, the total staff realistically deployed on that day was only 4,794, and accordingly, an overpayment of an approximate sum of Rs. 616,750 had been made for 2,467 breakfast packets.
- hh) Actions had been taken to purchase a value of Rs. 548,330 from a private company for the supply of biscuits for the staff engaged in the polling duties of the Presidential Election relevant to the Kandy District, and actions had been taken to distribute the said biscuits to the election staff on 22 September 2024 in 03 instances. Accordingly, in the inspection of the quantity purchased and the distribution carried out, a variance of a quantity of 3,252 biscuit packets valued at Rs. 48,370 was observed.
- ii) Although fruit juice, butter cake, and fish patties had been provided for 7,319 persons for the two days of 20 September and 22 September 2024 for the officers engaged in the counting duties of the Presidential Election, in the inspection of the payments made for fruit juice, payments had been made only for 5,850 fruit juices. It was observed that the information submitted regarding the quantities of 1,469 fruit juice packets between the quantity provided according to the documents and the quantity realistically paid for was not accurate.
- jj) In comparison with the procured prices relevant to the Puttalam District, although the total expenditure incurred for the food pack was Rs. 2,742,780, the total expenditure incurred for the food pack according to Table 05 (XVII) of the information provided by the District Election Office through letter No. PUT/EO/ADM/03/22 dated 14 March 2025 had been Rs. 4,037,960, whereby an excess expenditure of Rs. 1,295,180 was observed.
- kk) Although it had been recommended according to the procurement decision that a quantity up to 1,000 packets should be purchased, 2,900 food packets had been purchased contrary to that.
- ll) Relevant to the Galle District, for the hall partitioning works in the Presidential Election and Parliamentary Election held within the year 2024, a sum of Rs. 1,215,805 had been paid to the 96F Kandewatta Rural Development Society for the Presidential Election, and a sum of Rs. 1,625,545 had been paid to the 96B Galwadugoda Rural Development Society for the Parliamentary Election, and for the preparation of halls in the

Presidential Election, sums of Rs. 495,000 and Rs. 858,000 had been paid to the said societies respectively. In the Parliamentary Election held 01 month and 23 days after conducting the 2024 Presidential Election, overpayments had been made for the hall partitioning works utilized for vote counting activities in the Parliamentary Election relative to the Presidential Election as Rs. 793,580 for 04 items of work, and Rs. 183,150 for the preparation of tables and chairs in the halls and other halls.

- mm) Contracts worth Rs. 7,135,020 had been awarded to 3 Community Development Societies for the repair works of 03 leading schools in Colombo utilized for the polling activities of the Presidential Election relevant to the Colombo District. Although a request regarding the requirement to carry out the relevant repairs in these schools had not been submitted by the officers-in-charge of the relevant halls or any other relevant officer, the basis on which the estimates for the constructions / repairs in these three schools were prepared by the Technical Assistant Officer was not observed in the audit.
- nn) According to paragraph 2.1 of Public Finance Circular No. 01/2021 dated 29 September 2021, although awarding of work contracts to a suitable community-based organization can be recommended after reviewing the suitability by a three-member committee consisting of the Head of the Department and two representatives nominated by the Divisional Secretary of the area, the contracts had been awarded at the request of the community organization without appointing such a committee and without an inspection regarding suitability.
- oo) The dates on which the contract was completed were not recorded in the documents, and the relevant community organizations had notified the completion of the contract through an undated letter. Due to this, the completion of the contract within the stipulated time period could not be verified in the audit. A sum of Rs. 7,135,020 had been paid in cash to the relevant Community Development Societies without obtaining confirmation from the officers-in-charge of the halls that the repairs in all three schools had been properly executed. Although the Technical Assistant Officer had signed the bills relevant to the work done report, it had not been certified that the said tasks had been properly executed.
- pp) Estimates had been prepared indicating that an expenditure of a sum of Rs. 650,031, excluding VAT, would be incurred for repairing 24 items to utilize the Thimbrigasyaya Vidyathilaka Vidyalaya for election activities, and it was verified by the bills submitted for payment that only the works of 16 items amounting to Rs. 438,340 of that had been carried out. Accordingly, the contractor had defaulted on executing 08 planned items. Furthermore, the Ward Place Community Development Society which was awarded this contract had additionally carried out 22 extra work items valued at Rs. 107,780 in this school, and payments had been made for the extra works without a request for the same and also without prior approval.
- qq) Estimates had been prepared to carry out repair works of 67 items in 13 buildings and locations to utilize the Royal College, Colombo for election activities, and out of these 67 items, the contractor had not carried out the repair works of 15 items amounting to Rs. 436,657, and reasons for the same had also not been submitted. Due to executing more than the estimated quantity for 17 items out of the 67 items in the contract, an excess expenditure of Rs. 585,022 had been incurred, and although repair works of 3

items had been carried out less than the estimated quantity, reasons for the same had not been submitted.

- rr) A sum of Rs. 2,388,749 had been paid to a Community Development Society for repairs, as Rs. 1,300,638 for sanitary and other essential repairs to utilize D.S. Senanayake College, Colombo 07 for election activities, and Rs. 1,088,111 for temporary partitioning and tarring of the entrance to the primary section. Out of the 3 estimated items for temporary partitioning, the quantities of 2 had been reduced, and the quantity of one item had been increased. An additional sum of Rs. 55,914 had also been spent for fitting door locks and hinges that were not mentioned in the estimate.
- ss) Although an agreement had been entered into to carry out repair works of 85 items in 17 buildings and associated areas for sanitary and other essential repairs, the execution of repair works of 31 items amounting to Rs. 680,092 had been defaulted. In 18 items of the estimate prepared by the Technical Assistant Officer, the estimated quantities had been increased, and the quantities of 16 items had been repaired less than the estimate. The reasons for thus increasing or decreasing the quantities were not clear. Out of the 17 buildings and areas where repair works were carried out, extra repairs of 94 items amounting to Rs. 898,345 had been carried out for 12 buildings and areas.
- tt) The estimated amount for this contract was Rs. 2,250,189 excluding VAT, and the contractor had not executed 31 items out of the 85 items and the quantities of 34 items had been changed. Furthermore, 94 extra items had been carried out and the amount paid for the contract was Rs. 1,867,316. It was an amount less than the original estimate, and accordingly, it was observed that the preparation of these estimates had not been properly carried out.

4.2 Asset Management

- a) According to the boards of survey reports of the year under review, actions had not been taken to proceed with regard to deficiencies of 46 inventory items and surpluses of 21 inventory items.
- b) In terms of Public Financial Regulation 756(6), although the goods mentioned in the General 47 report of the board of survey conducted in the year under review should have been appropriately dealt with before 30 April 2026, it had not been so done even by 11 May 2026.
- c) The backup electricity generator and fuel tank valued at Rs. 6,289,650, which had been purchased and installed on 15 August 2023, had remained idle without being put into any use from the date of its installation until the end of the year under review.
- d) Although 1,371 printed tape rolls, which were issued by the Kandy Election Office for utilization for the elections held during the preceding period but remained unused, were observed, the stock relevant to that had been shown as zero in the book ledger balance.

4.3 Management Inefficiencies

- a) According to Circular No. MOT/DEV/POLICY/CYBERSEC dated 02 May 2023 issued by the Ministry of Technology, the Commission had not assigned information and cyber security responsibilities in writing to the Information Security Officer, and the responsibilities regarding information and cyber security audit had not been assigned to the Chief Internal Auditor.
- b) A committee had not been established for making decisions on cyber security, and a risk management committee had not been established for making decisions regarding cyber security risks, and information assets had not been documented in a register. Whereby, the said assets had not been classified based on criticality and ownerships had not been identified.

5. Human Resource Management

5.1 Approved Cadre and Actual Cadre

As of 31 December 2025, the total number of vacancies in the Commission was 107, which is 13 percent of the approved staff. Within this number of vacancies, there were 10 senior-level vacancies, 05 tertiary-level vacancies, 49 secondary-level vacancies, and 43 primary-level vacancies. It was observed in the audit that this situation is likely to affect the performance of the Commission.

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K.K.S. Jayakody
Deputy Auditor General
For Auditor General

Chapter 4 - Performance Indicators

Performance indicators of the Institute (Based on the Action Plan)

Specific Indicators	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	%90-%100	%89-%75	%74-%50
	95%		

Chapter 05 - Performance in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Goal No.	Goals & Objectives	Target	Time frame	Indicators of the achievement	Progress/ Present status
.05 To bring about gender equality and empower all women and girls.	.5.1 To achieve women's representation at the national/ legislature level	.5.1.1 Amendments to relevant legislations	- 2021 2025	To ensure that the women Representation remains at 25%	Submitting the relevant proposals to the Parliamentary Select Committee for revising election laws
	.5.5 To provide equal opportunities and leadership to women in decision making in political, economic, and general life matters and to ensure their effective participation	.5.5.1 A. To increase the women representation in executive bodies of political parties	- 2021 2025		Proposals have been submitted to the Parliamentary Select Committee
		5.5.2. To increase the number of female officers serving in executive grade posts in the Commission	- 2021 2025	-	Action has been taken.
.10 To mitigate inequality in and among countries	.10.2 Empowering and improving the social, economic, and political inclusion of all by 2030 irrespective of their gender, age, ethnicity, disability, religion, nationality or economic or other status.	Put in place an all- inclusive electoral system	- 2021 2025	Preparation of an electoral register inclusive of all eligible citizens	Action has been taken.
.16 Creation of a peaceful and whole some society for sustainable development, providing all with opportunities for justice and establishment of responsible, effective at institutional level	.16.7 Ensuring an all-inclusive, participatory, representative decision-making process at all levels	16.7.2 The size of the population who are confident that they will be included in the decision-making process based on gender, age, disability, and ethnicity and their ideas will be responded to.	- 2021 2025	Formulation of the Action Plan of the Election Commission with the participation of all stakeholders	Action has been taken.

17. Revitalizing the global partnership for sustainable development.	17.8 Fully operationalize the technology bank and science, technology and innovation capacity-building mechanism for least developed countries by 2017 and enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology.	Use of modern technology for election process.	- 2021 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To register in the electoral register. - To develop data system of all public officers who contribute towards the election process. - To assign election duties accordingly. - To establish a call center to address the issue that come up in the preparation of electoral rolls 	Action has been taken.
	17.16 Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries, in particular developing countries	Development of a data system inclusive of all stakeholders	- 2021 2025	- Conducting awareness programs on election laws for officials, security personnel and general public	Acting in relation to each year relating to the year of operation

5.1. Sustainable Development Goals Identified

Objectives/Targets	Targets	Success Indicators	% of achieving success until now		
			0%-49%	50%-74%	75%-100
See Chapter 05	-				80%

Chapter 6 - Human Resources Profile

6.1. Cadre Management

	Approved cadre	Current cadre	Vacancies/(Surplus)**
Senior	56	46	10
Tertiary	21	16	05
Secondary	524	475	49
Primary	209	166	43

The entire staff of the Election Commission consists of the following list of position-holding officers. Apart from the five members including the Chairman of the Election Commission, there is a Secretary for the Commission. In addition, the staff of the Election Commission includes the Commissioner General of Elections, officers of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service (SLAS), Sri Lanka Accountants' Service (SLAcS), Legal Officers, officers of the Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Service (SLICTS), Sri Lanka Planning Service (SLPS), Translators' Service, Supra Grade officers of the Management Service Officers' Service, non-staff personnel including Management Service Officers, officers of the Development Officers' Service, Information Technology Assistants, Document Assistants, Office Employees, and Drivers. Accordingly, the composition of the total staff of the Election Commission as of 31.12.2025 is as follows.

Designation	Current cadre
Staff Officers (Including other staff officers except for the Chairman and Members of the Election Commission)	62
Public Management Service Officers	380
Development Officers	56
Technical Officer (Civil)	-
Information Technology Assistants	10
Document Assistants	27
Receptionist	01
Office Employees	122
Drivers	44
Vehicle Cleaner	-

6.2. Establishment Matters of Staff Officers of the Commission

Establishment matters pertaining to Staff officers of the Commission during the period under review are as follows.

6.2.1. New Appointments

The following appointments were made by the Election Commission from 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2025 to fill vacancies in staff officer positions and vacancies arising from transfers:

❖ The vacant post of Assistant Commissioner of Elections at the Matara District Election Office:

Mr. P.S. Pathirana, a Class II officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service who was transferred to this Commission by letter No. 75/10/5808 dated 06.01.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, was attached to the Election Commission with effect from 07.01.2025 and was appointed as the Matara District Assistant Commissioner of Elections with effect from 09.01.2025.

❖ The vacant post of Assistant Commissioner of Elections at the Polonnaruwa District Election Office:

Ms. Manoji T. Gurusinghe, a Class III officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service who was transferred by letter No. SLAS/240715/6689 dated 28.01.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, was appointed as the Polonnaruwa District Assistant Commissioner of Elections with effect from 14.02.2025.

❖ The vacant post of Administrative Officer at the Kandy District Election Office:

Mr. W.M. Ananda Wanasinghe, a Supra Grade officer of the Management Service Officers' Service who was transferred by letter No. PA/MAS/SU/39830 dated 10.02.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, was appointed as the Administrative Officer of the Kandy District Election Office with effect from 17.02.2025.

❖ The vacant post of Assistant Commissioner of Elections at the Trincomalee District Election Office:

Mr. S.K. Devaneranjan, a Class III officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service who was transferred by letter No. SLAS/240715/6712 dated 13.02.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, was appointed as the Trincomalee District Assistant Commissioner of Elections with effect from 27.02.2025.

❖ **The vacant post of Assistant Commissioner of Elections at the Mullaitivu District Election Office:**

Ms. S. Sinthuja, a Class III officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service who was transferred by letter No. SLAS/240715/6707 dated 17.02.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, was appointed as the Mullaitivu District Assistant Commissioner of Elections with effect from 12.03.2025.

❖ **The vacant post of Director (Information Technology) of the Election Commission:**

Ms. H.H.D.A.W. Damayanthi, a Class I officer of the Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Service who was transferred by letter No. CS/ICTS/02/0014 dated 26.03.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, was appointed as Director - Acting (Information Technology) with effect from 07.04.2025.

❖ **The vacant post of Legal Officer of the Election Commission:**

Ms. H.M.S.L. Pilapitiya was appointed as a Legal Officer of the Election Commission for the post of Legal Officer Class III of the Executive Service Category of the Election Commission with effect from 02.06.2025.

❖ **The vacant post of Administrative Officer at the Head Office of the Election Commission:**

Ms. Mirani Athapaththu Liyanage, a Supra Grade officer of the Management Service Officers' Service who was transferred by letter No. PA/MAS/SU/54651 dated 19.06.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, was appointed as the Administrative Officer of the Head Office with effect from 01.07.2025.

• **The vacant post of Assistant Commissioner of Elections (Admin) of the Election Commission:**

Mr. B.M.I.S.L. Bandara, a Class II officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service who was transferred by letter No. 75/10/5911 dated 08.10.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, was appointed as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections (Admin) of the Election Commission with effect from 10.10.2025.

- **The vacant post of Commissioner General of Elections of the Election Commission:**

In accordance with the powers vested in the Election Commission under Article 104E of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Mr. H.R.P. Peiris was appointed to the post of "Commissioner General of Elections" by letter No. EC/01/06 dated 14.10.2025 of the Chairman of the Election Commission, with effect from 14.11.2025.

6.2.2. Releases

The following staff officers who were serving in the Election Commission were released from the service of the Election Commission:

- ❖ As per letter No. 75/10/5823 dated 02.05.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, Assistant Commissioner of Elections Mr. J. Jenitan was released from the Election Commission following the end of service on 20.05.2025 due to a transfer.
- ❖ As per letter No. 75/10/5587 dated 20.08.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, Badulla District Assistant Commissioner of Elections Mr. K. Kandeepan was released from the Election Commission following the end of service on 29.08.2025 due to his appointment to Class I of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service.
- ❖ As per letter No. 75/10/6032 dated 20.08.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, Batticaloa District Assistant Commissioner of Elections Mr. M.B. Mohamed Sufyan was released from the Election Commission following the end of service on 04.09.2025 due to a transfer.
- ❖ As per letter No. 75/10/5745 dated 29.10.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, Vavuniya District Assistant Commissioner of Elections Mr. R.C. Amalraj was released from the Election Commission following the end of service on 11.11.2025 due to a transfer.
- ❖ As per letter No. 75/10/5075 dated 03.11.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, Ratnapura District Deputy Commissioner of Elections Mr. Suranga Ambaghatenne was released from the Election Commission following the end of service on 11.11.2025 due to a transfer.

- ❖ As per letter No. PA/MAS/SU/34947 dated 21.01.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, Ms. D.L.S. Deepika, a Supra Grade officer of the Management Service Officers' Service whose retirement was approved with effect from 29.03.2025 under Section 17 of the Minutes on Pensions upon reaching 60 years of age, was retired from the service of the Election Commission.
- ❖ As per letter No. 75/10/3612 dated 13.08.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, Mr. M.K.S.S. Ratnayake, a Special Grade officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service whose retirement was approved with effect from 14.11.2025 under Sections 02 and 17 of the Minutes on Pensions upon reaching 60 years of age, was retired from the service of the Election Commission.

6.2.3. Internal Transfers

- Mr. M.M.S.K. Bandara Mapa, who was serving as an Additional Commissioner of Elections of the Election Commission, was transferred as the Additional Commissioner of Elections of the Local Authorities Division of the Election Commission with effect from 06.01.2025.
- Mr. R.M.S.P. Ratnayake, an Information and Communication Technology Officer of the Election Commission, was attached full time to the Badulla District Election Office for duties with effect from 20.01.2025.
- Ms. H.L.T. Saranga, an Information and Communication Technology Officer of the Election Commission, was attached full time to the Galle District Election Office for duties with effect from 20.01.2025.
- Mr. P. Ragunathan, who was serving as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections (Admin) of the Election Commission, was transferred as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections of the Colombo District Election Office with effect from 06.02.2025 and as the Deputy Commissioner of Elections of the Colombo District Election Office on a full time basis with effect from 06.03.2025.
- Ms. A.D.P.N. Atigala, who was serving as the Deputy Commissioner of Elections (Election Dispute Resolution) of the Election Commission, was transferred as the Deputy Commissioner of Elections of the Colombo City Election Office with effect from 13.02.2025.
- Mr. R. Saseelan, who was serving as the Trincomalee District Assistant Commissioner of Elections of the Election Commission, was attached full time to the Jaffna Election Office as an Assistant Commissioner of Elections with effect from 24.02.2025.
- Mr. V. Sivaraja, who was serving as the Mannar District Assistant Commissioner of Elections of the Election Commission, was attached full time to the Kilinochchi Election Office as an Assistant Commissioner of Elections with effect from 24.02.2025.

- Mr. R.C. Amalraj, who was serving as the Jaffna District Assistant Commissioner of Elections of the Election Commission, was attached full time to the Vavuniya Election Office as an Assistant Commissioner of Elections with effect from 25.02.2025.
- Mr. K. Mugunthan, who was serving as the Anuradhapura District Assistant Commissioner of Elections of the Election Commission, was attached full time to the Mannar Election Office as an Assistant Commissioner of Elections with effect from 06.03.2025.
- Mr. N.P.P.I.R. Gunaratne, who was serving as the Polonnaruwa District Assistant Commissioner of Elections of the Election Commission, was attached full time to the Anuradhapura Election Office as an Assistant Commissioner of Elections with effect from 10.03.2025.
- Mr. N. Regan, who was serving as the Monaragala District Assistant Commissioner of Elections of the Election Commission, was attached full time to the Batticaloa Election Office as an Assistant Commissioner of Elections with effect from 04.09.2025.
- Mr. M.M.S.K. Bandara Mapa, who was serving as an Additional Commissioner of Elections of the Election Commission, was transferred as the Additional Commissioner of Elections of the National Elections Division of the Election Commission with effect from 25.11.2025.

6.2.4. Appointments Made for Acting and Covering of Duties

- ❖ Mr. R.C. Amalraj, Vavuniya District Assistant Commissioner of Elections, was appointed to act in the vacancy at the Mullaitivu District Election Office with effect from 28.02.2025, until a suitable officer is appointed.
- ❖ Mr. V. Sivaraja, Kilinochchi District Assistant Commissioner of Elections, was appointed to act in the vacancy at the Mannar District Election Office with effect from 28.02.2025, until a suitable officer is appointed.
- ❖ As the Commissioner General of Elections, Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake, was traveling abroad with effect from 09.05.2025, Mr. H.R.P. Peiris, Additional Commissioner of Elections (National Elections), was appointed to cover the duties of the post of Commissioner General of Elections during that period.
- ❖ As Ms. A.D.P.N. Atigala, Colombo City Deputy Commissioner of Elections, had taken medical leave, Mr. P. Rangunathan, Deputy Commissioner of Elections (Colombo District), was appointed to cover the duties with effect from 28.07.2025.
- ❖ As Mr. K. Kandeepan, Badulla District Assistant Commissioner of Elections, had received a transfer, Mr. K.A.L.S. Kalugampitiya, Nuwara Eliya District Assistant Commissioner of Elections, was appointed to act in the vacancy at the Badulla District Election Office with effect from 02.09.2025, until a suitable officer is appointed.
- ❖ As Mr. N. Regan, Monaragala District Assistant Commissioner of Elections, had received an internal transfer, Mr. V.D.J. Lakmal, Hambantota District Assistant Commissioner of Elections, was appointed to act in the vacancy at the Monaragala District Election Office with effect from 04.09.2025, until a suitable officer is appointed.

- ❖ As the Commissioner General of Elections, Mr. Saman Sri Ratnayake, was traveling abroad from 30.09.2025 to 05.10.2025 to participate in the 21st International Electoral Awards Ceremony and Research Session, Mr. H.R.P. Peiris, Additional Commissioner of Elections (National Elections), was appointed to act in the post of Commissioner General of Elections.
- ❖ As Mr. P. Rangunathan, Deputy Commissioner of Elections (Colombo District), was traveling abroad from 22.10.2025 to 04.12.2024 to participate in a training program held in India, Ms. A.D.P.N. Atigala, Colombo City Deputy Commissioner of Elections, was appointed to cover the duties.
- ❖ As Mr. Suranga Ambagahatenne, Ratnapura District Deputy Commissioner of Elections, had received a transfer, Mr. K.H.M.S.P. Kasthurisinghe, Assistant Commissioner of Elections, was appointed to act in the vacancy at the Ratnapura District Election Office with effect from 11.11.2025, until a suitable officer is appointed.
- ❖ As Mr. R.C. Amalraj, Vavuniya District Assistant Commissioner of Elections, had received a transfer, Mr. K. Mugundan, Assistant Commissioner of Elections, was appointed to act in the vacancy at the Vavuniya District Election Office with effect from 12.11.2025, until a suitable officer is appointed.
- ❖ According to the decision made at the 117th meeting of the Election Commission held on 17.11.2025, Mr. B.P.C. Kularatne, Additional Commissioner of Elections, was appointed to act in/cover the duties of the post of Commissioner General of Elections whenever the Commissioner General of Elections is on official or personal leave.
- ❖ Mr. J.A.S.P. Jayasinghe, Deputy Commissioner of Elections (Admin), was appointed to act in the vacancy of the post of Additional Commissioner of Elections (Local Authorities) with effect from 25.11.2025, until a suitable officer is appointed.

6.2.5 Promotions

- ❖ Since Mr. P. Rangunathan was promoted to Class I of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service with effect from 03.12.2025 by letter No. 75/10/5592 dated 24.02.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, he was appointed to the post of Colombo District Deputy Commissioner of Elections from that date.
- ❖ Since Mr. R. Saseelan was promoted to Class I of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service with effect from 03.12.2024 by letter No. 75/10/5617 dated 11.04.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, he was appointed to the post of Deputy Commissioner of Elections of the Election Commission with effect from that date.
- ❖ Since Mr. S. Achchuthan was promoted to the Special Grade of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service by letter No. 76/1/15/Special XXII Vol - I dated 06.06.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, he was appointed to the post of Additional Commissioner of Elections of the Election Commission with effect from 01.01.2025.

- ❖ Amending the date of promotion of Mr. K. Kandeepan to Class II of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service as 26.02.2019 by letter No. PSC/PRO/6/1190/2024 dated 24.06.2025 of the Secretary to the Public Service Commission.
- ❖ Mr. K. Kandeepan was promoted to Class I of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service by the Public Service Commission with effect from 03.12.2024, in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Minute of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service and its amended provisions, by letter No. 75/10/5587 dated 17.07.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government.
- ❖ Ms. Y.D. Gamage was promoted to Class II of the Sri Lanka Accountants' Service with effect from 05.02.2025, in accordance with Section 10.1.1 of the Minute of the Sri Lanka Accountants' Service and its amended provisions, by letter No. MPubAd/AcSD/3291 dated 08.10.2025 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government.

6.3. Activities of the Administration Branch

6.3.1 Administration Division

6.3.1.1 Construction and Repairs

Object Code - 2001

Repairs and renovations were carried out including the modernization of the official room of the Additional Commissioner of Elections (Admin) at the Elections Secretariat, repairs to the dining room located on the second floor of the North Terminal building and other emergency repairs, repairing the sewage system of the Elections Secretariat, partitioning on the ground floor, restoring the fire protection system of the Elections Secretariat and the installation of a new water pump station related to it, repairing the staff officer accommodation room located on the ground floor of the North Terminal building, repairing the official rooms of the Members of the Election Commission, relocating the Administrative Officer's room, installing mesh covers for the buildings housing the generators, preparing a location to provide facilities for the disabled community visiting the Elections Secretariat, and constructing a security fence around the land belonging to the Election Commission located at Rajamalwatta, Battaramulla.

Furthermore, building repairs were conducted at the Colombo (City), Gampaha, Nuwara Eliya, Galle, Matara, Vavuniya, Mannar, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Kurunegala, Puttalam, and Kegalle District Election Offices. Repairs were also carried out at the official quarters of the Deputy Commissioners of Elections in Kalutara and Kandy, as well as the official quarters belonging to the Election Commission in Nuwara Eliya, Matara, Batticaloa, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, and Monaragala districts. Additionally, emergency repairs were performed at the circuit bungalows in Nuwara Eliya and Trincomalee.

Object Code - 2104

Construction work on the second phase of the four-story Jaffna District Election Office building has been completed. The third phase of activities is currently underway, and the Jaffna District Election Office has been established on the ground floor and the first floor of the said new building.

6.3.1.2 Local Training

Action was taken to conduct a training session on Board of Survey in Sinhala on January 08, 2025, at the National Institute of Plantation Management in Athurugiriya, with the participation of 43 officers of the Election Commission.

Action was taken to conduct a training session on Board of Survey in Tamil on January 18, 2025, at the Vavuniya District Secretariat, with the participation of officers of the Election Commission.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 06 Management Service Officers and Development Officers in a training workshop on Filing Systems held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on February 14, 2025.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of two Management Service Officers in a training workshop on Store Management held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on February 20, 2025.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 04 Management Service Officers, who handle the subject of procurement at the Elections Secretariat and District Election Offices, in a training workshop on investigations under F.R. 104 regarding losses and damages, held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on February 28, 2025.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 09 Management Service Officers and Development Officers from the Elections Secretariat and the Ampara, Hambantota, and Matale District Election Offices in a two-day training workshop on Office Management and Financial Regulations held on May 28 and 29, 2025, at the National Institute of Labour Studies.

Four Management Service and Development Officers from the Elections Secretariat and the Ampara, Hambantota, and Matale District Election Offices participated in a training workshop on Salary Preparation for Public Officers held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on June 04, 2025.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 05 Management Service Officers from the Ampara, Matale, Polonnaruwa, and Ratnapura District Election Offices in a training workshop on Store Management held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on June 04, 2025.

Eight Management Service Officers, Development Officers, and Document Assistants from the Ampara, Hambantota, Matale, Batticaloa, Ratnapura, and Kegalle District Election Offices participated in a two day training workshop on Office Systems held on June 13 and 14, 2025, at the National Institute of Labour Studies.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 06 Management Service and Development Officers from the Elections Secretariat and the Matale District Election Office in a program on investigations under F.R. 104 regarding losses and damages, held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on June 19, 2025.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 04 drivers from the Kalutara (01), Vavuniya (01), Polonnaruwa (01), and Matale (01) District Election Offices in a training on vehicle maintenance held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on June 12, 2025.

Two officers from the Elections Secretariat participated in a workshop on the preparation of Advance "B" Accounts of public officers held at the Skills Development Fund Limited (SDFL) on June 19, 2025.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 04 officers from the Elections Secretariat in a workshop on letter writing in English medium held at the Metropolitan Campus, KDU, on August 11, 2025.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 12 Management Service Officers from the Elections Secretariat and the Kalutara, Kurunegala, Ratnapura, Nuwara Eliya, Vavuniya, Polonnaruwa, and Kegalle District Election Offices in a two-day workshop on Office Management and Financial Regulations held on June 14 and 15, 2025, at the National Institute of Labour Studies.

Four officers of the Election Commission participated in a basic workshop on the maintenance of personal files held at the Distance Learning Centre on September 10, 2025.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 05 Office Employees and 02 drivers of the Election Commission in a basic workshop on enhancing the attitudes and professional knowledge of office assistants and drivers, held at the Distance Learning Centre on September 02, 2025.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 02 officers from the Election Commission and 02 officers from the Kalutara and Kegalle District Election Offices in a workshop on investigations under F.R. 104 regarding losses and damages, held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on August 29, 2025.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 13 officers from the Election Commission and the Kalutara, Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Kurunegala, Ratnapura, and Polonnaruwa District Election Offices in a workshop on Office Systems held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on August 21, 2025.

Action has been taken to facilitate the participation of 04 officers of the Election Commission in the 200 hour second language (Tamil) training program conducted by the Department of Official Languages.

Action has been taken to facilitate the participation of 02 officers of the Election Commission in the 150-hour second language (Tamil) training program.

A one day training program on investigations under F.R. 135 and matters related to vouchers was held at the Election Commission with the participation of 25 Chief Management Service Officers from all districts.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of the Administrative Officer of the Election Commission in a basic workshop on salary provisions of public officers held at the Distance Learning Centre on July 29, 2025.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 02 officers in the Researcher Development Program conducted by the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA).

Three officers of the Election Commission participated in the Introduction Workshop on the Electronic Procurement Monitoring System conducted by the National Procurement Commission.

In accordance with the Strategic Plan, a training program on the revision of the electoral register was held at the Election Commission on September 09, 2025, with the participation of 56 officers of the Election Commission.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 02 officers in a workshop on capacity development for Administrative Officers held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on the three days of September 16, 23, and 30, 2025.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of one officer in a workshop on the procurement process and its practical application held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on the three days of September 17, 26, and October 01, 2025.

In accordance with the Strategic Plan, a training program on the revision of the electoral register was held on September 26, 2025, at the Inservice Training Institute in Bindunuwewa, Badulla, with the participation of 13 officers from the District Election Offices of the Election Commission.

In accordance with the Strategic Plan, a training program on the revision of the electoral register was held on October 13, 2025, at the Anuradhapura District Secretariat with the participation of 20 officers from the District Election Offices of the Election Commission.

In accordance with the Strategic Plan, a training program on the revision of the electoral register was held on October 14, 2025, at the Vavuniya District Secretariat with the participation of 20 officers from the District Election Offices of the Election Commission.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 04 officers in charge of the subject of vehicles from the Colombo City, Gampaha, Galle, and Matara districts in a workshop on the maintenance of government vehicles held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on September 23, 2025.

Action was taken to facilitate the participation of 05 officers each from the Head Office and the Colombo District, Kandy, Trincomalee, and Monaragala District Election Offices in a workshop on Store Management held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on October 03, 2025.

Four officers from the Head Office, 01 from Colombo City, 02 from Kandy, 01 officer each from the Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Matara, and Kurunegala districts, and 02 officers from the Kurunegala district participated in a two-day workshop on Accounting Responsibilities and Practical Application held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on October 14 and 15, 2025.

Seven officers from the Colombo City, Kalutara, Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Galle, Badulla, and Monaragala District Election Offices were facilitated to participate in a two day workshop on Skill Development for Development Officers and Management Service Officers held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on October 15 and 16, 2025.

Arrangements were made to facilitate the participation of 05 officers from the Elections Secretariat in a training course on Salary Conversion held at the Open and Distance Learning Centre on October 16, 2025.

04 officers from the Gampaha, Matale, Matara, and Puttalam districts participated in a workshop on Preliminary Investigations held at the National Institute of Labour Studies on November 14, 2025.

A two-day basic orientation program regarding the activities of the Election Commission was held at the Election Commission on December 18 and 19, 2025, for 39 officers who joined the Election Commission through transfers and new appointments.

6.3.1.3 Training Conducted by the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)

- A discussion on the lessons learned from the 2024 Presidential Election and the 2024 General Election, along with a workshop on the organizational activities for the Local Authorities Election, was held on January 09 and 10, 2025, at Amagi Aria, Negombo, with the participation of 55 officers.

- A workshop on the implementation of the provisions of the Right to Information Act related to the electoral process was held on January 26 and 27, 2025, at Covanro Sigiriya, Avudangawa, Dambulla, with the participation of 47 officers.
- A workshop on the lessons learned from the 2025 Local Authorities Election and the preparation of the future strategic plan was held on May 27 and 28, 2025, at Anantaya Resort, Bangadeniya, Chilaw, with the participation of 38 officers.
- A workshop regarding the procurement process for Management and Development Officers handling procurement duties at the Election Commission and all District Election Offices was held on June 23 and 24, 2025, at Tamarind Tree Garden, Andiambalama, with the participation of 30 officers.
- A workshop on the preparation of the 2026–2029 Strategic Plan of the Election Commission was held on September 18 and 19, 2025, at Vivanta Colombo, Seeduwa, with the participation of 45 officers. Several photographs of the occasion are shown below.



Action was taken to provide training on the election operational plan and its implementation for District Returning Officers, Government Agents, District Secretaries, as well as staff officers, committee heads, and key officials involved in the preliminary activities of elections in the following districts:

The training was conducted covering the officers in the districts of Matara, Hambantota, Puttalam, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Vavuniya, Mullaitivu, Mannar, Anuradhapura, and Monaragala.

6.3.1.4 Training Conducted by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)

Action was taken to conduct a workshop on digital innovation including Artificial Intelligence with the participation of officers from the Election Commission, the Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte Divisional Secretariat, and the Department of Official Languages. This workshop, which was held on 14.08.2025 at the main auditorium of the Election Commission under the sponsorship of KOICA, was a highly successful session.



6.3.1.5 Training Conducted by Factum

A workshop on Training on Social Media Monitoring was held at the Election Commission from 05.03.2025 to 07.03.2025, with the participation of officers from the Election Commission and officers from several other government institutions involved in social media activities during elections.

A workshop for further Training on Social Media Monitoring was held at the Election Commission on 11.09.2025, with the participation of 13 officers of the Election Commission. Several photographs of the occasion are shown below. This was an opportunity utilized by officers who engage with social media at the district level to share their experiences.



A workshop on Training on Social Media Monitoring was held at the Election Commission on September 24 and 25, 2025, with the participation of 28 officers from the Election Commission and District Election Offices. Several photographs of the occasion are shown below.





6.3.2 Establishment Division

The Establishment Division operates under the supervision of the Additional Commissioner of Elections (Admin), the Deputy Commissioner of Elections, and the Assistant Commissioner of Elections (Admin). Accordingly, it functions under the guidance of the Administrative Officer of the Election Commission office, comprising 02 Chief Management Service Officers and nine Management Service Officers. Furthermore, there is a reception desk operated under the direction of the Administrative Officer and the supervision of the Chief Management Service Officer. The primary responsibilities of this division include all establishment-related matters of non-staff officers across the 27 District Election Offices island-wide and the Elections Secretariat, the institutional administrative affairs of the Election Commission, and the supervision of the cleaning and security sectors.

6.3.2.1 Staff Activities

A performance plan for officers was prepared in the year 2025 regarding the duties assigned to the Management Service Officers attached to the Establishment Division, and steps were taken to review its progress once every 03 months.

6.3.2.2. Management Service Officer Service

Under the 2025 annual transfers, 04 Management Service Officers left the Election Commission on transfer, and the successor officers for all 04 transferred officers reported for duty.

Under inter-departmental transfers, 15 Management Service Officers who expressed interest in joining this Commission were transferred in with the approval of the Election Commission.

06 Management Service Officers left on transfer from the Election Commission without successors.

Recommendations were forwarded to the Director General of Management Services to suppress 23 of the 51 approved Document Assistant posts and newly create 23 Management Service Officer posts under F.R. 71. Considering the facts presented and the service requirement, the Department of Management Services granted approval to suppress 23 approved Document Assistant posts and newly create 23 Management Service Officer posts for this Commission. Accordingly, the total number of vacancies amounted to 46, including

these newly created posts and the vacancies for Management Service Officers existing as of that date. A request was made to the Secretary (Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government) to provide officers for those vacancies from future recruitment.

6.3.2.3. Development Officer Service

Under inter-departmental transfers, 06 officers of the Development Officer Service who expressed interest in joining this Commission were transferred in with the approval of the Election Commission.

06 Development Officers left on transfer from the Election Commission without successors.

6.3.2.4. Information and Communication Technology Service

Under inter-departmental transfers, 01 Information and Communication Technology Assistant who expressed interest in joining this Commission was transferred in with the approval of the Election Commission.

One Information and Communication Technology Assistant was released on transfer from the Election Commission without a successor.

6.3.2.5. Office Employees' Service

Under inter-departmental transfers, 03 employees of the Office Employees' Service who expressed interest in joining this Commission were transferred in with the approval of the Election Commission.

01 employee of the Office Employees' Service left on transfer from the Election Commission without a successor.

6.3.2.6. Driver Service

Under inter-departmental transfers, 01 driver who expressed interest in joining this Commission was transferred in with the approval of the Election Commission.

Three drivers left on transfer from the Election Commission without successors.

6.3.2.7. New Recruitments

6.3.2.7.1. Recruitment for the post of Technical Officer (Civil)

To carry out new recruitment for this vacant post at the Election Commission, letters were referred for approval to the Committee of Officials appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers to review the recruitment process and manage staff in the public service. Accordingly, the said committee granted approval to proceed with the recruitment for the post of Technical Officer

(Civil) in compliance with the provisions of the relevant Minute of the Service/approved Recruitment Procedure. Consequently, the drafting of a recruitment procedure for this purpose is currently underway to obtain necessary approvals.

6.3.2.7.2. Recruitment for the post of Electrician

To carry out new recruitment for the vacant post of Electrician at the Election Commission, letters were referred for approval to the Committee of Officials appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers to review the recruitment process and manage staff in the public service. Accordingly, the said committee granted approval to proceed with the recruitment for the post of Electrician in compliance with the provisions of the relevant Minute of the Service/approved Recruitment Procedure. Consequently, a recruitment procedure for this post has been drafted and referred to the Director General of Establishments for approval.

6.3.2.8. Issuance of Vacation of Post Notices

As the following officers serving in the Election Commission failed to report for duty without obtaining formal leave approval, action was taken to treat them as having vacated their posts in terms of Section 214 of Chapter XV of Volume I of the Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission.

Serial No.	Name	Position	Effective Date
01	Mr. K.G.C.J. Kapugama	Management Service Officer II	From 2019.03.30
02	Mr. M.H.M. Hazmath	Office Employee Service III	From 2022.02.09
03	Mr. G.K. Gayantha	Office Employee Service III	From 2024.10.28
04	Mrs. N. Lalitha Shakthi	Management Service Officer III	From 2024.01.01
05	Mr. M.A.D. Weerasekara	Office Employee Service II	From 2024.02.01
06	Ms. S. Krishnanarmada	Management Service Officer III	From 2023.11.24
07	Mr. N. Dinesh	Office Employee Service III	From 2022.11.07

6.3.2.9. Deaths

Mr. M. Prasanthan, Development Officer Grade III attached to the Batticaloa District Election Office, passed away on 30.10.2025.

6.3.2.10. Retirements

During the year 2025, 01 officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, 01 officer of the Supra Grade of the Management Service Officers' Service, 15 officers of the Management Service Officers' Service, 02 employees of the Office Employees' Service, and 01 employee of the Driver Service retired. Out of the 20 individuals who retired, the processing of retirement files for 19 has been completed. The retirement file of one officer who retired in December

2025 is in the final stages. A detailed report regarding the retired officers and employees is attached as Note 31.

The activities related to the payment of the death gratuity of late Mr. R.S. Vedage, an officer of Class I of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service who passed away on 08.12.2024 while serving in the post of Deputy Commissioner of Elections (Colombo District), to his spouse and child were duly carried out.

6.3.2.11 Release from Post

Ms. K.A.D. Samanthika, a Grade III officer of the Management Service Officers' Service, was released from her current post to enable her to accept an appointment as an Audit Officer in Class III Grade II of the Sri Lanka State Audit Service.

Eleven (11) Document Assistants and five (05) employees of the Office Employees' Service attached to the Election Commission, who passed the limited competitive examination for recruitment to Grade III of the Management Service Officers' Service, were released from their respective posts to enable them to accept their new appointments in Grade III of the Management Service Officers' Service.

Ms. A.T.L. de Alwis, a Grade III officer of the Management Service Officers' Service, was released from her post to enable her to accept an appointment as a Research Officer in Grade III of the Scientific Service.

Mr. T. Janarthan, a Grade III officer of the Management Service Officers' Service, was released from his post to enable him to accept an appointment as an Authorized Officer in Grade II of the Field/Office-based Service Category - Segment 2 of the Department of Immigration and Emigration.

6.3.2.12 New Appointments

To fill a portion of the vacancies that existed in the Management Service Officers' Service of the Election Commission, the Director General of Combined Services took action to provide 11 new Management Service Officers who received appointments effective from 03.03.2025, based on the results of the limited competitive examination for recruitment to Grade III of the Management Service Officers' Service.

Furthermore, to fill another portion of the remaining vacancies in the Management Service Officers' Service, the Director General of Combined Services provided 16 new Management Service Officers who received appointments effective from 01.10.2025, based on the results of the open competitive examination for recruitment to Grade III of the Management Service Officers' Service.

6.3.2.13. Approval of Local/Foreign No-Pay Leave

In accordance with Public Administration Circulars 14/2022, 14/2022(I), 14/2022(II), and 14/2022(III), no-pay leave was approved as follows for officers serving in the Head Office and District Election Offices who applied for local or foreign no-pay leave.

Service	Local without Salary	Foreign without Salary
Management Service Officer	-	02
Information and Communication Technology Assistant III	01	-
Driver Service	-	02
Office Employee Service	-	01

6.3.2.14. Maintenance of the Leave Management System

The Leave Management System, introduced for the Head Office since 2021, remains operational, and officers utilize this system to apply for their leave.

6.3.2.15. Payment of Annual Salary Increments

During the year 2025, a total of 652 annual salary increments were due for payment to officers serving in the following positions attached to the Election Commission. Out of these, arrangements were made to pay 536 salary increments on the due dates.

Designation	Number of officers whose annual salary increments have been paid (a)	Number of unpaid annual salary increments (b)
Management Services Officer	316	74
Development Officer	31	26
Information and Communication Technology Assistant III	06	04
Documentation Assistant	24	03
O.E.S.	114	08
Driver	45	01

Failure to pass efficiency bar examinations, non-receipt of personal files of officers who have reported on transfers, failure to complete and submit performance reports, non-confirmation in service, and obtaining no-pay leave locally/abroad are the reasons for the inability to pay the annual salary increments as prescribed for the number of officers indicated in column (b) above.

In accordance with Public Administration Circular No. 10/2025 dated 25.03.2025 relating to the revision of salaries in the public service as per the 2025 budget proposals, the Government had decided to implement the new salary increases with effect from 01.01.2025 and to pay salaries according to those salary scales as per Schedule III of that circular from 01.04.2025 without any arrears. Accordingly, the salary conversions of 645 non-staff grade officers who were in service in the Election Commission as at 31.03.2025 were completed within a short period of 14 days. Further, the salary conversions to be effected as at 01.01.2026 in terms of the above circular were also completed within the month of December 2025.

6.3.2.16. Registration in the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme

Registration in the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Scheme was carried out as follows

Designation	Number of officers whose registration under the Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme has been completed	Number of officers whose registration under the Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme has not been completed
Management Services Officer	353	18
Development Officer	53	04
Information and Communication Technology Assistant III	09	01
Document Assistant	26	01
O.E.S.	92	29
Driver	36	08

Although the relevant applications/documents have been submitted to the Department of Pensions, registration has not yet been confirmed, the relevant information has not been certified as correct by the officers, and the personal files of officers who have reported on transfers have not been received. Therefore, registration for the number of officers indicated above has been delayed.

6.3.2.17 Cleaning Activities

The contract period of the agreement entered into with Deepti Cleaning Service for carrying out cleaning activities of the Election Secretariat premises had expired on 28.02.2024, and action was taken to call for quotations under national competitive bidding through a public newspaper advertisement for a further period of one year. Accordingly, the lowest bid had been submitted by Brilliant Cleaning Service. However, due to the service provided by that institution not being at a satisfactory level, action was taken to terminate the agreement entered into with that institution after service on 31.03.2025. Accordingly, an agreement was entered

into with Deepthi Cleaning Service, which had submitted the next lowest bid, for carrying out cleaning activities for the period from 01.04.2025 to 28.02.2026.

6.3.2.18 Security Activities

The contract period of the agreement entered into with Iron Arms Security Services (Pvt) Ltd for obtaining security services for the Election Secretariat and District Election Offices had expired on 28.02.2025, and action was taken to call for quotations under national competitive bidding through a public newspaper advertisement for a further period of one year. Accordingly, the lowest bid had been submitted by WM Security Services. Therefore, an agreement was entered into with WM Security Services (Pvt) Ltd for obtaining security services for the period from 01.03.2025 to 28.02.2026.

6.3.2.19 Implementation of “Seiri Week”

In line with the national programme “Clean Sri Lanka”, and in accordance with the provisions of Public Administration Circular No. 22/2025 dated 18.08.2025 issued under the theme “Implementation of Seiri Week” to maintain orderliness within public institutions, action was taken to inform the staff of the Election Secretariat as well as all District Election Offices, and to organise several programmes on 01, 02, 03 and 04.09.2025 and to issue relevant instructions for maintaining orderliness.

6.3.2.20. Foreign Scholarships

Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Mrs. T.W.P. Kaumadi, an officer of the Election Commission, proceeded to Australia to follow the postgraduate course on Disability Practices and Leadership awarded by Flinders University, Australia, for the period from 14.01.2025 to 31.01.2027.

6.3.2.21 Foreign Training

From 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2025, 50 officers of the Election Commission have participated in foreign training programmes related to capacity development in respect of their assigned duties and the functions of the Election Commission, as well as related matters. The relevant information is included as Note 32.

6.3.2.22 Foreign conferences and official visits

From 22.01.2025 to 27.01.2025, Ms. A. Shanmuganathan, Member of the Election Commission, and Mr. H.A.E. Pushpakumara, Assistant Commissioner of Elections (Matale), participated in the International Conference held in India on the theme “2024: A Global Election Year – Reiteration and Reclaiming of Democratic Spaces”, the National Voters’ Day celebrations 2025, and the Republic Day celebrations of India.

From 04.02.2025 to 08.02.2025, Mr. B.P.C. Kularatne, Additional Commissioner of Elections (Legal), an officer of the Election Commission, represented the Election Commission of Sri Lanka, the election management body, at the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Asia & the Pacific Regional Meeting 2025 held in the Philippines.

From 09.05.2025 to 13.05.2025, Mr. R.M.A.L. Rathnayake, Chairman of the Election Commission, and Mr. M.K.S.S. Rathnayake, Commissioner General of Elections, participated in the Election Observation Programme for the upcoming Midterm Elections of the Philippines held in the Philippines.

From 30.09.2025 to 05.10.2025, Mr. M.K.S.S. Rathnayake, Commissioner General of Elections, participated in the 21st International Electoral Awards & Symposium held in Botswana.

From 20.10.2025 to 24.10.2025, Mr. R.M.A.L. Rathnayake, Chairman of the Election Commission, participated in the International Workshop on Electoral Efficiency and Sustainability organized by International IDEA held in Indonesia.

From 21.11.2025 to 24.11.2025, Mr. B.P.C. Kularatne, Additional Commissioner of Elections (Legal), an officer of the Election Commission, participated in the Representative Session on Citizen Observation & Election Oversight held in Bangladesh, and shared Sri Lanka's experiences with other electoral stakeholders.

6.3.3 Transport Division

6.3.3.1. Vehicle Management

There are 63 vehicles owned by the Election Commission, of which 28 vehicles are with District Offices and 35 vehicles are with the Head Office. Periodical services and repair works of the vehicles of the Head Office are carried out by the Transport Division. Accordingly, during the year 2025, the expenditure for servicing and repair of vehicles of the Head Office amounted to Rs. **31,636,645.84** and the expenditure for fuel supplied to the vehicles amounted to Rs. **6,424,540.24**. (Expenses incurred during election periods are not included herein.)

During this year, the Local Government election was also held, and information relating to such expenditure is given below.

Action was also taken to obtain revenue licences for all vehicles within the prescribed period.

Quotations were called for obtaining vehicle insurance for the year 2026, and accordingly, the National Insurance Trust Fund was selected for vehicle insurance.

6.3.3.2. Administrative Activities During the Election Period

The Local Authorities election was also held on 06.05.2025. In order to provide transport facilities to the officers/employees of the Head Office who were engaged in pre-election duties, it was necessary to obtain cars, vans and cab vehicles, and several additional lorries required for transporting warehouse materials, from other government institutions.

Details of vehicles temporarily obtained to the Head Office from other government institutions are as follows:

6.3.3.2.1. Activities relation to the Local Authorities election

Information on vehicles obtained on a temporary basis from other government institutions -

Number of cabs	- 12
Number of vans	- 07
Number of lorries	- 02
Number of cars	- 03
Number of jeeps	<u>- 02</u>
Total	<u>- 26</u>

The expenditure for supplying fuel for these vehicles and for the vehicles of the Head Office amounted to Rs. **14,752,322.40** and the expenditure for servicing and repair amounted to Rs. **2,605,869.65**.

6.3.3.3. Information on Vehicles of the Election Commission

Information on vehicles owned by the Election Commission as at 31.12.2025 is as follows.

Serial No.	Type of the Vehicle	Number	Office			
			Head Office		District Offices	
			Pool	Reserved	Pool	Reserved
1	Cab	35	08	-	27	-
2	Car	19	12	06	-	01
3	Van	03	03	-	-	-
4	Jeep	02	-	02	-	-
5	Lorry	01	01	-	-	-
6	Crew Cab	01	01	-	-	-
7	Motorcycle	01	01	-	-	-
8	Bus	01	1	-	-	-
Total		63	27	8	27	01

Chapter 07 – Compliance Report

No.	Requirement to be Applied	Compliance Status (Compliant / Non-Compliant)	If Non-Compliant, Brief Explanation	Proposed Corrective Actions to Prevent Future Non-Compliance
1	Timely submission of the following Financial Statements/Accounts			
1.1	Annual financial statements	Compliant	-	-
1.2	Public Officers' Advance Account	Compliant	-	-
1.3	Business and Production Advance Accounts (Commercial Advance Accounts)	Not applicable	-	-
1.4	Stores Advance Accounts	Not applicable	-	-
1.5	Special Advances Accounts	Not applicable	-	-
1.6	Others	Not applicable	-	-
2	Maintenance of Books and Records (FR 445)			
2.1	Updating and maintaining the Fixed Assets Register as per P.A. Circular No. 267/2018	Compliant	-	-
2.2	Updating and maintaining the personal emoluments registers/cards	Compliant	-	-
2.3	Updating and maintaining the audit query register	Compliant	-	-
2.4	Updating and maintaining the internal audit reports register	Compliant	-	-
2.5	Preparation and timely submission of all monthly account summaries (CIGAS) to the General Treasury on time	Compliant	-	-
2.6	Updating and maintaining the cheques and Cash Order register	Compliant	-	-
2.7	Updating and maintaining the inventory register	Compliant	-	-
2.8	Updating and maintaining the Stock Register	Compliant	-	-

2.9	Updating and maintaining the damages and loss register	Compliant	-	-
2.10	Updating and maintaining the Liability register	Compliant	-	-
2.11	Updating and maintaining the counterfoil register (GAN20)	Compliant	-	-
3	Delegation of Functions for financial control (FR 135)			
3.1	Delegation of financial powers within the institution	Compliant	-	-
3.2	Informing the staff within the institution regarding the delegation of financial powers	Compliant	-	-
3.3	Delegation of powers ensuring every transaction is approved by two or more officers	Compliant	-	-
3.4	Operating under the control of Accountants when using the Government Payroll Software package as per Public Accounts Circular No. 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014	Compliant	-	-
4	Preparation of Annual Plans			
4.1	Preparation of the Annual Action Plan	Compliant	-	-
4.2	Preparation of the Annual Procurement Plan	Compliant	-	-
4.3	Preparation of the Annual Internal Audit Plan	Compliant	-	-
4.4	Preparing Annual Estimates and submitting them to the National Budget Department (NBD) on time	Compliant	-	-
4.5	Timely submission of the Annual Cash Flow Statement to the Department of Treasury Operations	Compliant	-	-
5	Audit Queries			
5.1	Providing replies to all audit queries by the dates specified by the Auditor General	Compliant	-	-

6	Internal Audit			
6.1	Preparing the Internal Audit Plan at the beginning of the year after discussing with the Auditor General as per F.R. 134(2) DMA/1-2019	Compliant	-	-
6.2	Providing replies to every Internal Audit Report within one month	Compliant	-	-
6.2	Submitting copies of all internal audit reports to the Dept. of Management Audit as per Section 40(4) (e) of National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.	Compliant	-	-
6.4	Submitting copies of all internal audit reports to the Auditor General as per F.R. 134(3)	Compliant	-	-
7	Audit and Management Committee			
7.1	Holding at least 04 Audit and Management Committee meetings during the relevant year as per DMA Circular 1-2019	Compliant	-	-
8	Asset Management			
8.1	Submitting information on asset purchases and disposals to the Comptroller General's Office as per Chapter 07 of Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017	Compliant	-	-
8.2	Appointing a suitable liaison officer to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the above circular and reporting details to the Comptroller General's Office as per Chapter 13	Compliant	-	-
8.3	Conducting surveys of goods and submitting relevant reports to the Auditor General on time as per Public Finance Circular No. 05/2016	Compliant	-	-
8.4	Taking action regarding surpluses, deficiencies, and other recommendations revealed by the	Compliant	-	-

	annual survey within the period specified in the circular			
8.5	Disposal of condemned goods in accordance with F.R. 772	Compliant	-	-
9	Vehicle Management			
9.1	Preparing daily running charts and monthly summary reports for pool vehicles and submitting them to the Auditor General on time	Compliant	-	-
9.2	Disposal of vehicles within less than 06 months of being condemned	Compliant	-	-
9.3	Maintaining and updating vehicle log books	Compliant	-	-
9.4	Taking action in accordance with F.R. 103, 104, 109, and 110 regarding every vehicle accident	Compliant	-	-
9.5	Re-testing fuel consumption of vehicles as per the provisions of paragraph 3.1 of Public Administration Circular No. 2016/30 dated 29.12.2016	Compliant	-	-
9.6	Taking full ownership of leased vehicle log books after the lease period	Compliant	-	-
10	Management of Bank Accounts			
10.1	Preparing and certifying Bank Reconciliation Statements on time and submitting them for audit	Compliant	-	-
10.2	Settling inactive bank accounts brought forward from previous years or in the year under review	Compliant	-	-
10.3	Taking action according to Financial Regulations regarding balances revealed by bank reconciliations that required adjustment and settling them within one month	Compliant	-	-
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	Expenditure incurred without exceeding the allocated provisions.	Compliant	-	-

11.2	In accordance with F.R. 94(1), entering into liabilities upon utilization of provided provisions such that the remaining provision limit is not exceeded at the end of the year.	Compliant	-	-
12	Advance Account of Public Officers			
12.1	Compliance with prescribed limits.	Compliant	-	-
12.2	Conducting an aging analysis regarding outstanding loan balances.	Compliant	-	-
12.3	Settlement of outstanding loan balances existing for more than one year.	Compliant	-	-
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	Taking action in accordance with F.R. 571 regarding expired deposits.	Compliant	-	-
13.2	Maintaining and updating the control account for general deposits.	Compliant	-	-
14	Impress Account			
14.1	Remitting the balance of the cash book to the Department of Treasury Operations at the end of the year under review.	Compliant	-	-
14.2	Settlement of ad-hoc sub-impressts issued under F.R. 371 within one month of the completion of the relevant task.	Compliant	-	-
14.3	Issuing ad-hoc sub-impressts in a manner that does not exceed the approved limits as per F.R. 371.	Compliant	-	-
14.4	Monthly reconciliation of the imprest account balance with the Treasury books.	Compliant	-	-
15	Revenue Accounts			
15.1	Refunding collected revenue in accordance with relevant regulations.	Compliant	-	-
15.2	Directly crediting collected revenue to the revenue account without crediting it to the deposit account.	Compliant	-	-

15.3	Submission of reports on arrears of revenue to the Auditor General as per F.R. 176.	Compliant	-	-
16	Human Resource Management			
16.1	Maintaining the staff within the approved cadre limits.	Compliant	-	-
16.2	Providing written duty lists to all members of the staff.	Compliant	-	-
16.3	Submission of all reports to the Department of Management Services in accordance with MSD Circular No. 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017.	Compliant	-	-
17	Providing Information to the Public			
17.1	Appointing an Information Officer and maintaining an information disclosure register in accordance with the Right to Information Act and its regulations.	Compliant	-	-
17.2	Providing information about the institution through its website and facilitating the public to express commendations/complaints regarding the institution via the website or alternative channels.	Compliant	-	-
17.3	Submission of reports twice a year or annually in accordance with Sections 08 and 10 of the Right to Information Act.	Compliant	-	-
18	Implementation of the Citizens' Charter			
18.1	Formulation and implementation of a Citizen's/Client's Charter as per Public Administration and Management Circulars No. 05/2008 and 05/2018(1).	Compliant	-	-
18.2	Establishment of a mechanism by the institution to monitor and evaluate the formulation and implementation of the Citizen's/Client's Charter as per paragraph 2.3 of the said circular.	Compliant	-	-

19	Formulation of Human Resource Plan			
19.1	Preparation of a Human Resource plan based on the Annexure 02 format of Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24.01.2018.	Compliant	-	-
19.2	Ensuring a minimum of at least 12 hours of training opportunities for every member of the staff within the aforementioned Human Resource plan.	Compliant	-	-
19.3	Signing annual performance agreements for the entire staff based on the format shown in Annexure 01 of the above-mentioned circular.	Compliant	-	-
19.4	Appointing a senior officer vested with the responsibility for preparing the Human Resource development plan, developing capacity building programs, and implementing skill development programs as per paragraph 6.5 of the said circular.	Compliant	-	-
20	Responding to Audit Paragraphs			
20.1	Rectification of deficiencies pointed out through audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for previous years.	Compliant	-	-

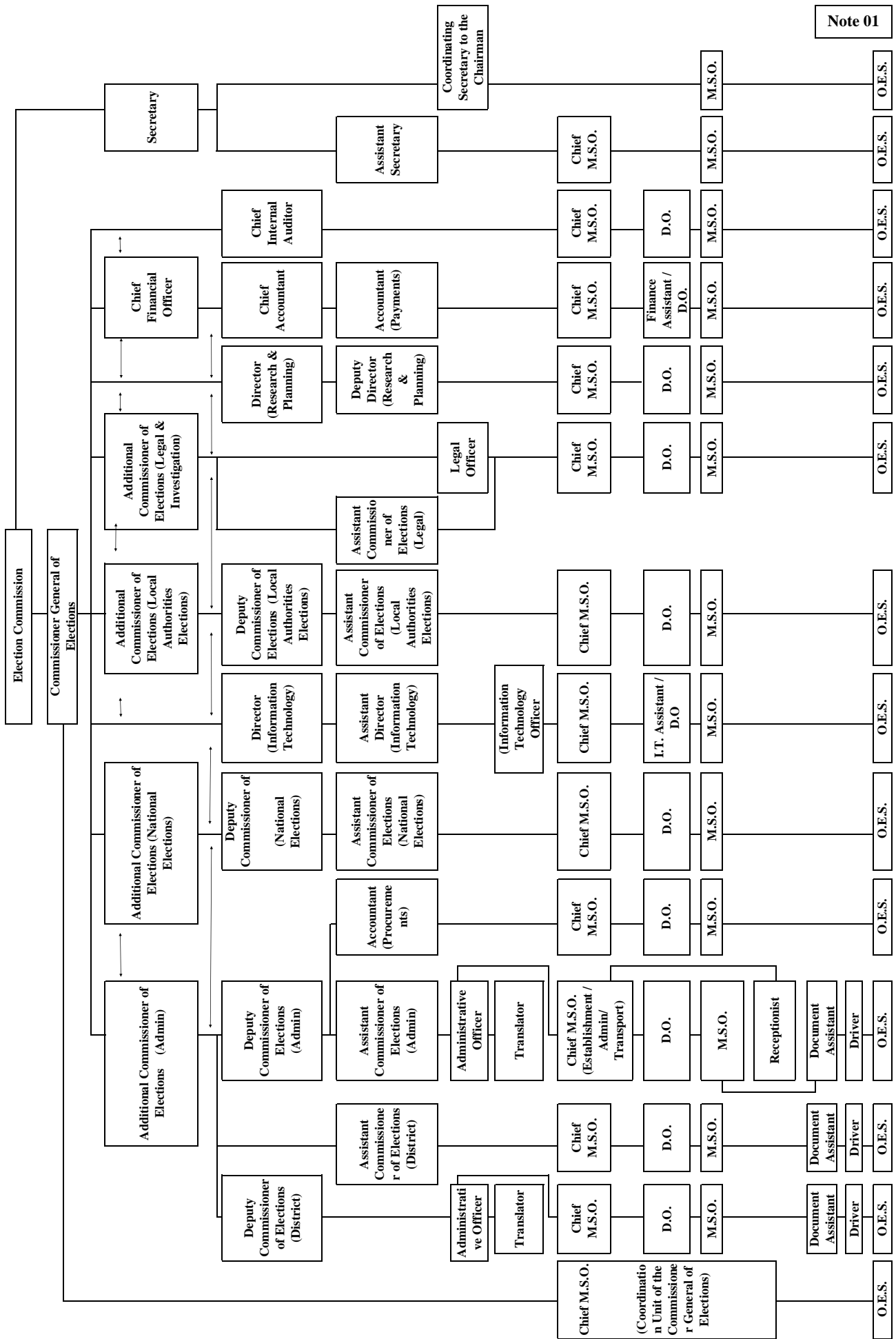
Chapter 08 - Conclusion

We are pleased to state that the performance of the Election Commission in the year 2025 has been successfully achieved through the effective discharge of the functions and duties assigned to the Commission.

Election Commission,
Sarana Mawatha,
Rajagiriya.

11.06.2026.

Notes



Note 01

Note 02**Revision of Electoral Registers - 2025****Number of Names Deleted ("A" Names) and Added ("B" Names) by Electoral District**

Electoral District	No. of "A" Names	No. of "B" Names
Colombo	56,828	81,724
Gampaha	62,460	73,832
Kalutara	36,113	38,012
Mahanuwara	38,041	36,392
Matale	13,219	13,444
Nuwara Eliya	17,831	19,275
Galle	30,264	27,148
Matara	21,745	17,753
Hambantota	15,608	14,650
Jaffna	16,124	13,729
Kilinochchi	1,543	2,681
Mannar	3,629	3,289
Vavuniya	2,154	4,115
Mullaitivu	1,494	2,051
Batticaloa	15,442	16,490
Digamadulla	19,921	21,509
Trincomalee	11,964	13,190
Kurunegala	43,582	40,371
Puttalam	23,646	28,972
Anuradhapura	18,344	18,601
Polonnaruwa	8,710	8,770
Badulla	21,207	20,729
Moneragala	12,858	13,006
Ratnapura	30,325	27,926
Kegalle	15,362	21,449
Total	538,414	579,108

Revision of Electoral Registers - 2025
Submission of Claims and objections under Section 14 of the Registration of
Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980

Electoral District	Claims		Objections	
	Number of claims and delay requests received	Number of claims and delay requests granted	Number of objections received	Number of objections granted
01. Colombo	12,453	10,745	23	7
02. Gampaha	5,798	4,732	19	13
03. Kalutara	12,264	4,170	41	10
04. Mahanuwara	2,690	2,491	8	3
05. Matale	1,530	1,194	68	37
06. Nuwara Eliya	1,153	966	5	5
07. Galle	3,546	2,892	119	47
08. Matara	2,025	1,701	13	7
09. Hambantota	2,030	1,077	17	8
10. Jaffna	2,414	1,256	2	1
11. Vanni	2,184	1,188	-	-
12. Batticaloa	675	504	28	9
13. Digamadulla	565	483	9	2
14. Trincomalee	1,149	625	4	2
15. Kurunegala	4,060	3,742	8	6
16. Puttalam	2,775	2,578	3	3
17. Anuradhapura	1,789	1,509	25	14
18. Polonnaruwa	827	663	20	13
19. Badulla	1,681	1,440	22	5
20. Moneragala	1,060	750	33	17
21. Ratnapura	3,362	2,770	47	10
22. Kegalle	6,224	2,582	26	8
Total	72,254	50,058	540	227

Note 04**Revision of Electoral Registers - 2025****Persons Not Registered Due to Multiple Registrations – By Electoral District**

Electoral District	Total Number of Names Deleted
01. Colombo	9854
02. Gampaha	9641
03. Kalutara	3765
04. Mahanuwara	4893
05. Matale	1596
06. Nuwara Eliya	3304
07. Galle	2670
08. Matara	1792
09. Hambantota	1332
10. Jaffna	821
11. Vanni	1604
12. Batticaloa	1749
13. Digamadulla	3189
14. Trincomalee	735
15. Kurunegala	1972
16. Puttalam	3616
17. Anuradhapura	3657
18. Polonnaruwa	1425
19. Badulla	1966
20. Moneragala	1031
21. Ratnapura	1894
22. Kegalle	2132
Total	64638

Revision of Electoral Registers - 2025

Registered Electors as per the 2025 Main Electoral Register
(Certified as at 31 October 2025)

Electoral District	Number of Registered Votes
Colombo	1,797,862
Gampaha	1,901,866
Kalutara	1,034,976
Mahanuwara	1,200,493
Matale	433,888
Nuwara Eliya	609,360
Galle	909,155
Matara	689,094
Hambantota	525,272
Jaffna	599,214
Vanni	310,095
Batticaloa	455,220
Digamadulla	561,252
Trincomalee	320,409
Kurunegala	1,428,078
Puttalam	672,396
Anuradhapura	747,915
Polonnaruwa	353,169
Badulla	710,597
Moneragala	403,307
Ratnapura	930,592
Kegalle	714,018
Total	17,308,228

Annual calculation of the Number of Members to be Elected for Each Electoral District In terms of Article 98(8) of the Constitution
Following the certification of the 2025 Main Electoral Register on 31.10.2025 (together with the 2025 (1) and 2025 (2) Supplementary Registers).

Electoral District	Number of elector as per certified electoral register 2025	2025(1) Supplementary Register (01.02.2025 - 31.05.2025)	2025(2) Supplementary Register (01.06.2025 - 30.09.2025)	2025 Register + 2025(1) Supplementary + 2025(2) Supplementary =A+B+C	Qualifying Number	Number of MPs based on qualifying number	Number of MPs based on qualifying number x qualifying number	Balance	Number of MPs based on balance	Total	Number of members specified under the Article 96 (4)	Total
		B	C	1								
	1				2=(1/160)	3=(1/2)	4=(2*3)	5=(1-4)	6	7=(3+6)	8	9=(7+8)
1 Colombo	1,797,862	4,063	3,733	1,805,658		16,561	1,744,496	61,162		16	2	18
2 Gampaha	1,901,866	6,570	6,405	1,914,841		17,562	1,853,527	61,314	1	18	1	19
3 Kalutara	1,034,976	4,130	4,093	1,043,199		9,568	981,279	61,920	1	10	1	11
4 Mahanuwara	1,200,493	4,928	4,534	1,209,955		11,097	1,199,341	10,614		11	1	12
5 Matale	433,888	1,630	1,517	437,035		4,008	436,124	911		4	1	5
6 Nuwara Eliya	609,360	2,376	2,279	614,015		5,632	545,155	68,860	1	6	2	8
7 Galle	909,155	4,225	4,338	917,718		8,417	872,248	45,470		8	1	9
8 Matara	689,094	2,897	2,849	694,840	109,031.30	6,373	654,186	40,654		6	1	7
9 Hambantota	525,272	2,424	2,345	530,041		4,861	436,124	93,917	1	5	2	7
10 Jaffna	599,214	2,927	3,548	605,689		5,555	545,155	60,534		5	1	6
11 Vanni	310,095	1,420	1,622	313,137	109,031	2,872	218,062	95,075	1	3	3	6
12 Batticaloa	455,220	2,508	2,733	460,461		4,223	436,124	24,337		4	1	5
13 Digamadulla	561,252	2,863	2,885	567,000		5,200	545,155	21,845		5	2	7
14 Trincomalee	320,409	1,644	1,685	323,738		2,969	218,062	105,676	1	3	1	4
15 Kurunegala	1,428,078	5,253	5,040	1,438,371		13,192	1,417,403	20,968		13	2	15
16 Puttalam	672,396	1,657	1,597	675,650		6,197	654,186	21,464		6	2	8
17 Anuradhapura	747,915	3,162	3,279	754,356		6,919	654,186	100,170	1	7	2	9
18 Polonnaruwa	353,169	1,255	1,383	355,807		3,263	327,093	28,714		3	2	5
19 Badulla	710,597	2,801	2,564	715,962		6,567	654,186	61,776	1	7	2	9
20 Moneragala	403,307	1,934	1,962	407,203		3,735	327,093	80,110	1	4	2	6
21 Ratnapura	930,592	5,071	4,920	940,583		8,627	872,248	68,335	1	9	2	11
22 Kegalle	714,018	2,929	2,798	719,745		6,601	654,186	65,559	1	7	2	9
Total	17,308,228	68,667	68,109	17,445,004		149	16,245,619	1,199,385	11	160	36	196

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Assistant Registering Officers Who Certified the 2025 Main Electoral Register

Electoral District	Assistant Registering Officer
Colombo	Piumi Attygalle
Gampaha	W.A. Ravindra Wickramasinghe
Kalutara	Kalindra Jayaweera Fernando
Mahanuwara	H.D.N. Sampath Fernando
Matale	H.A.E. Pushpakumara
Nuwara Eliya	K.A.L.S.Kalugampitiya
Galle	W.H.R. Wijaya Kumara
Matara	P.S. Pathirana
Hambantota	V.D.J. Lakmal
Jaffna	R. Saseelan
Vanni	R.C. Amalraj
Batticaloa	N. Reagan
Digamadulla	Kasun Srinath Attanayake
Trincomalee	S. K. Deva Neranjan
Kurunegala	R.M.H.B. Ratnayake
Puttalam	S.L.R. Jayanayake
Anuradhapura	N.P.P.I.R. Gunaratne
Polonnaruwa	Manoji T. Gurusinghe
Badulla	K.A.L.S.Kalugampitiya
Moneragala	V.D.J. Lakmal
Ratnapura	Suranga Ambagathene
Kegalle	Sajith P. Kasthurisinghe

Note 08

Revision of Electoral Registers - 2025

Number of Persons Submitting National Identity Card Details

Electoral District	Total Number of Electors	Number of Persons Who Have Presented National Identity Cards	Percentage %
01 - Colombo	1,797,862	1,777,934	98.89
02 - Gampaha	1,901,866	1,869,100	98.28
03 - Kalutara	1,034,976	1,016,745	98.24
04 - Mahanuwara	1,200,493	1,182,979	98.54
05 - Matale	433,888	425,710	98.12
06 - Nuwara Eliya	609,360	584,228	95.88
07 - Galle	909,155	896,004	98.55
08 - Matara	689,094	671,765	97.49
09 - Hambantota	525,272	514,932	98.03
10 - Jaffna	599,214	589,900	98.45
11 - Vanni	310,095	300,075	96.77
12 - Batticaloa	455,220	444,655	97.68
13 - Digamadulla	561,252	549,755	97.95
14 - Trincomalee	320,409	313,796	97.94
15 - Kurunegala	1,428,078	1,403,515	98.28
16 - Puttalam	672,396	655,936	97.55
17 - Anuradhapura	747,915	725,616	97.02
18 - Polonnaruwa	353,169	344,769	97.62
19 - Badulla	710,597	692,766	97.49
20 - Moneragala	403,307	396,202	98.24
21 - Ratnapura	930,592	907,640	97.53
22 - Kegalle	714,018	699,795	98.01
Total	17,308,228	16,963,817	98.01

Comparative note of the number of electors registered in the main electoral registers by polling divisions 2014 - 2025

Electoral District No. 01 - Colombo Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Colombo North	89,771	93,408	92,840	92,387	94,185	94,192	96,818	96,587	97,139	96,655	97,943	99,296
B Colombo Central	131,482	133,539	131,126	129,274	125,335	127,068	125,801	126,632	127,378	118,746	119,605	123,747
C Borella	60,109	63,002	63,166	62,499	62,230	63,125	63,372	64,481	64,934	63,563	63,445	64,587
D Colombo East	66,941	68,603	68,096	68,032	66,799	68,805	69,130	69,857	70,177	68,150	68,336	69,435
E Colombo West	40,609	42,448	42,567	41,852	40,665	42,406	42,316	42,886	43,414	42,472	42,372	43,426
F Dehiwala	59,812	61,407	60,887	61,096	59,653	63,277	64,259	65,554	66,192	66,311	66,644	67,809
G Ratmalana	66,793	69,712	69,908	68,628	70,055	71,515	71,002	71,115	71,394	70,647	71,052	72,441
H Kolonnawa	120,617	126,882	130,112	130,201	134,181	138,002	138,891	139,855	140,196	142,487	144,160	147,259
I Kotte	74,934	76,640	75,806	74,480	74,941	76,305	76,393	76,655	76,809	75,797	76,663	77,835
J Kaduwela	173,355	179,178	182,195	184,026	188,282	193,438	195,277	196,217	197,497	200,856	203,322	208,079
K Avissawella	117,472	120,369	121,671	122,787	124,252	126,760	128,513	129,434	129,906	131,890	133,642	135,682
L Homagama	174,909	180,862	184,578	188,282	193,506	199,375	203,289	204,905	206,034	211,223	214,624	219,613
M Maharagama	129,801	134,280	134,837	134,485	136,869	139,807	141,206	141,738	141,744	142,618	143,900	146,466
N Kesbewa	164,774	171,325	173,353	175,317	178,976	183,650	185,878	187,175	188,483	192,134	194,081	198,853
O Moratuwa	115,219	119,291	118,574	119,043	120,474	121,484	121,916	122,224	122,244	120,659	121,747	123,334
Total	1,586,598	1,640,946	1,649,716	1,652,389	1,670,403	1,709,209	1,724,061	1,735,315	1,743,541	1,744,208	1,761,536	1,797,862

Note 09

Electoral District No. 02 - Gampaha Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Wattala	120,471	125,173	127,280	128,734	131,219	134,682	135,343	135,667	136,273	137,809	139,819	142,482
B Negombo	106,213	109,112	109,725	110,383	111,326	112,844	113,278	113,805	114,574	115,081	116,297	118,158
C Katana	143,885	148,608	151,378	153,255	155,996	159,112	161,816	162,798	163,856	166,670	169,604	172,585
D Divulapitiya	108,529	110,484	111,717	112,518	114,107	116,171	117,606	118,717	119,710	120,461	122,294	123,854
E Meerigama	124,679	126,995	128,521	129,634	131,219	133,339	134,983	136,015	136,751	137,684	139,225	140,680
F Minuwangoda	132,981	136,025	138,385	139,971	142,378	145,471	147,312	148,631	150,056	152,639	154,877	156,915
G Attanagalla	133,023	135,908	137,582	139,243	141,544	143,853	145,837	147,022	148,219	149,675	151,503	153,354
H Gampaha	147,280	151,060	152,932	154,739	157,350	160,532	162,168	162,845	163,869	166,153	168,796	171,128
I Ja-Ela	143,843	148,882	151,145	153,100	155,657	158,921	159,407	160,195	160,606	162,789	165,473	167,941
J Mahara	149,453	153,765	156,277	158,581	161,630	165,257	167,023	168,101	169,041	171,711	174,493	177,894
K Dompe	115,356	117,896	119,607	121,136	122,912	125,383	127,023	128,529	129,513	130,712	132,463	134,148
L Biyagama	121,702	125,324	127,217	128,683	131,264	133,908	135,533	135,960	136,447	138,862	141,403	143,622
M Kelaniya	90,122	92,655	93,544	94,332	95,290	96,491	96,773	96,222	95,827	96,274	97,578	99,105
Total	1,637,537	1,681,887	1,705,310	1,637,537	1,681,887	1,705,310	1,724,309	1,814,507	1,824,742	1,846,520	1,873,825	1,901,866

Electoral District No. 03 - Kalutara

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Panadura	114,828	118,253	119,528	120,379	121,789	124,086	124,602	124,891	125,493	126,024	127,755	129,940
B Bandaragama	133,887	137,822	140,061	142,517	145,338	149,149	151,317	152,430	153,687	156,193	159,034	161,498
C Horana	122,511	126,320	128,508	130,583	133,215	136,477	138,274	139,359	140,639	143,309	145,658	148,483
D Bulathsinhala	82,123	83,756	84,538	85,124	85,852	86,837	86,925	87,429	88,090	88,684	89,827	90,640
E Mathugama	108,996	111,177	112,551	113,897	115,565	117,530	118,714	119,288	120,118	121,229	123,289	124,918
F Kalutara	117,931	120,381	121,750	123,295	124,587	126,424	127,762	127,924	128,593	130,562	132,574	134,640
G Beruwala	117,033	119,864	121,126	122,402	124,346	126,292	127,930	128,402	128,574	130,657	132,741	135,107
H Agalawatta	100,040	101,802	102,839	103,545	104,387	105,524	105,840	106,225	107,079	107,462	108,801	109,750
Total	897,349	919,375	930,901	941,742	955,079	972,319	981,364	985,948	992,273	1,004,120	1,019,679	1,034,976

Electoral District No. 04 - Mahanuwara

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Galagedara	54,214	54,856	55,270	55,550	55,796	56,233	56,649	57,118	57,416	57,648	57,939	58,316
B Harispathuwa	157,463	160,889	162,704	164,585	166,867	170,166	172,334	174,205	175,429	178,078	180,376	182,583
C Pathadumbara	85,375	87,092	88,252	89,288	90,492	91,725	92,696	93,842	94,219	95,574	96,662	97,734
D Udadumbara	58,637	59,794	60,422	60,797	61,476	61,991	62,331	62,587	63,425	64,017	64,395	64,945
E Theldeniya	47,685	48,892	49,349	49,729	50,365	50,949	51,293	51,802	52,190	52,736	53,088	53,691
F Kundasale	94,870	97,629	99,014	100,562	102,415	104,598	106,160	107,268	108,123	109,971	111,366	113,264
G Hewaheta	69,243	70,854	71,632	72,168	72,967	73,898	74,827	75,434	75,998	76,844	77,613	78,407
H Senkadagala	81,149	83,497	84,574	85,287	86,372	87,718	88,001	88,885	89,548	90,572	91,518	92,739
I Mahanuwara	40,020	41,107	41,611	41,548	42,123	42,330	42,231	42,527	42,532	42,620	42,756	43,030
J Yainuwara	80,420	82,220	83,097	84,045	85,025	86,599	87,442	88,500	89,185	89,903	90,863	92,128
K Udunuwara	82,298	84,328	85,163	86,234	87,569	89,085	90,061	91,340	91,891	93,042	94,156	95,554
L Gampola	102,219	105,250	106,424	108,052	109,613	111,415	112,357	113,583	114,114	115,845	117,275	118,900
M Nawalapitiya	95,567	97,401	98,649	99,497	100,780	102,393	103,786	104,705	105,077	106,453	107,639	109,202
Total	1,049,160	1,073,809	1,086,161	1,097,342	1,111,860	1,129,100	1,140,168	1,151,796	1,159,147	1,173,303	1,185,646	1,200,493

Electoral District No. 05 - Matale

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Dambulla	131,831	134,105	136,062	137,704	139,857	142,138	144,252	145,764	146,620	149,077	150,663	153,129
B Lagala	70,323	71,625	72,366	72,607	73,617	74,409	75,347	75,935	76,559	77,170	77,652	78,390
C Matale	84,225	85,946	86,954	88,115	89,490	90,964	91,894	92,427	93,135	94,218	95,133	96,537
D Rattoka	93,296	95,349	96,510	97,360	98,532	100,058	101,603	102,123	102,615	103,471	104,403	105,832
Total	379,675	387,025	391,892	395,786	401,496	407,569	413,096	416,249	418,929	423,936	427,851	433,888

Electoral District No. 06 - Nuwara Eliya

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Nuwara-Eliya - Maash	302,836	312,531	317,400	320,363	325,030	330,761	334,556	335,636	336,702	341,563	346,455	351,195
B Kottmale	78,068	80,252	81,445	82,139	83,018	84,175	84,825	85,422	86,040	86,759	87,500	88,680
C Hanguranketha	71,053	72,143	72,980	73,642	74,336	75,278	75,846	76,358	76,955	77,370	78,127	78,476
D Walapane	82,193	84,045	85,111	85,881	86,644	87,503	88,339	88,673	89,153	89,703	90,555	91,009
Total	534,150	548,971	556,936	562,025	569,028	577,717	583,566	586,089	588,850	595,395	602,887	609,360

Electoral District No. 07 - Galle

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Balapitiya	52,852	53,708	54,225	54,652	55,062	55,396	55,798	55,869	55,858	56,412	56,916	57,313
B Ambalangoda	75,524	76,798	77,951	78,554	79,329	80,275	80,988	81,391	81,816	82,812	83,563	84,533
C Karandeniya	72,572	74,040	74,887	75,549	76,663	77,443	78,171	78,517	78,935	79,643	80,302	81,177
D Bentara-Elpitiya	89,500	90,826	91,665	92,059	92,997	93,866	94,537	94,910	95,181	95,740	96,486	97,522
E Himiduma	100,757	102,352	103,325	103,774	104,703	105,293	105,774	105,881	106,311	106,582	107,552	108,423
F Baddegama	95,641	97,080	98,162	98,686	99,812	101,161	102,235	102,703	103,462	103,962	104,738	105,879
G Rathgama	78,182	79,599	80,323	80,471	81,118	81,826	82,478	82,763	83,010	83,556	84,390	85,205
H Galle	79,685	81,627	82,746	83,215	84,365	84,685	85,689	86,183	86,717	86,451	87,117	88,440
I Akmeemana	94,175	95,874	97,344	98,652	100,484	102,419	104,448	105,243	105,912	107,543	109,017	111,178
J Habaraduwa	80,778	81,987	82,842	83,265	84,216	85,345	86,273	86,532	86,826	87,888	88,572	89,485
Total	819,666	833,891	843,470	848,877	858,749	867,709	876,391	879,992	884,028	890,589	898,653	909,155

Electoral District No. 08 - Matara

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Deniyaya	97,610	99,895	101,277	101,907	103,359	104,459	105,276	105,581	106,131	106,522	107,791	108,757
B Hakmana	91,791	93,355	94,219	94,781	95,789	96,825	97,381	97,691	98,158	98,592	99,598	100,442
C Akuressa	93,769	95,226	96,086	96,641	97,825	98,642	99,235	99,864	100,625	100,845	102,078	102,958
D Kamburupitiya	81,524	82,457	82,928	83,436	84,061	84,981	85,311	85,937	86,464	86,457	87,452	88,038
E Devinuwara	78,690	79,870	80,200	80,509	81,234	81,981	82,485	83,175	83,696	83,999	84,807	85,559
F Matara	86,984	88,660	89,901	90,695	92,086	93,402	94,276	95,007	95,830	96,559	97,719	99,029
G Weligama	93,450	95,455	96,436	96,831	98,063	99,297	100,066	100,649	101,314	101,940	103,142	104,311
Total	623,818	634,918	641,047	644,800	652,417	659,587	664,030	667,904	672,218	674,914	682,587	689,094

Electoral District No. 09 - Hambantota

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Mulkirigala	100,711	102,268	102,908	103,760	104,909	106,368	107,557	108,535	109,372	110,735	111,728	113,010
B Beliatta	78,234	79,020	79,237	79,406	79,782	80,687	81,494	81,928	82,344	83,084	83,557	84,520
C Tangalle	120,148	122,348	123,599	124,620	126,130	127,950	129,786	130,810	131,824	133,868	135,611	137,650
D Thissamaharamaya	163,818	167,973	169,766	171,712	174,965	178,187	180,749	181,911	182,828	185,034	187,258	190,092
Total	462,911	471,609	475,510	479,498	485,786	493,192	499,586	503,184	506,368	512,721	518,154	525,272

Electoral District No. 10 - Jaffna

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Kayts	22,057	22,571	22,883	23,216	23,351	23,488	23,962	24,539	24,749	25,072	25,362	25,773
B Waddukkoddai	47,621	48,216	48,569	49,102	49,956	50,441	51,330	52,146	52,674	53,135	53,660	54,372
C Kankasanthurai	63,217	63,936	63,883	64,620	64,828	63,535	45,812	46,553	46,972	47,101	47,626	48,430
D Manipay	54,567	55,500	56,463	57,237	57,883	58,720	60,307	61,180	61,722	62,374	62,926	63,566
E Kopay	55,891	56,935	57,776	58,437	59,811	61,415	61,673	62,548	63,118	64,013	64,723	65,616
F Uduppidi	39,204	39,762	40,133	40,457	40,979	41,403	41,991	42,562	42,843	42,885	43,173	43,621
G Point Pedro	36,138	36,822	37,557	37,903	38,521	39,226	40,092	40,611	40,945	41,121	41,568	42,132
H Chawakachcheri	51,702	52,701	53,604	54,222	55,283	55,291	56,062	56,784	57,028	57,764	58,200	58,824
I Nalloor	46,699	47,749	48,163	48,754	49,715	50,849	52,221	52,960	53,477	53,809	54,078	54,915
J Jaffna	33,050	33,747	34,695	34,528	34,849	35,216	36,372	36,909	37,372	37,947	38,501	39,138
K Kilinochchi	79,093	81,702	84,353	86,734	89,538	92,264	93,371	95,654	96,818	98,531	100,205	102,827
Total	529,239	539,641	548,079	555,210	564,714	571,848	563,193	572,446	577,718	583,752	590,022	599,214

Electoral District No. 11 - Vanni

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Mannar	79,433	83,224	84,764	86,147	89,403	88,853	85,951	86,879	88,484	89,216	90,251	91,204
B Vavuniya	109,705	112,808	112,573	114,599	117,333	119,811	123,785	124,735	126,204	126,453	128,235	131,042
C Mullaitivu	63,920	67,169	71,774	72,961	75,383	78,360	80,436	82,068	83,327	85,006	86,485	87,849
Total	253,058	263,201	269,111	273,707	282,119	287,024	290,172	293,682	298,015	300,675	304,971	310,095

Electoral District No. 12 - Batticaloa

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Kalkuda	105,056	108,625	111,275	113,270	115,974	119,928	123,496	126,207	128,179	130,278	133,163	135,996
B Batticaloa	172,499	177,565	180,916	183,953	187,682	192,809	196,993	200,274	203,257	205,077	209,091	212,984
C Paddiruppu	87,612	89,716	91,238	92,359	94,645	97,071	98,856	100,644	101,910	102,909	104,699	106,240
Total	365,167	375,906	383,429	389,582	398,301	409,808	419,345	427,125	433,346	438,264	446,953	455,220

Electoral District No. 13 - Digamadulla

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Ampara	161,999	166,870	196,574	171,248	174,421	177,144	179,833	180,688	181,473	184,597	187,345	189,695
B Samanthurai	80,357	82,529	84,200	85,895	88,217	90,405	92,404	94,168	95,489	96,891	98,955	101,018
C Kalmunai	71,254	72,735	73,738	74,946	76,283	77,637	78,636	79,298	79,961	80,760	82,383	83,799
D Pothuvil	152,147	155,872	158,928	161,653	164,869	168,793	172,275	174,891	177,222	179,627	183,521	186,740
Total	465,757	478,006	513,440	493,742	503,790	513,979	523,148	529,045	534,145	541,875	552,204	561,252

Electoral District No. 14 - Trincomalee

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Seruwila	74,070	75,375	76,007	77,234	79,303	80,912	81,837	82,475	83,525	85,216	87,060	88,324
B Trincomalee	86,978	89,547	90,621	91,907	94,781	97,065	98,219	99,401	100,837	102,298	104,461	106,099
C Mutur	95,804	99,446	101,468	103,681	107,030	110,891	113,551	116,070	117,546	119,790	122,614	125,986
Total	256,852	264,368	268,096	272,822	281,114	288,868	293,607	297,946	301,908	307,304	314,135	320,409

Electoral District No. 15 - Kurunegala

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Galgamuwa	103,488	105,417	106,309	107,140	108,360	109,610	110,469	111,861	112,726	113,508	114,529	115,947
B Nikaweratiya	94,910	96,771	97,830	98,562	99,963	101,252	102,164	103,236	104,137	104,999	106,231	107,331
C Yapahuwa	113,858	116,036	117,329	118,420	119,976	121,369	122,505	123,821	124,771	125,910	127,289	128,731
D Hiriyala	97,886	99,980	101,299	102,504	103,591	105,188	106,464	107,483	108,414	109,532	110,656	112,064
E Wariyapola	76,817	78,137	79,137	79,793	80,799	81,882	82,560	83,388	84,223	84,771	85,497	86,397
F Panduwasnuwara	74,100	75,401	76,059	76,427	77,425	78,249	78,799	79,594	79,957	80,762	81,413	82,342
G Bingriya	88,306	89,934	90,928	91,654	92,857	93,886	94,692	95,746	96,335	97,105	98,066	99,398
H Katugampola	94,505	96,196	96,889	97,460	98,457	99,818	100,545	101,398	101,973	102,917	104,065	105,255
I Kuliyaipitiya	100,474	102,618	103,654	104,445	105,533	106,752	107,380	108,773	109,669	110,137	111,510	112,798
J Dambadeniya	94,560	95,860	96,723	97,115	97,946	99,031	99,751	100,694	101,019	101,309	102,190	103,394
K Polgahawela	77,321	78,623	79,295	80,071	80,770	81,783	82,342	83,448	84,019	84,750	85,425	86,389
L Kurunegala	89,332	91,753	93,502	94,425	95,851	97,398	98,281	99,457	100,464	101,192	102,385	104,043
M Mawathagama	90,682	92,688	94,030	95,202	96,827	98,263	99,525	100,740	101,535	102,539	103,880	105,423
N Dodangaslanda	70,204	71,309	72,011	72,497	73,350	74,306	75,150	75,818	76,461	76,859	77,789	78,566
Total	1,266,443	1,290,723	1,304,995	1,315,715	1,331,705	1,348,787	1,360,627	1,375,457	1,385,703	1,396,290	1,410,925	1,428,078

Electoral District No. 16 - Puttalam

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Puttalam	125,702	132,374	135,790	139,701	144,450	151,963	159,995	163,866	166,090	169,818	173,502	177,867
B Anamaduwa	112,978	116,171	117,885	119,309	121,672	124,371	126,533	127,871	129,394	131,033	132,677	134,760
C Chillaw	118,171	120,939	122,741	123,852	125,597	127,531	128,973	129,956	130,886	132,309	133,668	135,410
D Naththandiya	89,975	92,258	93,708	94,651	95,936	97,791	99,433	100,304	101,062	102,095	103,570	104,891
E Wennappuwa	106,183	108,567	109,480	110,170	111,387	112,714	113,706	115,012	115,847	116,678	117,840	119,468
Total	553,009	570,309	579,604	587,683	599,042	614,370	628,640	637,009	643,279	651,933	661,257	672,396

Electoral District No. 17 -Anuradhapura

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Medawachchiya	81,996	84,532	87,814	89,113	90,797	92,576	93,680	94,916	95,877	97,532	99,344	100,517
B Horowpathana	81,099	83,197	84,292	85,337	86,622	88,141	89,171	90,419	91,596	92,829	94,126	95,349
C Anuradhapura East	97,576	100,541	101,966	103,230	105,155	106,993	108,764	110,148	111,203	112,775	114,397	116,447
D Anuradhapura West	102,691	105,679	107,064	108,122	109,976	111,892	113,468	114,634	115,844	117,773	119,431	121,133
E Kalawewa	125,162	127,728	129,343	130,449	131,906	133,702	134,837	136,266	137,445	138,840	140,664	142,269
F Mihinthale	64,778	66,720	67,685	68,548	69,284	70,512	71,165	72,008	72,741	73,973	74,851	75,696
G Kekirawa	83,431	84,754	85,999	87,362	88,710	89,818	90,742	91,857	92,776	93,943	94,951	96,504
Total	636,733	653,151	664,163	672,161	682,450	693,634	701,827	710,248	717,482	727,665	737,764	747,915

Electoral District No. 18 - Polonnaruwa

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Minneriya	83,395	85,218	86,247	87,113	88,297	89,417	90,683	91,468	92,132	92,999	94,054	95,015
B Medirigiriya	77,505	79,488	80,087	80,889	82,123	83,138	84,563	85,573	86,044	86,659	87,539	88,402
C Polonnaruwa	146,225	149,659	152,071	153,592	156,023	158,554	161,455	162,387	163,855	166,113	168,208	169,752
Total	307,125	314,365	318,405	321,594	326,443	331,109	336,701	339,428	342,031	345,771	349,801	353,169

Electoral District No. 19 - Badulla

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Mahiyanganaya	95,715	98,579	100,114	101,623	103,439	105,150	106,508	107,467	108,251	110,431	112,233	113,709
B Viyathuwa	51,295	52,471	53,031	53,548	54,220	54,995	55,482	55,895	56,190	56,741	57,712	58,460
C Passara	62,901	64,400	65,104	65,384	66,199	67,196	67,784	68,368	68,724	69,252	69,873	70,445
D Badulla	55,185	56,438	57,212	57,739	58,414	59,353	59,836	60,135	60,333	61,336	62,128	62,963
E Hali Ela	69,909	71,482	72,208	72,680	73,724	74,785	75,787	76,353	76,647	77,474	78,479	79,414
F Uva Parangama	62,689	63,831	64,338	64,600	65,267	66,278	66,783	67,227	67,909	68,526	69,029	69,531
G Welimada	74,436	76,520	77,575	78,382	79,159	80,482	81,595	82,282	82,630	83,841	84,885	86,066
H Bandarawela	83,147	85,325	86,336	87,288	88,416	89,861	90,990	91,559	92,030	93,124	94,370	95,374
I Haputale	65,209	67,001	67,662	68,228	68,928	70,066	71,159	71,606	71,807	72,635	73,584	74,635
Total	620,486	636,047	643,580	649,472	657,766	668,166	675,924	680,892	684,521	693,360	702,293	710,597

Electoral District No. 20 - Moneragala

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Bibila	83,003	85,327	86,506	87,688	89,097	90,406	91,676	92,571	93,479	94,989	96,166	97,516
B Moneragala	107,678	111,209	112,547	113,959	115,873	117,465	118,991	120,270	121,415	123,654	125,349	127,493
C Wellawaya	149,116	153,940	156,421	158,721	161,554	164,284	167,021	168,411	169,994	173,075	175,706	178,298
Total	339,797	350,476	355,474	360,368	366,524	372,155	377,688	381,252	384,888	391,714	397,221	403,307

Electoral District No. 21 - Ratnapura

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Eheliyagoda	96,170	98,312	99,195	99,848	101,109	102,356	103,422	104,438	105,165	105,822	106,773	108,058
B Ratnapura	121,108	123,974	125,840	127,148	128,757	130,334	131,972	132,724	133,668	134,726	136,129	138,017
C Pelmadulla	83,934	86,746	88,130	89,123	90,809	92,216	93,672	94,360	94,920	95,362	96,045	97,249
D Balangoda	106,575	109,420	111,441	112,829	114,524	116,400	117,757	118,988	120,282	121,171	122,195	123,384
E Rakwana	102,618	105,704	107,346	108,371	109,845	111,499	112,887	113,666	114,597	115,372	116,625	118,105
F Nivithigala	96,156	99,067	100,188	100,917	102,486	104,273	105,528	106,166	106,922	107,602	108,627	109,757
G Kalawana	62,773	64,520	65,536	66,326	67,356	68,326	69,034	69,676	70,057	70,652	71,366	72,064
H Kolonna	140,748	143,836	146,158	147,911	150,092	152,178	154,450	155,926	157,385	159,433	161,447	163,958
Total	810,082	831,579	843,834	852,473	864,978	877,582	888,722	895,944	902,996	910,140	919,207	930,592

Electoral District No. 22 - Kegalle

Polling Division Letter and Name	Number of Electors for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
A Dedigama	87,800	88,946	89,562	89,943	90,694	91,389	91,985	92,498	92,707	92,827	93,496	94,431
B Galigamuwa	67,375	68,101	68,425	68,701	69,072	69,656	69,930	70,504	70,555	70,511	71,082	71,699
C Kegalle	71,183	72,320	72,676	73,112	74,013	74,813	75,785	76,543	76,765	77,026	77,567	78,386
D Rambukkana	65,337	66,432	67,111	67,521	68,021	68,571	69,233	69,725	70,076	70,614	71,534	72,327
E Mawanela	90,627	92,362	93,464	94,485	96,225	97,819	98,550	99,088	99,542	100,796	101,925	103,556
F Aranayaka	53,207	53,941	54,034	53,975	53,859	54,325	54,600	54,883	54,969	54,960	55,345	55,621
G Yatiyantota	74,244	75,739	76,091	76,636	77,420	78,082	78,612	78,971	79,197	79,297	80,176	80,959
H Ruwanwella	73,498	75,083	75,785	76,425	77,351	78,596	79,319	79,640	79,781	80,689	81,555	82,194
I Deraniyagala	66,607	68,078	68,669	68,772	69,785	70,938	72,087	72,336	72,677	73,129	74,010	74,845
Total	649,878	661,002	665,817	669,570	676,440	684,189	690,101	694,188	696,269	699,849	706,690	714,018

Note 10**Comparative Statement on the Percentage of Persons Presenting National Identity Card Details During Revisions of Electoral Registers for the Years 2014–2025**

Electoral District	Percentage of Persons Presenting National Identity Card Details for Each Year											
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
01 - Colombo	97.53	97.54	98.10	98.43	98.49	98.61	98.74	98.75	98.76	98.82	98.84	98.89
02 - Gampaha	95.51	95.96	96.70	97.35	97.48	98.01	98.16	98.19	98.21	98.24	98.21	98.28
03 - Kalutara	96.32	96.36	97.17	97.38	97.53	97.88	97.95	97.98	97.96	98.00	97.95	98.24
04 - Mahanuwara	97.25	96.15	96.65	97.44	97.69	98.05	98.29	98.37	98.39	98.42	98.39	98.54
05 - Matale	95.76	95.76	96.51	97.16	97.32	98.18	97.88	97.96	97.98	98.02	98.00	98.12
06 - Nuwara Eliya	92.49	94.03	94.79	95.10	95.19	96.55	96.32	96.28	96.23	96.13	95.91	95.88
07 - Galle	95.37	95.76	96.26	96.74	97.11	97.68	98.03	98.10	98.14	98.20	98.29	98.55
08 - Matara	94.72	93.25	94.56	94.86	95.29	96.09	96.86	96.95	97.04	97.19	97.19	97.49
09 - Hambantota	95.33	94.36	95.84	96.30	96.53	97.28	97.71	97.81	97.85	97.93	97.95	98.03
10 - Jaffna	88.36	90.33	92.56	93.27	93.6	94.19	98.16	98.12	98.26	98.27	98.26	98.45
11 - Vanni	91.41	92.46	94.65	95.49	95.9	96.16	96.79	96.81	96.82	96.93	96.74	96.77
12 - Batticaloa	94.70	94.15	95.53	96.16	96.33	96.85	97.17	97.26	97.34	97.39	97.50	97.68
13 - Digamadulla	94.54	95.05	95.47	96.57	96.71	96.78	97.67	97.72	97.69	97.69	97.72	97.95
14 - Trincomalee	94.84	94.90	96.06	96.11	96.31	97.18	97.80	97.87	97.93	98.02	97.89	97.94
15 - Kurunegala	94.50	94.83	96.03	96.55	96.96	97.36	97.87	97.95	98.01	98.13	98.16	98.28
16 - Puttalam	94.09	93.53	94.53	95.81	96.11	96.64	97.34	97.38	97.39	97.42	97.41	97.55
17 - Anuradhapura	91.65	92.17	93.23	94.86	95.16	95.97	96.54	96.65	96.73	96.82	96.85	97.02
18 - Polonnaruwa	92.48	92.85	94.25	95.08	95.45	95.98	96.95	97.11	97.20	97.38	97.44	97.62
19 - Badulla	94.63	94.83	95.44	96.04	96.32	97.29	97.46	97.55	97.54	97.52	97.41	97.49
20 - Moneragala	91.78	92.81	94.16	95.13	95.99	96.49	97.44	97.50	97.54	97.61	97.83	98.24
21 - Ratnapura	94.48	94.80	95.75	96.76	97.14	97.26	97.49	97.50	97.51	97.50	97.51	97.53
22 - Kegalle	94.77	94.65	95.75	96.20	96.48	97.22	97.47	97.56	97.62	97.71	97.73	98.01
Total	94.79	94.93	95.87	96.51	96.76	97.28	97.74	97.79	97.82	97.87	97.87	98.01

Increase in the Number of Electors and the Percentage Increase Compared to the Previous Year During Electoral Register Revisions for 2001–2025

Year	Total Number of Electors	Increase/Decrease in Electors Compared to Last Year	Percentage of Increase/Decrease
2001	12,673,688	244,926	1.93%
2002	12,899,032	225,344	1.75%
2003	13,033,996	134,964	1.04%
2004	13,327,160	293,164	2.20%
2005	13,538,371	211,211	1.56%
2006	13,788,718	250,347	1.82%
2007	13,958,372	169,654	1.22%
2008	14,088,500	130,128	0.92%
2009	14,315,417	226,917	1.59%
2010	14,222,290	-93,127	-0.65%
2011	14,268,064	45,774	0.32%
2012	14,451,264	183,200	1.27%
2013	14,752,168	300,904	2.04%
2014	15,044,490	292,322	1.94%
2015	15,421,205	376,715	2.44%
2016	15,611,970	190,765	1.22%
2017	15,760,867	148,897	0.94%
2018	15,992,096	231,229	1.45%
2019	16,263,885	271,789	1.67%
2020	16,436,059	172,174	1.05%
2021	16,575,646	139,587	0.84%
2022	16,692,397	116,751	0.70%
2023	16,854,298	161,901	0.96%
2024	17,064,261	209,963	1.23%
2025	17,308,228	243,967	1.41%

Comparative Statement on the Number of Members of Parliament to be Elected for Each Electoral District under Article 98(8) of the Constitution for the Years 2014-2025

Electoral District	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022			2023			2024			2025									
	19	18	19	18	19	18	19	18	19	18	19	18	19	18	19	18	2022	2022(1)	2022(2)	2022(3)	2023	2023(1)	2023(2)	2023(3)	2024	2024(1)	2024(2)	2024(3)	2025	2025 (1)	2025 (2)				
01 - Colombo	19	18	19	18	19	18	19	18	19	18	19	18	19	18	19	18	19	19	19	19	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18				
02 - Gampaha	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18				
03 - Kalutara	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11				
04 - Mahanuwara	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12				
05 - Matale	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5					
06 - Nuwara Eliya	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8				
07 - Galle	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9				
08 - Matara	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7				
09 - Hambantota	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7			
10 - Jaffna	7	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6			
11 - Vanni	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6		
12 - Batticaloa	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
13 - Digamadulla	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	
14 - Trincomalee	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
15 - Kurunegala	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	
16 - Puttalam	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
17 - Anuradhapura	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	
18 - Polonnaruwa	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
19 - Badulla	8	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
20 - Moneragala	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
21 - Ratnapura	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
22 - Kegalle	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Total	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	196	

Variation in the Number of Votes in the Valid Electoral Registers from 2021 to 2025 and the Relevant Details

Register	Certified date	Number of registered votes	Cumulative number of votes on the combined register	Difference	Percentage of change %	As of the certified date			
						In force		Defunct	
						Main Register	Supplementary Register	Main Register	Supplementary Register
2021	2022.01.07	16,575,646	16,575,646	139,587	0.84	2021	-	2020	-
2022 Supplementary	2022.08.31	142,537	16,718,183	142,537	0.85	2021	2022 Supplementary	-	-
2022	2022.10.31	16,692,397	16,692,397	-25,786	-0.15	2022	-	2021	2022 Supplementary
2022(1)	2022.11.08	62,732	16,755,129	62,732	0.37	2022	2022(1)	-	-
2022(2)	2022.11.15	56,212	16,811,341	56,212	0.33	2022	2022(1), 2022(2)	-	-
2022(3)	2023.02.01	48,852	16,860,193	48,852	0.29	2022	2022(1), 2022(2), 2022(3)	-	-
2023 (1)	2023.09.15	68,749	16,928,942	68,749	0.40	2022	2022(1), 2022 (2), 2022 (3), 2023(1)	-	-
2023 (2)	2023.10.02	67,539	16,996,481	67,539	0.40	2022	2022(1), 2022 (2), 2022 (3), 2023(1) 2023(2)	-	-
2023	2023.10.31	16,854,298	16,990,586	-5,895	-0.03	2023	2023(1), 2023 (2)	2022	2022(1), 2022(2), 2022 (3)
2023 (3)	2024.02.01	72,757	17,063,343	72,757	0.43	2023	2023(1) 2023(2) 2023(3)	-	-
2024	2024.07.01	17,064,261	17,064,261	918	0.01	2024	-	2023	2023(1), 2023(2), 2023(3)
2024(1)	2024.07.08	76,093	17,140,354	76,093	0.44	2024	2024(1)	-	-
2024 (2)	2024.10.01	78,901	17,219,255	78,901	0.46	2024	2024(1) 2024(2)	-	-
2024 (3)	2025.02.01	77,075	17,296,330	77,075	0.45	2024	2024(1) 2024(2) 2024 (3)	-	-
2025 (1)	2025.10.15	68,667	17,364,997	68,667	0.40	2024	2024(1) 2024(2) 2024 (3) 2025 (1)	-	-
2025 (2)	2025.10.22	68,109	17,433,106	68,109	0.39	2024	2024(1) 2024(2) 2024 (3) 2025 (1) 2025 (2)	-	-
2025	2025.10.31	17,308,228	17,445,004	11,898	0.07	2025	2025 (1) 2025 (2)	2024	2024(1) 2024(2) 2024 (3)

Note 13

Note 14**Revision of Electoral Registers - 2025****Comparative Statement on the Number of Registered Electors by Electoral District, 2024–2025**

Electoral District	Total Number of Electors – 2024	Total Number of Electors – 2025	Increase (Decrease) Compared to the Previous Year	Percentage Change
01. Colombo	1,761,536	1,797,862	36,326	2.06
02. Gampaha	1,873,825	1,901,866	28,041	1.50
03. Kalutara	1,019,679	1,034,976	15,297	1.50
04. Mahanuwara	1,185,646	1,200,493	14,847	1.25
05. Matale	427,851	433,888	6,037	1.41
06. Nuwara Eliya	602,887	609,360	6,473	1.07
07. Galle	898,653	909,155	10,502	1.17
08. Matara	682,587	689,094	6,507	0.95
09. Hambantota	518,154	525,272	7,118	1.37
10. Jaffna	590,022	599,214	9,192	1.56
11. Vanni	304,971	310,095	5,124	1.68
12. Batticaloa	446,953	455,220	8,267	1.85
13. Digamadulla	552,204	561,252	9,048	1.64
14. Trincomalee	314,135	320,409	6,274	2.00
15. Kurunegala	1,410,925	1,428,078	17,153	1.22
16. Puttalam	661,257	672,396	11,139	1.68
17. Anuradhapura	737,764	747,915	10,151	1.38
18. Polonnaruwa	349,801	353,169	3,368	0.96
19. Badulla	702,293	710,597	8,304	1.18
20. Monaragala	397,221	403,307	6,086	1.53
21. Ratnapura	919,207	930,592	11,385	1.24
22. Kegalle	706,690	714,018	7,328	1.04
Total	17,064,261	17,308,228	243,967	1.41

Revision of Electoral Registers - 2024

**Number of Registered Electors according to the 2024 (3)
Supplementary Electoral Register certified on 01 February 2025**

Electoral District	No. of Registered Votes
Colombo	3,822
Gampaha	7,450
Kalutara	4,401
Mahanuwara	5,558
Matale	2,118
Nuwara Eliya	2,411
Galle	4,719
Matara	3,637
Hambantota	2,851
Jaffna	3,608
Vanni	1,094
Batticaloa	2,662
Digamadulla	3,441
Trincomalee	1,695
Kurunegala	6,593
Puttalam	2,445
Anuradhapura	4,046
Polonnaruwa	1,313
Badulla	3,339
Moneragala	2,217
Ratnapura	4,602
Kegalle	3,053
Total	77,075

Note 16

Annual calculation of the number of MPs to be returned in each electoral district as per Article 98(8) of the Constitution (After certifying the 2024 (3) Supplementary electoral register certified on 1st February 2025)														
Electoral District	Number of elector as per certified electoral register 2023		2024(1) Supplementary Register (01.02.2024 - 31.05.2024)	2024(2) Supplementary Register (01.06.2024 - 30.09.2024)	2024(3) Supplementary Register (01.10.2024 - 31.01.2025)	2024 Register + Supplementary + 2024(2) Supplementary + 2024(3) Supplementary (=A+B+C+D)	Qualifying Number	Number of MPs based on qualifying number	Number of MPs based on qualifying number x qualifying number	Balance	Number of MPs based on balance	Total	Number of members specified under the Article 96 (4)	Total
	A	B	C	D			2=(1/160)	3=(1/2)	4=(2*3)	5=(1-4)	6	7=(3+6)	8	9=(7+8)
1	Colombo	1,761,536	3,815	4,287	3,822	1,773,460		16	1,729,632	43,828	6	16	2	18
2	Gampaha	1,873,825	7,304	7,725	7,450	1,896,304		17	1,837,734	58,570	1	17	1	18
3	Kalutara	1,019,679	4,565	4,561	4,401	1,033,206		9	972,918	60,288	1	10	1	11
4	Mahanuwara	1,185,646	5,753	5,601	5,558	1,202,558		11	1,189,122	13,436		11	1	12
5	Matale	427,851	2,140	2,137	2,118	434,246		4	432,408	1,838		4	1	5
6	Nuwara Eliya	602,887	2,405	2,414	2,411	610,117		5	540,510	69,607	1	6	2	8
7	Galle	898,653	4,510	4,689	4,719	912,571		8	864,816	47,755		8	1	9
8	Matara	682,587	3,588	3,737	3,637	693,549	108,102.06	6	648,612	44,937		6	1	7
9	Hambantota	518,154	2,786	2,808	2,851	526,599		4	432,408	94,191	1	5	2	7
10	Jaffna	590,022	3,165	3,732	3,608	600,527		5	540,510	60,017	1	6	1	7
11	Vanni	304,971	1,110	1,291	1,094	308,466	108,102	2	216,204	92,262	1	3	3	6
12	Batticaloa	446,953	2,733	3,172	2,662	455,520		4	432,408	23,112		4	1	5
13	Digamadulla	552,204	3,228	3,572	3,441	562,445		5	540,510	21,935		5	2	7
14	Trincomalee	314,135	1,790	1,779	1,695	319,399		2	216,204	103,195	1	3	1	4
15	Kurunegala	1,410,925	6,301	6,467	6,593	1,430,286		13	1,405,326	24,960		13	2	15
16	Puttalam	661,257	2,416	2,407	2,445	668,525		6	648,612	19,913		6	2	8
17	Anuradhapura	737,764	4,098	4,193	4,046	750,101		6	648,612	101,489	1	7	2	9
18	Polonnaruwa	349,801	1,501	1,496	1,313	354,111		3	324,306	29,805		3	2	5
19	Badulla	702,293	3,479	3,290	3,339	712,401		6	648,612	63,789	1	7	2	9
20	Moneragala	397,221	1,945	2,136	2,217	403,519		3	324,306	79,213	1	4	2	6
21	Ratnapura	919,207	4,529	4,517	4,602	932,855		8	864,816	68,039	1	9	2	11
22	Kegalle	706,690	2,932	2,890	3,053	715,565		6	648,612	66,953	1	7	2	9
	Total	17,064,261	76,093	78,901	77,075	17,296,330		149	16,107,198	1,189,132	11	160	36	196

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Number of registered electors as per the 2025 (1) Supplementary electoral register certified on 15th October 2025

Electoral District	Number of Registered Votes
Colombo	4,063
Gampaha	6,570
Kalutara	4,130
Mahanuwara	4,928
Matale	1,630
Nuwara Eliya	2,376
Galle	4,225
Matara	2,897
Hambantota	2,424
Jaffna	2,927
Vanni	1,420
Batticaloa	2,508
Digamadulla	2,863
Trincomalee	1,644
Kurunegala	5,253
Puttalam	1,657
Anuradhapura	3,162
Polonnaruwa	1,255
Badulla	2,801
Moneragala	1,934
Ratnapura	5,071
Kegalle	2,929
Total	68,667

Annual calculation of the number of Members entitled to be elected for each electoral district in terms of Article 98(8) of the Constitution
 Following the certification of the 2025(1) Supplementary Electoral Register (01.02.2025 - 31.05.2025) on 15th October 2025

Electoral District	Number of electors according to the 2024(3) CR Electoral Register (2024 Main + 2024(1) Supplementary + 2024(2) Supplementary + 2024(3) Supplementary)		2025(1) Supplementary Register (01.02.2025 - 31.05.2025)		2024(3) CR + 2025(1) Supplementary. (1=A+B)		Qualifying Number	Number of MPs based on qualifying number	Number of MPs based on qualifying number x qualifying number	Balance	Number of MPs based on balance	Total	Number of members specified under the Article 96 (4)	Total
	A	B	A	B	1	2=(1/160)								
1 Colombo	1,773,460	4,063	1,777,523		1	2=(1/160)	16,378	1,736,496	41,027	6	16	18	2	18
2 Gampaha	1,896,304	6,570	1,902,874		1		17,533	1,845,027	57,847		17	18	1	18
3 Kalutara	1,033,206	4,130	1,037,336		1		9,558	976,779	60,557	1	10	11	1	11
4 Mahanuwara	1,202,558	4,928	1,207,486		1		11,126	1,193,841	13,645		11	12	1	12
5 Matale	434,246	1,630	435,876		1		4,016	434,124	1,752		4	5	1	5
6 Nuwara Eliya	610,117	2,376	612,493		1		5,643	542,655	69,838	1	6	8	2	8
7 Galle	912,571	4,225	916,796		1		8,447	868,248	48,548		8	9	1	9
8 Matara	693,549	2,897	696,446		1	108,531.23	6,417	651,186	45,260		6	7	1	7
9 Hambantota	526,599	2,424	529,023		1		4,874	434,124	94,899	1	5	7	2	7
10 Jaffna	600,527	2,927	603,454		1		5,560	542,655	60,799	1	6	7	1	7
11 Vanni	308,466	1,420	309,886		1	108,531	2,855	217,062	92,824	1	3	6	3	6
12 Batticaloa	455,520	2,508	458,028		1		4,220	434,124	23,904		4	5	1	5
13 Digamadulla	562,445	2,863	565,308		1		5,209	542,655	22,653		5	7	2	7
14 Trincomalee	319,399	1,644	321,043		1		2,958	217,062	103,981	1	3	4	1	4
15 Kurunegala	1,430,286	5,253	1,435,539		1		13,227	1,410,903	24,636		13	15	2	15
16 Puttalam	668,525	1,657	670,182		1		6,175	651,186	18,996		6	8	2	8
17 Anuradhapura	750,101	3,162	753,263		1		6,941	651,186	102,077	1	7	9	2	9
18 Polonnaruwa	354,111	1,255	355,366		1		3,274	325,593	29,773		3	5	2	5
19 Badulla	712,401	2,801	715,202		1		6,590	651,186	64,016	1	7	9	2	9
20 Moneragala	403,519	1,934	405,453		1		3,736	325,593	79,860	1	4	6	2	6
21 Ratnapura	932,855	5,071	937,926		1		8,642	868,248	69,678	1	9	11	2	11
22 Kegalle	715,565	2,929	718,494		1		6,620	651,186	67,308	1	7	9	2	9
Total	17,296,330	68,667	17,364,997		1		149	16,171,119	1,193,878	11	160	196	36	196

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Number of registered electors as per the 2025 (2) Supplementary electoral register certified on 22nd October 2025

Electoral District	Number of Registered Votes
Colombo	3,733
Gampaha	6,405
Kalutara	4,093
Mahanuwara	4,534
Matale	1,517
Nuwara Eliya	2,279
Galle	4,338
Matara	2,849
Hambantota	2,345
Jaffna	3,548
Vanni	1,622
Batticaloa	2,733
Digamadulla	2,885
Trincomalee	1,685
Kurunegala	5,040
Puttalam	1,597
Anuradhapura	3,279
Polonnaruwa	1,383
Badulla	2,564
Moneragala	1,962
Ratnapura	4,920
Kegalle	2,798
Total	68,109

Note 20

Annual calculation of the number of Members entitled to be elected for each electoral district in terms of Article 98(8) of the Constitution (Following the certification of the 2025(2) Supplementary Electoral Register (01.06.2025 - 30.09.2025) on 22nd October 2025)

Electoral District	Number of electors according to the Electoral Register (2024 Main + 2024(1) Supplementary + 2024(2) Supplementary + 2024(3) Supplementary)			2025(1) Supplementary Register (01.02.2025 - 31.05.2025)	2025(2) Supplementary Register (01.06.2025 - 30.09.2025)	2024(3) CR + 2025(1) Supplementary + 2025(2) Supplementary (A+B+C)	Qualifying Number	Number of MPs based on qualifying number	Balance	Number of MPs based on balance	Total	Number of members specified under the Article 96 (4)	Total
	A	B	C										
1 Colombo	1,773,460	4,063	3,733	1,781,256	16,348	16	2=(1/160)	1,743,296	37,960	6	16	2	18
2 Gampaha	1,896,304	6,570	6,405	1,909,279	17,523	17		1,852,252	57,027		17	1	18
3 Kalutara	1,033,206	4,130	4,093	1,041,429	9,558	9		980,604	60,825	1	10	1	11
4 Mahanuwara	1,202,558	4,928	4,534	1,212,020	11,124	11		1,198,516	13,504		11	1	12
5 Matale	434,246	1,630	1,517	437,393	4,014	4		435,824	1,569		4	1	5
6 Nuwara Eliya	610,117	2,376	2,279	614,772	5,642	5		544,780	69,992	1	6	2	8
7 Galle	912,571	4,225	4,338	921,134	8,454	8		871,648	49,486		8	1	9
8 Matara	693,549	2,897	2,849	699,295	6,418	6		653,736	45,559		6	1	7
9 Hambantota	526,599	2,424	2,345	531,368	4,877	4	108,956,91	435,824	95,544	1	5	2	7
10 Jaffna	600,527	2,927	3,548	607,002	5,571	5		544,780	62,222	1	6	1	7
11 Vanni	308,466	1,420	1,622	311,508	2,859	2	108,956	217,912	93,596	1	3	3	6
12 Batticaloa	455,520	2,508	2,733	460,761	4,229	4		435,824	24,937		4	1	5
13 Digamadulla	562,445	2,863	2,885	568,193	5,215	5		544,780	23,413		5	2	7
14 Trincomalee	319,399	1,644	1,685	322,728	2,962	2		217,912	104,816	1	3	1	4
15 Kurunegala	1,430,286	5,253	5,040	1,440,579	13,222	13		1,416,428	24,151		13	2	15
16 Puttalam	668,525	1,657	1,597	671,779	6,166	6		653,736	18,043		6	2	8
17 Anuradhapura	750,101	3,162	3,279	756,542	6,944	6		653,736	102,806	1	7	2	9
18 Polonnaruwa	354,111	1,255	1,383	356,749	3,274	3		326,868	29,881		3	2	5
19 Badulla	712,401	2,801	2,564	717,766	6,588	6		653,736	64,030	1	7	2	9
20 Moneragala	403,519	1,934	1,962	407,415	3,739	3		326,868	80,547	1	4	2	6
21 Ratnapura	932,855	5,071	4,920	942,846	8,653	8		871,648	71,198	1	9	2	11
22 Kegalle	715,565	2,929	2,798	721,292	6,620	6		653,736	67,556	1	7	2	9
Total	17,296,330	68,667	68,109	17,433,106	149	149		16,234,444	1,198,662	11	160	36	196

Information on Gazette Notifications issued in relation to the Local Authorities Elections held on 2026.05.06

Serial no.	Date of Issue	Gazette No.	Matter
1.	2025.02.28	2425/60	Gazette notification for the appointment of Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers in terms of Section 4(1) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance.
2.	2025.02.28	2425/61	Gazette notification for the appointment of Returning Officer/Officers in respect of each Local Authority.
3.	2025.02.28	2425/62	Gazette notification of the Order issued under Section 76A of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262).
4.	2025.03.01	2425/70	Gazette notification of the Notice under Sections 27F, 28(2), 28(2)(a), 28(2)(b), and 29(1)(a)(i)(ii) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance.
5.	2025.03.01	2425/71	Gazette notification issued under Section 76A of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance and Section 24A of the Registration of Electors Act.
6.	2025.03.02	2425/73	Gazette notification of the Notice under Sections 27F, 28(2), 28(2)(a), 28(2)(b), and 29(1)(a)(i) and (ii) (Poonakary Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, and Dehiattakandiya Pradeshiya Sabha).
7.	2025.03.02	2425/75	Gazette notification of the Order under Section 76(A).
8.	2025.03.03	2426/02	Gazette Notification of the Notice under Section 26 of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262), subject to Section 3 of the Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions) Act, No. 1 of 2025
9.	2025.03.03	2426/03	Gazette Notification issued announcing the election of members to the local authorities of the Kilinochchi District (Poonakary Pradeshiya Sabha), Mannar District (Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha) and Ampara District (Dehiattakandiya Pradeshiya Sabha), by virtue of the powers vested in the Election Commission under Section 27(1) read with Section 4(1) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262), as amended by Act No. 24 of 1987
10.	2025.03.03	2426/10	Gazette Notification of the Notice under Section 27A (Names of Recognized Political Parties)
11.	2025.03.03	2426/11	Gazette Notification publishing the symbols reserved for recognized political parties for the purposes of elections referred to in the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981
12.	2025.03.03	2426/06	Gazette Notification containing provisions to prevent the use, directly or indirectly, during the election period, of any movable or immovable property belonging to the Government, State Corporations or Statutory Boards, in a manner that promotes or prejudices any party, group or candidate, or obstructs the conduct of a free and fair election

Serial no.	Date of Issue	Gazette No.	Matter
13.	2025.03.03	2426/07	Gazette Notification containing Media Guidelines issued under Article 104B(5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
14.	2025.03.03	2426/08	Gazette Publication containing the Code of Conduct issued under Section 8(8) of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981, as amended by the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Act, No. 58 of 2009
15.	2025.03.10	2427/02	Gazette Notification containing the Notice under Section 26 of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262), subject to Section 3 of the Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions) Act, No. 1 of 2025, relating to Kilinochchi – Poonakary Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar – Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, and Ampara – Dehiattakandiya Pradeshiya Sabha
16.	2025.03.20	2428/16 2428/40	Gazette Notification containing the Notice published by the District Returning Officer in terms of Section 38(1)(c) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)
17.	2025.03.28	2429/47	Gazette Notification containing the Order issued under Section 3 of the Regulation of Election Expenditure Act, No. 3 of 2023
18.	2025.03.29	2429/79	Gazette Notification containing the Notice published by the District Returning Officer of Kilinochchi District in terms of Section 38(1)(c) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) relating to the Poonakary Pradeshiya Sabha
19.	2025.05.27	2438/13	Gazette Notification publishing the Order under Section 76A of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)
20.	2025.05.31	2438/66- 2438/90	Gazette Notification of the Notice under Section 66(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) relating to all local authorities situated in all districts
21.	2025.05.31	2438/92	Gazette Notification publishing the Notice under Section 66A(1) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) containing the names of the Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of each local authority
22.	2025.06.06	2439/65	Gazette Notification containing the names of the elected members under Section 66(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)
23.	2025.06.13	2440/25	Gazette Notification containing the names of the elected members under Section 66(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)
24.	2025.06.20	2441/55	Gazette Notification containing the names of the elected members under Section 66(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)
25.	2025.06.27	2442/60	Gazette Notification containing the names of the elected members under Section 66(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)

Serial no.	Date of Issue	Gazette No.	Matter
26.	2025.07.04	2443/60	Gazette Notification containing the names of the elected members under Section 66(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)
27.	2025.07.07	2444/02	Gazette Notification containing the names of the elected members under Section 66(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)
28.	2025.07.11	2444/60	Gazette Notification containing the names of the elected members under Section 66(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)
29.	2025.08.01	2447/61	Gazette Notification containing the names of the elected members under Section 66(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)
30.	2025.09.26	2455/30	Gazette Notification containing the names of the elected members under Section 66(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)
31.	2025.10.10	2457/31	Gazette Notification containing the names of the elected members under Section 66(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)
32.	2025.10.17	2458/51	Gazette Notification containing the names of the elected members under Section 66(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)
33.	2025.12.05	2465/18	Gazette Notification containing the names of the elected members under Section 66(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262)

Note 22**Circular issued to District Returning Officers in relation to the Local Authorities Elections held on 2025.05.06**

Serial Number	Date of Issue	Circular Number	Division	File Number	Description
1.	2025.03.04	LAE/2025 - 01	Transport Division	TR/01/13/2025/VR	Obtaining information on government vehicles for deployment on duty during an island-wide election
2	2025.03.04	LAE/2025 - 02	Admin Division	EC/ADM/LAE/2025/ST	Collection of information on public service officers for election duties
3.	2025.02.28	LAE/2025 - 03	Establishment Division	මැ.කො.ස./අ/Α7/15/2025	Administrative functions related to preliminary organizational activities
4.	2025.03.03	LAE/2025 - 04	Planning Division	LAE/2025/09	Postal voting facilities
5.	2025.03.03	LAE/2025 - 05	Planning Division	LAE/2025/09	Postal voting
6.	2025.03.03	LAE/2025 - 06	Legal and Investigation	EC/EDR/LAE/2025/05	Misuse of public property
7.	2025.03.11	LAE/2025 - 07	Legal and Investigation	EC/EDR/LAE/2025/04	District Election Dispute Resolution Centres
8.	2025.03.11	LAE/2025 - 08	Legal and Investigation	EC/EDR/LAE/2025/06	Establishment of election propaganda offices
9.	2025.03.11	LAE/2025 - 09	Legal and Investigation	EC/LI/15/III/PE/2025	Instructions related to the implementation of the functions of the Regulation of Election Expenditure Act, No. 03 of 2023
10.	2025.03.03	LAE/2025 - 10	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/02	Preliminary organizational activities
11.	2025.03.04	LAE/2025 - 11	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/02	Nomination procedure
12.	2025.03.04	LAE/2025 - 12	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Incurring welfare expenses
13.	2025.03.04	LAE/2025 - 13	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Overtime and holiday pay
14.	2025.03.06	LAE/2025 - 14	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/02	Activities during the nomination period
15.	09.03.2025	LAE/2025 - 15	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/13	Official poll cards
16.	2025.03.18	LAE/2025 - 16	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/02	Post-nomination activities
17.	2025.03.17	LAE/2025 - 17	Admin Division	EC/ADM/LAE/2025/ST	Collection of information on public service officers for election duties

Serial Number	Date of Issue	Circular Number	Division	File Number	Description
18.	2025.03.11	LAE/2025 - 18	Admin Division	EC/ADM/LAE/2025	District operational plan related to the election
19.	2025.03.08	LAE/2025 - 19	Admin Division	EC/ADM/LAE/2025	Repairing of polling stations, counting centres, and results tabulation halls
20.	2025.03.06	LAE/2025 - 20	Establishment Division	මැ.කො.ස./අ/A7/15/2025	Administrative functions related to preliminary organizational activities
21.	2025.03.08	LAE/2025 - 21	Procurement Division	S/CC/7/iii/2023	Establishment and operation of Regional Procurement Committees
22.	2025.03.12	LAE/2025 - 22	Transport Division	TR/LAE/2025/CIR	Measures to be followed when obtaining fuel through General 231 fuel orders
23.	2025.03.12	LAE/2025 - 23	Transport Division	TR/LAE/2025/CIR	1. Repairing government vehicles subject to mechanical breakdowns during election duty 2. Handling matters related to government vehicles involved in accidents
24.	2025.03.18	LAE/2025 - 24	Admin Division	EC/ADM/LAE/2025/ST	Staff requirements - Polling and counting, issuing and accepting ballot boxes
25.	2025.03.18	LAE/2025 - 25	Admin Division	EC/ADM/LAE/2025/ST	Staff requirements - Polling station / Issuances / Counting
26.	2025.03.12	LAE/2025 - 26	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payment of allowances to Postal Voting Certifying Officers and their staff
27.	2025.03.12	LAE/2025 - 27	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payment of allowances to staff for issuing postal ballot papers and supervising the marking of postal votes
28.	2025.03.12	LAE/2025 - 28	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payment of allowances to staff for checking ballot papers and preparing official poll cards
29.	2025.03.12	LAE/2025 - 29	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payment of allowances to resource persons / officers who conducted training classes and incurring hospitality expenses for training classes
30.	2025.03.25	LAE/2025 - 30	Admin Division	EC/ADM/LAE/2025	Instructions on the establishment of committees

Serial Number	Date of Issue	Circular Number	Division	File Number	Description
					for preliminary organizational activities in the event of holding an election
31.	2025.03.11	LAE/2025-31	Internal Audit	EC/IAD/IAD- 305	Minimizing audit queries
32.	2025.03.28	LAE/2025-32	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/14	Establishment of counting centres Establishment of counting centres (Revised)
33.	2025.03.22	LAE/2025-33	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Incurring welfare expenses
34.	2025.03.31	LAE/2025-34	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/15	Providing facilities for physically disabled voters to mark their ballot paper through an assistant
35.	2025.03.31	LAE/2025-35	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/15	Application for special transport facilities by persons with physical infirmities
36.	2025.03.27	LAE/2025-36	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/40	Issuance of temporary identity cards
37.	2025.03.27	LAE/2025-37	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/10	Preparation of polling stations and issuance of ballot boxes, ballot papers, and other equipment to Senior Presiding Officers as appropriate, and returning the same after the poll
38.	2025.04.06	LAE/2025-38	Procurement Division	S/06/106/LAE-2025	Granting a mobile phone allowance to staff officers utilizing mobile phones for official duties related to the 2025 Local Authorities Elections
39.	2025.04.06	LAE/2025-39	Procurement Division	S/06/106/LAE-2025	Granting a mobile phone allowance to officers utilizing mobile phones for official duties related to the 2025 Local Authorities Elections
40.	2025.04.06	LAE/2025-40	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/14	Matters to be focused on in preparing counting centres, counting of votes, declaration of results, and depositing counted ballot papers in the strongroom

Serial Number	Date of Issue	Circular Number	Division	File Number	Description
41.	2025.03.31	LAE/2025-41	Transport Division	TR/LAE/2025/CIR	Providing vehicles for the Department of Posts and the Department of Police
42.	2025.03.31	LAE/2025-42	Transport Division	TR/LAE/2025/CIR	Obtaining vehicles on hire basis and making payments
43.	2025.03.31	LAE/2025-43	Transport Division	TR/LAE/2025/CIR	Utilizing Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) buses for polling station transport activities
44.	2025.03.31	LAE/2025-44	Transport Division	TR/LAE/2025/CIR	Utilizing private buses for polling station transport activities
45.	2025.03.31	LAE/2025-45	Transport Division	TR/LAE/2025/CIR	Utilizing private vehicles brought by Senior Presiding Officers of polling stations for polling station duties
46.	2025.04.18	LAE/2025-46	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/14	Handing over of equipment including ballot boxes / ballot papers by Counting Officers at the conclusion of counting
47.	2025.04.01	LAE/2025-47	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Issuance and settlement of ad-hoc temporary advances
48.	2025.04.01	LAE/2025-48	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payment of allowances to permanent staff officers of the Election Commission for service outside office hours
49.	2025.04.03	LAE/2025-49	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Obtaining electricity facilities for polling stations
50.	2025.04.03	LAE/2025-50	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Making payments to District Secretaries and staff officers from other government institutions for performing duties outside normal office hours for election duties
51.	2025.04.03	LAE/2025-51	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Making payments for holiday service to retired staff officers recruited for election duties
52.	2025.04.04	LAE/2025-52	Procurement Division	S/CC/LAE/මපාදු/2025	Purchase of bottled drinking water
53.	2025.04.06	LAE/2025-53	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payments to Grama Niladharis for election duties
54.	2025.04.	LAE/2025-54	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Providing advances to Grama Niladharis for the execution of polling station duties

Serial Number	Date of Issue	Circular Number	Division	File Number	Description
55.		LAE/2025-55	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payment of Grama Niladhari allowances
56.	2025.04.07	LAE/2025-56	Transport Division	TR/LAE/2025/CIR	Utilization of private vehicles owned by Chief Counting Officers / Deputy Counting Officers / Assistant Returning Officers
57.	2025.04.07	LAE/2025-57	Transport Division	TR/LAE/2025/CIR	Taking official vehicles (assigned vehicles) by Chief Counting Officers / Divisional Assistant Returning Officers for election duties
58.	2025.04.16	LAE/2025-58	Transport Division	TR/LAE/2025/CIR	Issuance of official duty railway warrants to officers deployed for election duties
59.	2025.04.17	LAE/2025-59	Planning Division	EC/P/LAE/2025/09	Postal voting - Revised dates for marking postal votes
60.	2025.04.17	LAE/2025-60	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/15	Providing transport facilities via three-wheelers for persons with physical disabilities from the entrance of the polling centre to the building where the polling station is located
61.	2025.04.17	LAE/2025-61	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/34	Establishment of Regional Coordination Offices
62.	2025.04.17	LAE/2025-62	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/10	Appointment of agents for polling stations, counting centres, and places where results are declared
63.	2025.04.18	LAE/2025-63	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/14	Processing of results
64.	2025.04.18	LAE/2025-53(1)	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payments to Grama Niladharis for election duties
65.	2025.04.24	LAE/2025-64	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/14	Declaration of a poll at a polling station void and holding a re-poll in terms of Sections 72A(1) and 72A(2) of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262) as amended by Act No. 22 of 2012 and Act No. 16 of 2017

Serial Number	Date of Issue	Circular Number	Division	File Number	Description
66.	2025.04.29	LAE/2025-65	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payment of a busy allowance to staff officers, including Returning Officers engaged in special duties, and other staff of the Election Commission
67.	2025.04.30	LAE/2025-66	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payment of Grama Niladhari allowances
68.	2025.04.30	LAE/2025-67	Transport Division	TR/LAE/2025/CIR	Obtaining vehicles on hire basis and making payments
69.	2025.05.07	LAE/2025-68	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payment to non-staff permanent staff, retired officers, and casual employees of the Election Commission for the day prior to the election, the date of election, and the day after
70.	2025.05.07	LAE/2025-69	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Special payments to staff officers of the Election Commission, including Returning Officers engaged in special duties
71.	2025.04.30	LAE/2025-70	Transport Division	TR/LAE/2025/CIR	Transport activities
72.	2025.04.30	LAE/2025-71	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Making payments to Divisional Secretariat staff and payments to staff of Regional Coordination Committees established at Divisional Secretariat level
73.	2025.04.30	LAE/2025-72	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payment to the staff of National and District Election Dispute Resolution Centres
74.	2025.04.30	LAE/2025-73	Transport Division	TR/LAE/2025/CIR	Obtaining vehicles on hire basis and making payments
75.	2025.05.03	LAE/2025-74	Local Authorities	LAE/2025/14	Tabulation of results and declaration of results

Serial Number	Date of Issue	Circular Number	Division	File Number	Description
76.	2025.05.07	LAE/2025-75	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payment of allowances to committee staff and Assistant Returning Officers who conducted hall coordination activities for the day prior to the election and the date of election
77.	2025.05.08	LAE/2025-76	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payments to election staff
78.	2025.05.07	LAE/2025-77	Establishment Division	මැ.කො.ස./අ/A7/15/2025	Granting duty leave
79.	2025.05.14	LAE/2025-75(1)	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payment of allowances to committee staff and Assistant Returning Officers who conducted hall coordination activities for the day prior to the election and the date of election
80.	2025.05.16	LAE/2025-76(1)	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Payments to election staff
81.	2025.05.16	LAE/2025-78	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Special payment to retired staff officers recruited for election duties
82.	2025.05.16	LAE/2025-79	Accounts Division	FE/101/2025	Making a payment to cover expenses such as electricity and water of private buildings utilized as polling stations

Documents, forms, envelopes, journals, instruction books, and other documents submitted to the Department of Government Printing for printing in relation to the Local Authorities Elections held on 2025.05.06

Serial number	Form number	Description
1.	COPEC - F 1	Census of officers for election duties (ARO(M) / ARO(F) / SPO(M))
2.	COPEC - F 2	Census of officers for election duties (SPO(M) / SPO(F) / JPO(M) / JPO(F) / CL(M) / CL(F))
3.	COPEC - F 3	Census of officers for election duties
4.		Vehicle census form
5.		Deposit receipt books
6.	LAE - S	Nomination paper
7.	LAE - M	Nomination paper
8.	LAE - L	Nomination paper
9.	LAE / CMC	Nomination paper
10.		Notice under Section 45(1)(b) (Poster)
11.		Notice under Section 45(1)(b) (Poster)
12.		Notice under Section 45(1)(b) (Poster)
13.		Sixth Amendment - Pledge / Affirmation and signing (Article 157(A) and Article 161(d)(iii))
14.		Declaration of Assets and Liabilities
15.	LAE 41	Objecting to nomination papers
16.		Local Authorities Elections Ordinance
17.		Extract of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance
18.		Extract on legal proceedings
19.	LAE/02/A-Agent	Appointment and submission of Authorized Agents
20.	LAE/02/AGT/AL/IG	Notice of acceptance of Authorized Agents - Independent Groups
21.	LAE/02/AGT/AL/PP	Notice of acceptance of Authorized Agents - Political Parties
22.	LAE/02/DPT/REQ/IG	Deposit of security fees - Independent Groups
23.	LAE/02/DPT/REQ/PP	Deposit of security fees - Political Parties
24.	LAE/02/SYM	Reservation of symbol
25.	LAE/02/WOMEN	Submission of information on women's representation
26.	LAE/02/YOUTH	Submission of information on youth representation
27.	LBE/PV/1	Postal vote application form
28.	LGE 250015	Postal voting journal

Serial number	Form number	Description
29.	LGE 250013	Manual of Procedure for Assistant Returning Officers in Charge of Postal Ballot Papers
	LGE 250014	Guide for Heads of Institutions and Certifying Officers for postal voting
30.		Guide for Heads of Institutions and Certifying Officers for postal voting
31.		Guide for Heads of Institutions and Certifying Officers for postal voting
32.	LBE/PV/2	Form of Declaration of Identity (Postal)
33.	LBE/PV/3	Form of Declaration of Secrecy (Postal)
34.	LAE/PV1/AGT	Appointment of agents for the issuance of postal ballot papers
35.	LAE/PV1	Notice of issuance of postal ballot papers
36.	LAE/PV/AGT	Appointment of agents for the postal vote marking center
37.	LAE/PV/CO/AGT	Appointment of agents for the postal vote marking center (To be appointed and sent)
38.	LAE/PV/RT	Return of unmarked postal ballot packets on scheduled dates
39.	TID-APP	Temporary identity card application
40.	TID-SUM	Temporary identity card register
41.		Temporary identity cards (Grama Niladhari) identity cards
42.		Temporary identity cards (Estate Superintendent) identity cards
43.		Notice on mandatory identification requirements (To notify for preparation)
44.	LAE 7	Letter of appointment of the Presiding Officer
45.	LAE 8	Appointment of polling agents
46.	CE /11	Identity card of the Senior Presiding Officer (SPO)
47.	LBE SPO F	File of printed forms for Local Authorities Elections
48.		Instructions for Senior Presiding Officers
49.		Manual of Procedure for the Senior Presiding Officer relating to the poll (SPO's Journal)
50.		Instructions for Junior Presiding Officers
51.		Instructions for polling clerks

Serial number	Form number	Description
52.		Instructions for polling station clerks (2008 - New Revised (20..... Printing))
53.		Instructions for polling station clerks (2008 - New Revised (20..... Printing))
54.		Instructions to be followed by the Senior Presiding Officer and the officer engaged in checking identity cards regarding the verification of identity cards at the polling station
55.		Matters to be followed by polling agents during an election
56.		Instructions for Zonal Assistant Returning Officers
57.		Manual of Procedure for Zonal Assistant Returning Officers (Journal)
58.	LAE 27	Guidance instructions for voters
59.	CE 46	Certificate regarding the use of a private vehicle (SPO)
60.	LAE 23	Permit books for utilizing a vehicle due to physical infirmity
61.	CE 200	Ballot box label
62.	I/R වාර්තාව	Report of Assistant Returning Officers in charge of issuances and acceptances (I/R)
63.	ZA	Register for recording details of polling agents and observations and complaints submitted by polling agents regarding the poll
64.	ZP	Report to be submitted to the Returning Officer and the Election Commission by the senior-most Police Officer on duty at the polling station on the day prior to the election and on the date of election, regarding his polling station duties and disturbances at the polling station
65.	ZSPO	Special report and attendance register to be handed over to the Returning Officer by the Senior Presiding Officer of the polling station
66.		Instructions for sealing ballot boxes
67.		Placing the ballot box containing ballot papers into a polythene bag and applying a security lock at the conclusion of the poll
68.		Special instructions given on marking ballot papers with the official mark and issuing them to the voter

Serial number	Form number	Description
69.		Prohibited items inside the polling station (Polling station notice)
70.		Persons legally authorized to enter the polling station (Polling station notice)
71.	CE 19/1	Certificate of attendance (Senior Presiding Officer)
72.	CE 51	Certificate of attendance (Driver)
73.	LBE 33	Appointment of Counting Officers
74.	LBE 9	Appointment of counting agents
75.		Counting strips
76.		Counting centre permit
77.		Instructions for counting agents
78.	CO/JOURNAL	Journal for counting votes and preferences
79.	LBE 19	Journal for counting votes and preferences
80.		Vote counting process - Checklist
81.	LAE/PV/INSTRUCTIONS	Brief instructions on counting (Postal)
82.		Brief instructions on counting
83.		Instructions on counting of ballot papers
84.	LBE 40 PV	Notice sheet for returning sealed packets and ballot boxes, etc.
85.	LBE 40	Notice sheet for returning sealed packets and ballot boxes, etc.
86.	LAE/...../F1	Obtaining approval for counting
87.		Permit for admission to the counting centre
88.	Z/RO	Recorded information on disturbances that occurred at the polling station
89.	LAE/PS	Result of the counting centre
90.	LAE/PV	Result of the postal vote counting centre
91.	LAE/W	Summary of results of the division
92.	LAE/..... /14/F2	Document for the issuance of results of the division

Filling of Vacancies in Local Authorities - 2025

Local Authority	Ward Number and Name	Name of the Member Who Caused the Vacancy	Designation	Party/Independent Group	Reason for Vacancy	Name of the Elected Member	Gazette Number and Date
Colombo District							
Maharagama Urban Council	Member Elected	Saman Pushpakumara Lankeswara	Member	Independent Group No. 1	Resignation	Angoda Liyanage Pradeep Chaminda	2456/85 2025.10.04
Colombo Municipal Council	Member Elected	Mohideen Rifki Bathurdeen	Member	Sarvajana Balaya	Resignation	Kanagaranjidan Branavan	2460/15 2025.10.29
Kodikawatte Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha	15 Megoda Kolonnawa	Mohammad Mihilar Neelar	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Death	Koswatta Liyanage Sanjaya Madhushan	2025.12.11 2466/26
Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte Municipal Council	Member Elected	Arachchige Rajitha Lalitha Kodithuwakku	Member	United Republican Front	Resignation	Nammuni Arachchi Hewa Welhenage Prasanna Ravindralal	2025.12.16 2467/40

Gampaha District							
Minuwangoda Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Hewathantrige Sugath Chandramal Peiris	Member	Samagi Jana Balawegaya	Death	Loku Balasuriyage Nimal Siripala	2025.08.26 2451/13
Minuwangoda Pradeshiya Sabha	25 - Dombawala	Katthota Ralalage Hemantha Chandrasiri	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Ranasinghe Arachchige Janaka Chaminda Ranasinghe	2458/28 2025.10.14
Mahara Pradeshiya Sabha		Koonpiti Kankanamalage Ishan Kasun Umesh Perera	Member	Samagi Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Ranepura Dewage Manjula Saman Suraweera	2460/16 2025.10.29
Dompe Pradeshiya Sabha	03 - Millathe	Ramanayake Pathirannahelage Dinesha Madhushani Ramanayake	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Kankanamalage Buddhika Chamali Dilrukshi Dharmaratne	2463/26 2025.11.20

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Biyagama Pradeshiya Sabha		Ganepola Arachchige Anandasiri Chandrabandhu Ganepola	Member	Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna	Resignation	Pending	
Peliyagoda Urban Council	05 - Rohana Vihara Place	Lorensu Hewage Disna Niranjala Kumari	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Dissanayake Mudiyansele Rathna Lanka Bandara	2463/25 2025.11.20
Meerigama Pradeshiya Sabha		Ahangama Vithanilage Nuwanthi	Member	National Peoples Party	Failure to attend council meetings for 03 months without prior permission.	Pending	
Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha	10 - Katuwagoda	Wannakuwatta Mitiwaduge Hansika Perera	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Jayasekara Subasinghe Arachchige Dhammika Jayasekara	2468/11 2025.12.23
Gampaha Pradeshiya Sabha	08 Pahala Yagoda	Mudunkotuwege Jayasiri Gunawardhana	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Pending	

Kalutara District							
Panadura Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Wannakuwatta Waduge Neil Sunethra Lal Fernando	Member	Sarvajana Balaya	Resignation	Maddumage Sujeewa Nilanga Fernando	2448/05 2025.08.04
Horana Urban Council	Member Elected	Sandanam Johnson Paul	Member	United National Party	Resignation	Rajeeva Vasula Gunasekara	2447/81 2025.08.02
Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Wannakuwatta Waduge Neil Sunethra Lal Fernando	Member	National Freedom Front	Termination of party membership	Pending	
Beruwala Urban Council		Mohamed Ishak	Member	Independent Group No. 01	Resignation	Pending	
Bulathsinhala Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Udumullage Ravindra Kumara	Member	United National Party	Resignation	Rantheige Nishshanka Priyadarshana	2466/05 2025.12.08

Kandy District							
Thumpane Pradeshiya Sabha		Bishrul Amjat Muttalib		United National Alliance	Death	Seyiyadu Ahmed Mohamed Rimzad	2456/40 2025.10.01

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Matale District							
Matale District	Member Elected	Henarath Hetti Arachchige Deshapriya Jaliya Hemantha Opatha	Member	Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna	Resignation	Rajaguru Rajakaruna Wasala Mudiyanselege Krishantha Madhumal Hulangamuwa	2460/40 2025.10.31
Nuwara Eliya District							
None							
Galle District							
Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha	5 - Nagoda	Nagoda Gamage Deepthi Kanchana Chathuranga	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Kuragodage Jayantha Premalal	2450/57 2025.08.22
Yakkalamulla Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Nishantha Kumara Sanduni Nisansala	Member	Samagi Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Kananke Pathiranage Chandrika Damayanthi	2025.11.20 2463/27
Elpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha	13 Pituwala	Don Lasantha Lal Kariyawasam	Member	Samagi Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Gardiya Hewawasam Dinesh Sampath	2466/04 2025.12.08
Karandeniya Pradeshiya Sabha	9 Borakanda	Maheel Rangajeewa Munasinghe	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Death	Mahadurage Suresh Madhusanka	2025.10.30 2460/29
Karandeniya Pradeshiya Sabha	Chairman	Maheel Rangajeewa Munasinghe	Chairman	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Death	Ranasinghe Hetti Arachchilage Saman Kumara Ranasinghe	2025.10.30 2460/28
Karandeniya Pradeshiya Sabha	Vice Chairman	Ranasinghe Hetti Arachchilage Saman Kumara Ranasinghe	Vice Chairman	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Appointment as Chairman	Sameera Prasad Jayawardhana	2466/06 2025.12.08
Rajagama Pradeshiya Sabha	10 Mawadawila	Dadallagei Lionel Kumara	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Pending	
Karandeniya Pradeshiya Sabha	9 Borakanda	Mahadurage Suresh Madusanka	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Pending	
Baddagama Pradeshiya Sabha		Amal Indika Udawatta	Member	Sarvajana Balaya	Termination of party membership	Pending	

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Matara District							
Weligama Urban Council	03 - Galbokka	Mohamed Mohamed Mufallal	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Umarul Jifry Mohamed Afras	2025.06.17 2441/11
Matara Pradeshiya Sabha	11 - Kekandura	Pehembiya Liyanage Asoka	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Peduru Arachchige Dona Pavithra Weeranyake	2025.08.13 2449/25
Athuraliya Pradeshiya Sabha	09 - Ihala Athuraliya	Bulegoda Arachchige Sumithra Karunathilaka		Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Yasantha Gayan Munasinghe Wickramaratne	2459/47 2025.10.24
Weligama Pradeshiya Sabha	07 - Midigama West	Lasantha Wickramasekera	Member	Samagi Jana Balawegaya	Death	Thuppahi Patabadige Sameera Dhanushka de Silva	2462/12 2025.11.11
Weligama Urban Council	04 - Pelena West	Kalutota Kuruwe Arachchige Manoj Udayakara	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Death	Pending	
Kotapola Pradeshiya Sabha	-	Rajendran Shashi	Member	United Republican Front	Failure to attend council meetings for 03 months without prior permission.	Pending	
Hambantota District							
Katuwana Pradeshiya Sabha	12 - Namaneliya	Mahadurage Sugathadasa	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Dewa Bandanage Chaminda Kumara	2461/38 2025.11.07
Hambantota Municipal Council	08 - Alokapura	Herath Mudiyansele Asiri Indika Herath	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Wanni Arachchi Kankaname Chinthaka Priyadarshana	2460/38 2025.10.31
Katuwana Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Peduru Arachchige Sujith Muthukumarana	Member	Samagi Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Siriwardhanage Nishanka Rohana	2460/37 2025.10.31

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Jaffna District							
Valikamam West Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Sivaguru Balakrishnan	Member	Eelam People's Democratic Party	Resignation	Sellamuttu Selwakumar	2447/28 2025.07.30
Valikamam South-West Pradeshiya Sabha	05 - Sillalai	Selvarasa Kaseebaselvan	Member	Democratic Tamil National Alliance	Resignation	Sanmugam Krishnalingam	2448/18 2025.07.30
Velvetthithurai Urban Council	05 - Velvetthithurai	Appulingam Udayasooriyan	Member	All Ceylon Tamil Congress	Resignation	Mahalingam Kanagalingam Shivajilingam	2457/02 2025.10.08
Velanai Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Ponnambalam Nadasashikamini		Thamizh Makkal Koottani	Termination of party membership	Pending	
Valikamam North Pradeshiya Sabha	19 Alavetti North	Kandasamy Mayuradan	Member	Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi	Failure to attend 03 consecutive meetings		
Kilinochehi District							
None							
Mannar District							
None							
Vavuniya District							
Vavuniya District Vavuniya District Sinhala Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Senanayake Anuruddhika Senanayake	Member	Samagi Jana Balawegaya	Termination of party membership	Pending	
Mullaitivu District							
Maritimepattu Pradeshiya Sabha			Chairman	Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi	Resignation	Pending	

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Batticaloa District							
Manmunai Pradeshiya Sabha	4 - Arayampathi South	Sellathurai Manikkarasa	Member	Ilankai Tamil Arasu Kadchi	Death	Sujeetha Rajaravidharma	2448/17 2025.08.05
Manmunai South and Eruvil Pattu Pradeshiya Sabha	9 Kottaikallar	Tharumarettinam Sudaharan	Member	Thamir Makkal Viduthalai Pulikal	Resignation from membership	Nirojini Kalaitavanan	2463/06 2025.11.17
Koralaipattu West Pradeshiya Sabha	7 Ottamavadi 02	Mohamed Haniffa Mohamed Fairuz	Member	Samagi Jana Balawegaya	Resignation from membership	Noordeen Mohamed Paheer	2462/10 2025.11.11

Ampara District							
Akkaraipattu Municipal Council	Member Elected	Nagoorthambi Muhammad Sirajudeen	Member	All Ceylon Makkal Congress	Death	Adamlebbej Sapoor	2453/14 2025.09.08
Uhana Pradeshiya Sabha	02 - Nugelanda	Ratnayake Mudiyanseelage Gnanadari Gunathilaka	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Ratnayake Mudiyanseelage Sanjeevani Erandi Ratnayake	2459/28 2025.10.22
Nintavur Pradeshiya Sabha	06 - Nellithivu	Adambawa Asfar	Member	All Ceylon Makkal Congress	Termination of party membership	Kuduvudeen Muhammadu Jaleel	2462/11 2025.11.11
Namaloya Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Liyannalage Gedara Shanika Pubudi Hashendri	Member	Samagi Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Theelikada Vidana Arachchige Suchithra Madhushani	2466/24 2025.12.11
Irakkamam Pradeshiya Sabha)		Naseer Mohamed Asik	Vice Chairman		Resignation	Pending	

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Trincomalee District							
Morawewa Pradeshiya Sabha		Kadaira Velupillai Kokila Devi	Member	Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna	Resignation	Manthri Vithanage Sugandhika Kumari	2025.11.07 2461/39
Gomarankadawala Pradeshiya Sabha		Randika Prasad Dharmadasa	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Death	Danapalage Damayanthi	2468/12 2025.12.23
Gomarankadawala Pradeshiya Sabha		Randika Prasad Dharmadasa	Chairman	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Death	Ranasinghe Kenaman Dissanayake	2469/06 2025.12.29
Gomarankadawala Pradeshiya Sabha		Ranasinghe Kenaman Dissanayake	Vice Chairman	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Vice Chairman appointed as the Chairman	Kapuru Bandage Karumaratne	2466/05 2025.12.29

Kurunegala District							
Kurunegala Pradeshiya Sabha	15 Bamunawala	Ganegoda Appuhamilage Chamila Prasadini Rathnavardhana	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Wijekoon Mudiyansele Maleesha Nishadhi Ratnayake	2466/07 2025.12.08
Kobeigane Pradeshiya Sabha	09 Baladora	Dissanayake Mudiyansele Esha Hanshani Dissanayake	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Munasinghe Mudiyansele Achala Wijayasinghe	2025.12.22
Kuliyapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha	21 Kalugamuwa	Kumbal Gamayage Malani Gunathilaka	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Pending	
Paduwasnuwara Pradeshiya Sabha	09 Bandara Koswatte	Sitta Durayage Pathum Madusanka Somasiri	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Pending	

Puttalam District							
Karuwalagaswewa Pradeshiya Sabha	01 - Pahala Puliyankulama	Ilandari Purage Wickramapala	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Navaratne Muttalage Neil Navaratne	2441/13 2025.06.18
Chilaw Urban Council	Member Elected	Mirisage Don Ajanthi Nilusha	Member	Samagi Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Chakravarthige Chamarikka Dilhani Fernando	2447/52 2025.08.01

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Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Haja Mohideen Mohamed Fairuz	Member	Independent Group 2	Resignation	Muhammadu Parook Muhammadu Fazli	2459/42 2025.10.23
Nattandiya Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Warnakulasuriya Nalin Prasanna Fernando	Member	Samagi Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Methasinghe Arachchige Janith Sanjeewa	2463/32 2025.11.20
Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Muhammadu Jemmath Beevi	Member	Sarvajana Balaya	Termination of party membership	Pending	
Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Abubakr Muhammadu Inpas	Member	Sarvajana Balaya	Termination of party membership	Pending	
Karuwalagaswewa Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Wanninayake Mudiyansele Gamini Sarath Kumara	Member	Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna	Not attending three sessions of the council	Pending	

Anuradhapura District							
Medawachchiya Pradeshiya Sabha	05 Mahadiwulwewa	Galketiye Gedara Duminda Kumara Sugathapala	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Wijesinghe Nimal Rupasinghe	2452/41 2025.09.04
Thalawa Pradeshiya Sabha	12 - Ikiriwewa	Herath Mudiyansele Pinghamige Ranjith	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Pending	

Polonnaruwa District							
Polonnaruwa Pradeshiya Sabha	5 - Kadawalawewa	Munaweera Kankanage Bandula Asoka Munaweera	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Wickramasinghe Mudiyansele Chintha Lakmali Wickramasinghe	2449/63 2025.08.15

Badulla District							
Rideemaliyadda Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	.P. Ruwanthika Dilrukshi Jayasinghe (Female)	Member	Samagi Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Pending	

Moneragala District							
Kataragama Pradeshiya Sabha	7 Kataragama New Town	Epa Kankanage Nadeepa Asanthi Priyadarshani	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Ratnappullige Sanduni Nisansala	2466/46 2025.12.12

Local Authority	Ward Number and Name	Name of the Member Who Caused the Vacancy	Designation	Party/Independent Group	Reason for Vacancy	Name of the Elected Member	Gazette Number and Date
Ratnapura District							
Balangoda Pradeshiya Sabha	02 Rassagala	Durayalage Ranjith Udaya Kumara	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Gama Athige Ariyadasa	2025.06.18 2441/20
Balangoda Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Durayalage Ranjith Udaya Kumara	Chairman	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Gama Athige Ariyadasa	2025.06.19 2441/32
Kalawana Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Nakathimulla Manannalage Sujeewa Pushpa Kumara	Member	Sarvajana Balaya	Death	Udage Arachchilage Vineedaratne	2466/26 2025.12.11
Kuruwita Pradeshiya Sabha	19 Kosgoda	Kalutotage Leelananda	Member	Jathika Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Colombugama Vidanelage Ratnapala Dharmasiri	2025.09.04 2452/83
Ratnapura Municipal Council	9- Godigamuwa	Nahimi Arachchige Don Darshana Chamath Gunawardena	Member	Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna	Resignation	Nanami Arachchige Don Kapila Gunawardhana	2456/72 2025.10.03
Pelmadulla Pradeshiya Sabha		Hewawasam Gamage Sachini Sevvardika	Member	Samagi Jana Balawegaya	Resignation	Weranja Kamani Wijerathne	2463/11 2025.12.31

Kegalle District							
Dehiwita Pradeshiya Sabha	Member Elected	Udawalage Deepika Priyadarshani	Member	Samagi Jana Balawegaya	Failure to attend council meetings for 03 months without prior permission.	Pending	

Note 25

Serial No.	Name of Presenter	Presentation Topics
1	Ameer Faaiz, Attorney-at-Law Member, Election Commission of Sri Lanka	Upholding Electoral Integrity: Fortifying the Independence of Sri Lanka's Election Commission as a Guarantor Institution
2	Saumya Sandeepa Samarasinghe Undergraduate, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka	Gamifying Democracy: Political Participation in the Age of Digital Entertainment
3	Jayasundara Mudiyansele Tikiri Kumara Jayawardhana Development Officer, Election Commission	An exploratory study on the use of the Tactile Stencil Frame introduced by the Election Commission to ensure secrecy of voting by visually impaired people in individual elections. (Based on the 2024 Presidential Election, Parliamentary Election and 2025 Local Government Elections)
4	Thavalingam Chairman, Delimitation Commission	The role of women in parliamentary politics in Sri Lanka
5	Bandara Mudiyansele Indunil Sanjeewa Lasantha Bandara Assistant Commissioner of Elections (Admin)	A Comparative Analysis of Women's Quota Systems in South Asian Local Governance- Lessons for Strengthening Sri Lanka's Legal Framework
Virtual Presentation		
6	Mr. Pavel V. Andrew Commissioner, Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation	Work of Election Managers with Youth: Experience of the Election Commission System of the Russian Federation
7	Dr. Mohamed Zaheer Member of the Commission Election Commission	Digital Pathways to Electoral Integrity: A Study on the Maldives' Re-Registration Process.

Name and Designation	Theme / Title
Dr. Ranga Kalansooriya Former Director General, Department of Government Information	Role of Civil Society and Media
Dr. Ajantha Atukorale Director, University of Colombo School of Computing	Election Technology and Innovation
Dr. Paikiasothy Saravanamuttu Founder Executive Director, Centre for Policy Alternatives	Fostering Trust and Confidence in Elections
Dr. Ramesh Ramasamy Senior Lecturer, University of Peradeniya	Inclusivity and Accessibility
Dr. N.S. Ariyaratne Senior Lecturer, University of Ruhuna	Gender and Politics

Note 27

Summary of Awareness Programmes for Estate Communities, Marginalized Groups, and Local Election Observers (2025)

District	Programme / Project	Venue	Date Held
Colombo (District)	Awareness creation for the estate sector communities	Padukka - Halpe Estate Premises	2025.03.06
		Padukka - Halpe Estate Premises	2025.09.04
		Soysapura, Kiriwandala	2025.10.04
Gampaha	Awareness creation for the members of civil organizations	Malwatuhipitiya Community Hall, Mahara	2025.12.17
Kalutara	Awareness creation for the estate sector and marginalized groups	Jayanandanarama Viharaya, Menerithenna	2025.06.27
	Awareness creation for marginalized groups (Fisheries community)	Fisheries Association Grounds, Wadduwa Beach Front	2025.07.23
	Awareness creation for the estate sector communities	Yatadola Estate (St. George's Section)	2025.07.30
		Ingiriya, Poruwadanda Estate - Anduragala Watte	2025.11.14
		Ingiriya, Anduragala Watte	2025.11.20
Nuwara Eliya	Awareness creation for the youth of the estate sector on online registration	St. Uyan Devala Hall	2025.08.12
		Norwood Urban Council Hall	2025.08.13
	Awareness creation for the estate sector communities	Dayagama Community Hall	2025.11.18
		Glasgow Kovil Hall	2025.11.18
Galle	Conducting a training programme for the estate sector and marginalized groups	28/B Digala, Nagahatenna Grama Niladhari Office, Elpitiya	2025.07.08
	Awareness creation for marginalized groups (Awareness creation for the elderly community)	Wijayaratne Elders' Home, Rathgama, Hikkaduwa	2025.10.23
		Senehase Nawathana Elders' Home, Hapugala	2025.10.23
		Sasheen Tharaka Memorial Sugatha Elders' Home, Baddegama	2025.10.24
		Sarvodaya Suwasetha Elders' Home, Baddegama	2025.10.24
		Sumanarama Temple, Bataganwila	2025.12.10
		Wellabada Community Hall, Balapitiya	2025.12.15
		Rathgama Divisional Secretariat	2025.12.18

District	Programme/ Project	Venue	Date Held
Matara	Awareness creation for marginalized groups (Awareness creation for the community with disabilities)	Divisional Secretariat Auditorium, Akuressa	2025.11.04
Jaffna	Awareness creation for marginalized groups	Thirunelveli Lakshmi Hall	2025.03.26
	Awareness creation for the transgender community	J Hotel	2025.08.07
	Awareness creation for marginalized groups (Fisheries community)	Pedro Point Area	2025.10.24
Maradankeni, Aliyawalai		2025.12.12	
Mannar	Awareness creation for marginalized groups	Nanattan Divisional Secretariat	2025.09.08
		Mannar District Secretariat	2025.09.11
		Manthai West, Divisional Secretariat	2025.09.12
		Madu Divisional Secretariat	2025.09.15
		Musali Divisional Secretariat	2025.09.16
Batticaloa	Awareness creation for local election observers and candidates	District Secretariat, Batticaloa	2025.03.26
		District Secretariat, Batticaloa	2025.03.27
		District Secretariat, Batticaloa	2025.03.28
		District Secretariat, Batticaloa	2025.04.01
		District Secretariat, Batticaloa	2025.04.17
		District Secretariat, Batticaloa	2025.04.21
	Awareness creation for the civil public on safeguarding the franchise	Periyapullumalai Grama Niladhari Office	2025.08.01
		Kopavali Grama Niladhari Office	2025.08.05
		Kithula Grama Niladhari Office	2025.08.11
		Pulakkaadu Grama Niladhari Office	2025.08.13
		Miyankulam Grama Niladhari Office	2025.08.18

District	Programme/ Project	Venue	Date Held
Trincomalee	Awareness creation for marginalized groups	Patalipuram Grama Niladhari Division	2025.12.05
		Puthukudiyiruppu Grama Niladhari Division	2025.12.05
		Gomarankadawala Grama Niladhari Division	2025.12.06
		Panikkattiyawa Grama Niladhari Division	2025.12.06
Ampara	Programme for registering the indigenous youth community in the electors' register via the Electoral E-Services	Auditorium of the Division Management Office, Mahaweli Authority	2025.07.01
Kurunegala	Awareness programme for the marginalized groups of the estate sector	Dodangaslanda, Raaddagoda Estate Society Hall	2025.03.11
	Awareness creation for marginalized groups	Wilgoda Saumya Community Hall, Ilippugedara	2025.03.15
	Identifying and creating awareness among marginalized groups	District Secretariat, Kurunegala	2025.04.24
		District Secretariat, Kurunegala	2025.04.24
		District Secretariat, Kurunegala	2025.04.24
		District Secretariat, Kurunegala	2025.04.25
District Secretariat, Kurunegala	2025.04.25		
Puttalam	Awareness creation for individuals undergoing community-based correction through courts	Vishuddharama Viharaya - Puttalam	2025.07.16
Badulla	Conducting specialized training programmes for the estate sector and marginalized groups	Ledgerwatte No. 02 Tamil Vidyalaya	2025.04.27
Moneragala	awareness creation for the estate and marginalized groups	Pahala Laccine Watte Community Development Building - Debeddakiwula	2025.07.08
		Aliyawatte Community Development Building	2025.07.08

Training of community leaders / trainers, and conducting awareness programmes for electoral stakeholders

Date Conducted	Activity No.	Number of Participants
2025.01.29	1.1.4.3	260
2025.02.05	7.4.1.3	120
2025.02.10	7.1.4.3	250
2025.02.11	1.4.2.5	75
2025.02.13	1.1.2.2	200
2025.02.15	1.1.2.4	200
2025.02.17	7.1.4.3	500
2025.02.18	1.1.2.3	45
2025.02.20	7.1.4.3	35
2025.02.27	1.1.2.3.	25
2025.03.04	7.1.4.3	350
2025.03.06	7.1.4.3	100
2025.03.10	2.4.1.2	30
2025.04.10	4.1.2.1	160
2025.04.21	4.1.2.1	250
2025.04.22	4.1.2.1	140
2025.04.24	7.1.4.3	40
2025.04.26	1.1.2.2.	230
2025.04.29	1.1.2.3.	330
2025.04.29	2.4.1.2	50
2025.04.30	2.4.1.2.	300
2025.05.02	2.4.2.2.	200
2025.05.03	7.1.4.3	40
2025.07.09	2.1.1.1	1200
2025.07.28	1.1.2.2	90
2025.07.29	1.1.2.2.	20
2025.08.04	1.1.2.2.	75
2025.08.11	1.1.2.3	150
2025.08.11	1.1.1.1	100
2025.08.12	1.1.1.1.	70
2025.08.14	1.1.2.3	175
2025.08.16	2.4.1.2	100
2025.08.18	1.1.2.3.	50
2025.08.18	7.1.4.3	60
2025.09.22	1.1.2.2	100
2025.10.17	1.1.2.3	100
2025.10.28	1.1.2.3	75
2025.11.03	1.1.2.3	40
2025.11.19	1.1.2.2	40
2025.12.17	1.1.2.3	55
2025.12.02	1.1.2.2	50
Total		6480

Note 29**Conducting workshops on women's affairs in the year 2025**

Serial No.	Date	Key Task No.	Number of Participants
01	2025.02.11	1.4.2.5	55
02	2025.02.27	1.1.3.2	60
03	2025.03.04	1.4.1.4	100
04	2025.03.07	1.1.3.2	100
05	2025.03.05	1.1.3.2	55
06	2025.03.05	1.1.3.2	100
07	2025.03.06	1.4.1.4	50
08	2025.03.07	1.1.3.2	250
09	2025.03.07	1.1.3.2	100
10	2025.03.07	1.1.3.2	200
11	2025.03.08	1.1.3.2	100
12	2025.03.08	1.1.2.2	150
13	2025.03.08	1.1.3.2	75
14	2025.03.09	1.4.1.4	250
15	2025.03.12	1.1.3.2	150
16	2025.03.12	1.4.2.5	350
17	2025.03.12	1.1.3.2	100
18	2025.03.14	1.1.3.2	100
19	2025.03.14	1.1.3.2	60
20	2025.03.14	1.1.3.2	100
21	2025.03.15	1.1.3.2	75
22	2025.03.15	4.1.2.1	30
23	2025.03.17	1.1.3.2	75
24	2025.03.24	1.1.3.2	75
25	2025.03.25	1.1.3.2	75
26	2025.03.25	1.1.3.2	150
27	2025.03.28	1.1.3.2	300
28	2025.04.01	1.1.3.2	25
29	2025.04.01	1.1.3.2	40
30	2025.04.05	1.1.3.2	40
31	2025.04.18	1.1.3.2	30
32	2025.06.24	1.1.3.2	35
33	2025.06.25	1.1.3.2	35
34	2025.07.23	1.4.1.3	100
35	2025.08.22	1.4.1.4	150
36	2025.09.27	1.1.3.2	50
37	2025.10.10	1.1.3.2	15
38	2025.11.03	1.1.3.2	46
39	2025.11.06	1.1.3.2	35

Serial No.	Date	Key Task No.	Number of Participants
40	2025.11.07	1.1.3.2	30
41	2025.11.13	1.1.3.2	50
42	2025.11.16	1.4.1.4	150
43	2025.11.17	1.1.3.2	25
44	2025.12.02	1.1.2.3	50
45	2025.12.08	1.1.3.2	70
46	2025.12.09	1.1.3.2	50
47	2025.12.09	1.1.3.2	55
48	2025.12.09	1.1.3.2	55
49	2025.12.10	1.1.3.2	55
50	2025.12.10	1.1.3.2	65
51	2025.12.10	1.1.3.2	60
Grand Total			3936

Note 30**Press releases issued in relation to the Local Authorities Elections**

Press Release Number	Description	Date of Issue
LAE/2025/01	Acceptance of nominations.	2025.03.03
LAE/2025/02	Notification addressed to qualified government officers and members of the security forces who intend to cast their vote by post.	2025.03.04
LAE/2025/03	Report on making deposits.	2025.03.05
LAE/2025/04	Notice regarding the publication of the notice of acceptance of nominations for the Local Authorities Elections in all Local Authorities.	2025.03.06
LAE/2025/05	Report on making deposits.	2025.03.06
LAE/2025/06	Report on making deposits.	2025.03.07
LAE/2025/07	Report on making deposits.	2025.03.08
LAE/2025/08	Notice under Section 26 of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262), subject to Section 3 of the Local Authorities Elections (Special Provisions) Act, No. 1 of 2025.	2025.03.10
LAE/2025/09	Appointment of authorized agents.	2025.03.11
LAE/2025/10	Report on making deposits.	2025.03.11
LAE/2025/11	Application for postal voting.	2025.03.12
LAE/2025/12	Report on making deposits.	2025.03.12
LAE/2025/13	Report on making deposits.	2025.03.13
LAE/2025/14	Notification regarding the submission of nomination papers.	2025.03.14
LAE/2025/15	Rejection of nomination papers.	2025.03.16
LAE/2025/16	Application for postal voting.	2025.03.16
LAE/2025/17	Prevention of misuse of state property, corporate property, and property of statutory boards during the election period, and the restriction of recruitment, promotion, and transfer of officers and employees.	2025.03.16
LAE/2025/18	Report on making deposits.	2025.03.16
LAE/2025/19	Report on the acceptance of nominations.	2025.03.18
LAE/2025/20	Report on making deposits.	2025.03.18
LAE/2025/21	Report on the acceptance of nominations.	2025.03.18
LAE/2025/22	Report on making deposits.	2025.03.19
LAE/2025/23	Notification of the date of poll.	2025.03.20
LAE/2025/24	Report on the acceptance of nominations.	2025.03.20
LAE/2025/25	Report on making deposits.	2025.03.20

Press Release Number	Description	Date of Issue
LAE/2025/26	Acceptance of nominations for Poonakary Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar Pradeshiya Sabha, and Dehiattakandiya Pradeshiya Sabha.	2025.03.25
LAE/2025/27	Notification of the date of poll for Poonakary, Mannar, and Dehiattakandiya Pradeshiya Sabhas.	2025.03.27
LAE/2025/28	Information regarding voting by post	2025.03.27
LAE/2025/29	Coordinating information of District Election Dispute Resolution Centres.	2025.03.27
LAE/2025/30	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.03.29
LAE/2025/31	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.03.30
LAE/2025/32	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.03.31
LAE/2025/33	Application for special transport facilities by persons with physical disabilities.	2025.03.31
LAE/2025/34	Making legal provisions for disabled electors to be accompanied by an assistant to mark the ballot paper at the polling station.	2025.03.31
LAE/2025/35	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.01
LAE/2025/36	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.02
LAE/2025/37	Calling for information of public officers for election duties.	2025.04.02
LAE/2025/38	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.03
LAE/2025/39	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.04
LAE/2025/40	Notification regarding the maximum expenditure limit or the authorized amount for the 2025 Local Authorities Elections, pursuant to the order under Section 3 of the Regulation of Election Expenditure Act, No. 3 of 2023.	2025.04.04
LAE/2025/41	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.05
LAE/2025/42	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.06
LAE/2025/43	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.07
LAE/2025/44	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.08
LAE/2025/45	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.09
LAE/2025/46	Delivery of postal ballot papers to the post office.	2025.04.09
LAE/2025/47	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.10
LAE/2025/48	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.11
LAE/2025/49	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.12
LAE/2025/50	Notification regarding legal actions filed against the rejection of nominations.	2025.04.15
LAE/2025/51	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.15
LAE/2025/52	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.16

Press Release Number	Description	Date of Issue
LAE/2025/53	Notification regarding the number of postal votes issued so far and the number of Local Authorities for the 2025 Local Authorities Elections.	2025.04.17
LAE/2025/54	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.17
LAE/2025/55	Marking of postal ballot papers - Revised dates and timeline.	2025.04.17
LAE/2025/56	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.18
LAE/2025/57	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.19
LAE/2025/58	Notification stating that the marking of postal ballot papers will be conducted only on 24, 25, 28, and 29 April 2025.	2025.04.20
LAE/2025/59	Notification regarding the release of public officers, vehicles, and other state resources for election duties.	2025.04.20
LAE/2025/60	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.20
LAE/2025/61	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.21
LAE/2025/62	Valid identity cards for marking postal ballot papers.	2025.04.21
LAE/2025/63	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.22
LAE/2025/64	Process of marking the ballot paper	2025.04.22
LAE/2025/65	E-service for verifying postal voting information.	2025.04.22
LAE/2025/66	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.23
LAE/2025/67	Know Your Candidate	2025.04.23
LAE/2025/68	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.24
LAE/2025/69	Distribution of Official Poll Cards.	2025.04.25
LAE/2025/70	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.25
LAE/2025/71	Granting of leave to employees to enable them to cast their vote.	2025.04.25
LAE/2025/72	Granting of leave to private sector employees to enable them to vote in the Local Authorities Elections without loss of wages or personal leave entitlement.	2025.04.25
LAE/2025/73	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.26
LAE/2025/74	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.27
LAE/2025/75	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.28
LAE/2025/76	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.29
LAE/2025/77	Requirement of proof of identity when arriving to cast the vote.	2025.04.29
LAE/2025/78	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.04.30
LAE/2025/79	Silent period prohibiting propaganda activities.	2025.04.30
LAE/2025/80	Maintenance of permitted and notified election offices.	2025.04.30
LAE/2025/81	Notice regarding the receipt of the Official Poll Card.	2025.04.30
LAE/2025/82	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.05.01
LAE/2025/83	Provision of facilities for the inclusion of electors with disabilities in the electoral process.	2025.05.01

Press Release Number	Description	Date of Issue
LAE/2025/84	Persons permitted to enter the polling station.	2025.05.02
LAE/2025/85	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.05.02
LAE/2025/86	Granting of leave to university staff and students to enable them to cast their vote.	2025.05.03
LAE/2025/87	Granting of leave to staff employed in state and private banks to enable them to cast their vote.	2025.05.03
LAE/2025/88	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.05.03
LAE/2025/89	Removal of decorations from permitted and notified election offices.	2025.05.03
LAE/2025/90	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.05.04
LAE/2025/91	Malpractices and misconduct within polling stations and counting centres.	2025.05.05
LAE/2025/92	Prohibited acts on the date of poll.	2025.05.05
LAE/2025/93	Refraining from photographing / video recording activities related to the election and releasing them on social media networks.	2025.05.05
LAE/2025/94	Message from the Election Commission to all public officers appointed for election duties in the Local Authorities Elections.	2025.05.05
LAE/2025/95	Summary statement of election complaints.	2025.05.05
LAE/2025/96	Granting of broadcasting rights for election results.	2025.05.05
LAE/2025/97	Notice regarding the granting of duty leave on 07.05.2025 to public officers who participated in the counting of votes, tabulation of results, and related support services.	2025.05.06
LAE/2025/98	Expression of gratitude by the Election Commission.	2025.05.08
LAE/2025/99	Provisions of the Regulation of Election Expenditure Act, No. 3 of 2023 (Notice that election income and expenditure reports must be submitted to District Election Offices before 12.00 midnight on 27.05.2025).	2025.05.08
LAE/2025/100	Provisions of the Regulation of Election Expenditure Act, No. 3 of 2023 (Notice that election income and expenditure reports can be uploaded by logging in and registering on the web link introduced by the Election Commission).	2025.05.08
LAE/2025/101	Provisions of the Regulation of Election Expenditure Act, No. 3 of 2023 (Notice that election income and expenditure reports must be submitted before 12.00 midnight on 27.05.2025).	2025.05.23

Press Release Number	Description	Date of Issue
LAE/2025/102	Order under Section 76A of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance (Chapter 262).	2025.05.27
LAE/2025/103	Order under Section 7 of the Regulation of Election Expenditure Act, No. 3 of 2023 (Notice that certified copies of election income and expenditure reports submitted to the Returning Officers of Local Authorities can be inspected at the respective District Offices).	2025.06.03

List of Officers Retired From Service in the Year 2025

Note 31

Serial No.	Name of the Officer	Designation	Date of joining the Election Commission	Office Served at the Time of Retirement	Retirement date	Service Period		Date of First Appointment	Date of Birth
						Total Public Service Period	Election Commission Service Period		
						Year/Month/D ay	Year/Month/D ay		
1	Mrs. S. H. Karunawathi	M.S.O. I	From 1998.09.14 to 2011.12.30 and from 2024.07.03 to 2025.01.21	Colombo City	2025.01.21	33 / 10 / 06	13 / 10 / 04	1991.03.15	1965.01.21
2	Mrs. D. P. Siriyawathi	M.S.O. I	2010.10.26	Gampaha	2025.01.26	31 / 03 / 05	14 / 03 / 00	1993.10.20	1965.01.26
3	Mr. W.A. Pemasiri	M.S.O. III	2009.02.02	Colombo District	2025.02.23	30 / 09 / 22	16 / 00 / 21	1994.05.01	1965.02.23
4	Ms. K. S. Dilrukshika	M.S.O. I	2011.01.03	Gampaha	2025.03.04	31 / 05 / 25	14 / 02 / 01	1993.09.10	1970.03.04
5	Mr. Y.V.A.P. Abeygunawardena	M.S.O. I	2011.04.04	Matara	2025.03.16	34 / 00 / 09	13 / 11 / 12	1991.03.07	1965.03.16
6	Mrs. D.L.S. Deepika	Admin. Officer	2008.02.18	Head Office	2025.03.29	34 / 00 / 28	17 / 01 / 11	1991.03.01	1965.03.29
7	Mrs. T.H.J. Renuka	M.S.O. I	1988.09.01	Kurunegala	2025.04.19	36 / 07 / 18	36 / 07 / 18	1988.09.01	1965.04.19
8	Ms. H.M.A.S. Herath	O.E.S. I	2014.10.24	Moneragala	2025.05.19	10 / 06 / 26	11 / 06 / 26	2014.10.24	1976.08.10
9	Mr. O.P. Sarath Kumara	M.S.O. I	2002.07.26	Matara	2025.08.01	34 / 05 / 00	23 / 00 / 06	1991.03.01	1965.08.01
10	Mr. W. M. Ratnayake	M.S.O. I	2012.01.19	Matale	2025.08.03	34 / 03 / 19	13 / 06 / 15	1991.04.15	1965.08.03

Serial No.	Name of the Officer	Designation	Date of joining the Election Commission	Office Served at the Time of Retirement	Retirement date	Service Period		Date of First Appointment	Date of Birth
						Total Public Service Period	Election Commission Service Period		
						Year/Month/D ay	Year/Month/D ay		
11	Mrs. P.K.M. Dissanayake	M.S.O. II	2018.03.02	Hambantota	2025.08.14	25 / 06 / 28	07 / 05 / 12	2000.08.21	1965.08.14
12	Mr. R.M. Abeysekera	M.S.O. I	1993.09.21	Moneragala	2025.08.30	31 / 11 / 09	31 / 11 / 09	1993.09.21	1965.08.30
13	Mr. H.G.C.T. Kumar	M.S.O. III	2009.02.02	Matara	2025.09.01	25 / 00 / 10	16 / 06 / 29	2000.08.21	1965.09.01
14	Mr. T. Aruna Wickrama	O.E.S. (Special)	1995.11.01	Anuradhapura	2025.09.28	29 / 10 / 27	29 / 10 / 27	1995.11.01	1965.09.28
15	Mr. H. T. Dhanawardena	M.S.O. I	1988.09.01	Ratnapura	2025.10.26	37 / 01 / 25	37 / 01 / 25	1988.09.01	1965.10.26
16	Mrs. W.A.U.W. Wijesundara	M.S.O. I	2005.06.15	Gampaha	2025.10.31	34 / 07 / 30	20 / 04 / 16	1991.03.01	1965.10.31
17	Ms. R. Bogahawatte	M.S.O. I	2006.07.28	Kandy	2025.11.13	32 / 03 / 03	19 / 03 / 15	1993.08.10	1965.11.13
18	Mr. M.K.S.S. Ratnayake	CGE	2003.12.01	Head Office	2025.11.14	30 / 07 / 11	21 / 11 / 13	1995.04.03	1965.11.14
19	Mr. K.D.N. Chandana	Driver II	2023.04.03	Head Office	2025.12.10	32 / 07 / 09	02 / 08 / 07	1993.05.01	1965.12.10
20	Ms. D.J. Wickramage	M.S.O. I	2010.06.01	Colombo District	2025.12.30	34 / 09 / 16	15 / 06 / 29	1991.03.14	1965.12.30

Overseas training from 2025.01.01 to 2025.12.31

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Serial No.	Training Course	Dates	Country Held	Names of Participating Officers	Designation
1	Social Media Monitoring	From 2026.03.17 to 2025.03.19	Singapore	Mr. K.J.S. Madhawa Mrs. B.M.G.N. Gunasekara Mrs. H.W. Dileka	Deputy Commissioner of Elections (National Elections) Information Technology Officer Information Technology Officer
2	Capacity Building Programme on Strategic Leadership and Governance for the Civil Servants of Sri Lanka	From 2025.06.29 to 2025.07.12	India	Mr. B.P.C. Kularatne	Additional Commissioner of Elections (Legal)
3	Australia Awards Short Course – Executive Leadership Development	From 2025.08.13 to 2025.08.23	Australia	Mr. K.J.S. Madhawa	Deputy Commissioner of Elections (National Elections),
4	inSIG 2025 Fellowship Programme	From 2025.09.18 to 2025.09.23	India	Mrs. P.D.D. Minoli Wickramasinghe	Information and Communication Technology Officer
5	JICA - Capacity Development of Leaders with Disabilities for UNCRPD (UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities) Implementation (A)	From 2025.10.13 to 2025.11.01	Japan	Mr. J.M.T.K. Jayawardena	Development Officer
6	Progress to Proficiency in English Iteration – IV (ITEC)	From 2025.10.22 to 2025.12.04	India	Mr. P. Rangunathan	Deputy Commissioner of Elections (Colombo District)
7	Seminar for Senior Sri Lankan Government Officials of Sri Lanka	From 2025.11.25 to 2025.12.10	China	Mr. Channa P. De Silva Mr. K.D.A. Nishantha	Director (Research and Planning) Accountant (Procurement)

Serial No.	Training Course	Dates	Country Held	Names of Participating Officers	Designation
8	Capacity Development Training Programme	From 2025.11.23 to 2025.11.29	India	Mr. S.K.D. Neranjan Mr. M.T. Gurusinghe Mrs. S. Sinthusa Mrs. H.H.D.A.W. Damayanthi Mrs. C.N. Gallage Mrs. H.L.T. Saranga Mr. R.M.S.P. Ratnayake Mr. B. Thinakaran Mr. M.K.R.S. Mudunkotuwa Mr. A.M.T.K.U. Adhikari Mr. R.M.P.K.B. Ratnayake Mr. A.N. Jayasinghe	Assistant Commissioner of Elections (Trincomalee) Assistant Commissioner of Elections (Polonnaruwa) Assistant Commissioner of Elections (Mullaitivu) Director (Information and Communication Technology) Legal Officer Information and Communication Technology Officer 2/ II (කළමනාකරණ විද්‍යා කාර්යාලය) Information and Communication Technology Officer 2/ II (විද්‍යා විද්‍යා කාර්යාලය) Information and Communication Technology Officer 2/ II (විද්‍යා විද්‍යා කාර්යාලය) Management Service Officer I (Head Office) Management Service Officer I (Badulla District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Kurunegala District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Kandy District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Head Office)

Serial No.	Training Course	Dates	Country Held	Names of Participating Officers	Designation
8	Capacity Development Training Programme	From 2025.11.23 to 2025.11.29	India	Ms. M.U. Alagoda Mr. P. Jeyaparan Mr. A.K. Wanninayake Mr. D.M.W. Dissanayake Mr. R. Gnanendram Mr. W.K. Krisantha Mr. W.M.S.K. Wasala Ms.N.P. Wijayaweera Mrs. S. Thirikaran Mr. K.L.J.C. Somaratne Mrs. R.M. Paranehewa	Management Service Officer II (Head Office) Management Service Officer I (Trincomalee District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Anuradhapura District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Nuwara Eliya District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Head Office) Management Service Officer (Colombo City Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Matale District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Head Office) Management Service Officer I (Jaffna District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Kegalle District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Anuradhapura District Elections Office)

Serial No.	Training Course	Dates	Country Held	Names of Participating Officers	Designation
8	Capacity Development Training Programme	From 2025.11.23 to 2025.11.29	India	Mrs. G.D.P. Yasanthi Mr. L.H.K. Liyanage Mr. J.J.B. Dinesh Mr. N.A.A. Mr. Nissanka Mrs. H.M.C.J. Ratnayake Mr. R.A.M.N. Ranatunga Mr. S.S. Amarasinghe Mrs. M.S. Ismath Mrs. A.P.P.N. Abeyuriya Mr. H.G.G. Lakshitha Mr. M.N. Dilrukh	Management Service Officer I (Kalutara District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Kandy District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Ampara District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Kurunegala District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Badulla District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Polonnaruwa District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Galle District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Puttalam District Elections Office) Management Service Officer I (Kandy District Elections Office) Development Officer II (Hambantota District Elections Office) Development Officer III (Gampaha District Elections Office)

Serial No.	Training Course	Dates	Country Held	Names of Participating Officers	Designation
8	Capacity Development Training Programme	From 2025.11.23 to 2025.11.29	India	<p>Mr. A.M.K.D. Athauda</p> <p>Mr. I. Wimalakanth</p> <p>Mr. W.M. Madushan</p> <p>Mr. T. Vinodan</p> <p>Mr. R. Y.T. Nayanajith</p> <p>Mr. T.M. Priyanka</p>	<p>Information and Communication Technology Assistant 3/ III (Kandy District Elections Office)</p> <p>Information and Communication Technology Assistant 3/ III (Vavuniya District Elections Office)</p> <p>Information and Communication Technology Assistant 3/ III (Head Office)</p> <p>Information and Communication Technology Assistant 3/ III (Jaffna District Elections Office)</p> <p>Information and Communication Technology Assistant 3/ III (Kurunegala District Elections Office)</p> <p>Information and Communication Technology Assistant 3/ III (Head Office)</p>

Annexes



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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

REVISION OF ELECTORAL REGISTERS - 2025

Notice of the Election Commission

IT is hereby notified in terms of the section 12(1) of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980 (hereinafter referred to as the Registration of Electors Act or the Act) as amended by the Registration of Electors (Amendment) Act, No. 22 of 2021 that the activities relating to the revision of electoral registers for the year 2025 has commenced on 01st January, 2025.

02. Copies of the currently valid main electoral register 2024, supplementary electoral registers 2024(1) and 2024(2) (hereinafter referred to as the “valid electoral register”) or parts thereof will be displayed by the registering officers at the following offices :

Offices where copies of registers or parts thereof are displayed	Registers or parts thereof that will be displayed
Each District Election Office	Complete copy of the electoral register pertaining to the electoral district / administrative district
Each Grama Niladhari Office	Part of the valid electoral register of the Grama Niladhari Division



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03. Thus, every person who is eligible to be an elector in a particular electoral district can verify his name by checking the electoral registers displayed in the above places. In addition, they can check by visiting the website of the Election Commission ec.lk/vrd. Information can also be obtained by scanning the QR code in this advertisement.
04. It is informed to the public that the Election Commission has decided to revise the electoral register in the year 2025 as follows.
05. The consolidated registers will be prepared for the enumeration of electors for the year 2025 by consolidating the main electoral register 2024 certified on 01.07.2024, supplementary electoral register 2024(1) certified on 07.08.2024, supplementary electoral register 2024(2) certified on 01.10.2024 and supplementary electoral register 2024(3) which is to be certified on 01.02.2025.
06. The Grama Niladhari of each division will act as the enumerator of that division. Special enumerators may also be deployed opportunely.
07. It is informed that the house-to-house visits of the enumerators to enumerate the electors will commence from 01.01.2025, subject to paragraph 08 below.
08. The enumerator will not visit every household and will visit only in cases where an amendment to the 2024 consolidated electoral register is required, *i.e.*; in the event of a name or names being removed from the 2025 consolidated electoral register or a name or names not mentioned in the 2025 consolidated electoral register being added. Even if the enumerator does not visit the household, if there is an addition or deletion of a name/names under his/her household and if there is a need for an amendment to the name, National Identity Card number, or household number mentioned in the valid register, it is the responsibility of the chief occupant to meet the enumerator and act as instructed in this notice. If there are no amendments to be made, the elector will be registered under the address registered in the 2024 valid electoral register. There is no need for the chief occupant to complete any form for this.
09. If an elector registered in 2024 is not eligible for registration in 2025 due to death or change of residence or any other reason, inform to enumerator. Those who are thus disqualified will be listed 'A' and removed from the valid register.
10. If a person was not registered in 2024 or is registering as an elector for the first time upon reaching the age of 18 years, or due to a change of residence or any other reason, complete Form 2025/ER and submit it to the enumerator to register as an elector in 2025. Further details are given in Form 2025/ER itself. Those who are not included in the valid register but who are eligible to get their name included in the register under a qualifying address will be included in the List 'B' and included in the 2025 register.
11. Those who complete 18 years of age as on 01.02.2025 *i.e.* born on or before 31.01.2007 are eligible to register in the main register of 2025.
12. Notices regarding the exhibition of 'A' and 'B' lists, receiving of claims and objections will be published on 02.05.2025, in terms of the Registration of Electors Act. Claims and objections should be submitted within 28 days from the date of publication of the notice.
13. Information is collected through YC forms for the following 06 supplementary electoral registers to be certified in the future. The exhibition of supplementary lists, receiving of claims and objections will be notified in future public notices.

13.1. Supplementary electoral register to be prepared for the year 2025

Supplementary Electoral Register	Period to complete 18 years	Date of Birth
2025(1)	From 01.02.2025 to 31.05.2025	From 01.02.2007 to 31.05.2007
2025(2)	From 01.06.2025 to 30.09.2025	From 01.06.2007 to 30.09.2007
2025(3)	From 01.10.2025 to 31.01.2026	From 01.10.2007 to 31.01.2008

13.2. Supplementary electoral register to be prepared for the year 2026

Supplementary Electoral Register	Period to complete 18 years	Date of Birth
2026(1)	From 01.02.2026 to 31.05.2026	From 01.02.2008 to 31.05.2008
2026(2)	From 01.06.2026 to 30.09.2026	From 01.06.2008 to 30.09.2008
2026(3)	From 01.10.2026 to 31.01.2027	From 01.10.2008 to 31.01.2009

On the order of the Election Commission,

R.M.A.L. RATNAYAKE,
Chairman,
Election Commission.

On 01st January 2025,
At the Elections Secretariat,
Sarana Mawatha,
Rajagiriya.

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My No.: NE1/64/2025

Your No. :

Date: 17.12.2024

For Priority Attention

To: All District Registering Officers and Assistant Registering Officers,

Revision of the Electoral Register – 2025

The Election Commission has decided that, for the enumeration of electors for the year 2025, it is not necessary for the Enumerating Officer to visit every household, and that visiting households solely for the purpose of gathering information to update the “A” and “B” lists shall be sufficient. This methodology was followed for the revision of the Electoral Register in the years 2021 and 2022. Accordingly, the Election Commission has approved the conduct of revision activities relevant to the year 2025 in accordance with the timetable of the future work plan annexed hereto, including the preparation of the Register based on information obtained through ER forms in relation to the main Electoral Register for the year 2025, and through YC forms for the preparation of three supplementary lists.

02. The Election Commission has planned to certify the Electoral Register on 15 September 2025 by carrying out revision activities through the preparation of the “A” and “B” lists based on information relating to electors who are due to be removed from the Operative Register (2024) and electors who are due to be included in the 2025 Register, as well as by obtaining information relevant to updating data from various government institutions.

03. In terms of Section 12(1) of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980, publication of an Extraordinary Gazette Notification dated 01.01.2025 announcing that the enumeration of electors for the year 2025 will commence on 01 January 2025, as well as publication of a notice in newspapers in all three languages for public display, is scheduled. Further, as provided for in Section 3 of the Registration of Electors Act, 01 February 2025 shall be treated as the qualifying date of electors for the year 2025.

04. It has been decided not to print B.C. forms and household receipts for the year 2025, and not to print enumeration forms for obtaining the signature of the head of each household. The 2025/ER form shall be used for the enumeration of electors. The 2025/ER forms will be printed and dispatched to the District Election Offices immediately upon completion of printing

05. With regard to the revision of the Electoral Register, arrangements have been made to inform Party Secretaries, with a copy to you, to take action to nominate and submit duly recognised political party representatives for the revision of the Electoral Register, and party representatives shall be given the opportunity to examine the ER forms during the completion of the ER forms and after the Enumerating Officer has collected the ER forms and after completion of the relevant recommendations, to inspect the said forms. If a party representative submits any complaint, prompt action shall be taken to examine the same and, if it is revealed that any error or omission has occurred in the enumeration of electors, action shall be taken to rectify the same. Appointment letters shall be issued to party representatives appointed according to electoral districts or Grama Niladhari divisions, and all Grama Niladharis shall be informed accordingly. It is important that the role and responsibilities of party representatives in the revision of the Electoral Register are clearly explained to them.

06. CONDUCTING INSTRUCTION CLASSES

6.1 Instruction classes shall be conducted at the level of each Divisional Secretariat Division and the enumeration forms shall be distributed, or instructions shall be provided in writing, and the relevant forms shall be packed according to Grama Niladhari divisions and issued accordingly. For this purpose, the assistance of the Administrative Grama Niladhari may be obtained, and the manner of obtaining the assistance of Divisional Secretaries and the manner of action to be taken shall be communicated to the Divisional Secretaries under the signature of the District Secretary/Registering Officer. The assistance of other staff of the Divisional Secretariat Offices shall be obtained where necessary.

6.2 In this regard, it is also requested that it be noted that participation shall be made in the monthly Divisional Secretaries' meeting held under the chairmanship of the District Secretary and that the Divisional Secretaries shall be informed of the progress of the revision. In addition, Officers in Charge of Electoral Areas shall be made to participate in the monthly Division Day meetings held at Divisional Secretariat Offices; otherwise, progress reports shall be submitted.

6.3 It is hereby informed that special attention shall be paid to the following matters when preparing instructions for Enumerators in relation to the revision and when organising revision activities.

07 DELIMITATION OF POLLING DISTRICTS – SECTION 9(3)

Under Section 9(3) of the Registration of Electors Act, the Grama Niladhari areas belonging to the existing electoral districts in the electoral areas shall be correctly identified, and electors shall be enumerated thereunder, and the revision activities shall be completed by the Enumerators. **Where a road/street published by a local authority by way of a Gazette notification is not included in the Section 9(3) notice, such road/street shall be indicated in brackets together with the relevant existing village/street.**

08. QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS

In this regard, the provisions of the Registration of Electors Act and the relevant provisions of the Constitution shall also be taken into consideration, and the Enumerators shall be informed accordingly. **In particular, it shall be explained that the franchise is vested in the sovereignty of the people, that in order to exercise the franchise the name must be included in the Electoral Register, and that the disqualifications to be an elector under Article 89 of the Constitution shall also be clearly explained.** Furthermore, where Enumerators are required to take special action in respect of persons who have acquired citizenship by registration as well as persons who acquire citizenship under the Citizenship Acts, they shall also be informed of such matters.

08.1 Age of Persons

- 8.1.1 Persons eligible for registration in the Electoral Register are those who have attained the age of 18 years as at 01 February of the year of revision. Accordingly, in the revision of the year 2025, persons required to have attained the age of 18 years as at 01 February 2025 **shall be those born on or before 31 January 2007.** Where, on the grounds of attainment of age (and having satisfied other qualifications), particulars of any person have been submitted by the head of a household for new registration as an elector for this year, Enumerators shall be informed of the need to be satisfied regarding such dates of birth stated in the ER forms by verifying the birth certificate / National Identity Card.
- 8.1.2 Inform the Polling Division Officers to verify and accept the particulars of voters when entering names into the electoral register for the first time during this revision, in respect of individuals who were unable to register their names until two to three years after attaining 18 years of age. Further, inform the Enumerators that a specific note to that effect must be made on the relevant ER Form in such instances.

09. PERSONS APPLYING FOR NEW REGISTRATION AT A CERTAIN LOCATION DUE TO A CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

9.1 If any family that is not registered in the current electoral register applies for new registration under a certain address, they must have come to reside at that address by the 01st day of February. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of the Enumerator to inquire into the facts regarding the location where they were previously registered as electors or where they resided. The address where they were last registered as an elector must be stated in columns 6, 7, and 8 of Part 2B of the ER Form.

9.2 If an elector requests a letter containing the details of their last registration as an elector, instruct the Enumerators to use Specimen Letter - 1 to issue such a letter regarding prior registration. If a person newly arrived in the division submits such a letter, instruct them to accept it, attach it to the ER Form, and hand it over to the Election Office. The Enumerators must also be informed that if the information

regarding prior registration has been properly provided in accordance with paragraph 9.1, a letter is not required. Whether a letter of relocation is attached or not, the Officer in Charge of the Polling Division must examine and be satisfied as to whether the person has left the prior residence.

10. REGISTRATION OF PERSONS AS ELECTORS WHO FAILED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE INFORMATION DURING THE FIELD ENUMERATION

When registration as an elector has been obstructed due to the failure to submit information to prove prior residential details, despite having been ordinarily resident at the relevant address for a long period, the names of such electors may be accepted if a declaration is obtained from him / her as per the attached specimen form (Specimen Letter - 2), or if the Enumerator has signed with a note on the ER Form relevant to that household certifying that they have resided at the relevant address for a long period.

10.1 When registration as an elector has been obstructed due to issues in determining age resulting from the failure to produce the National Identity Card or Birth Certificate, or due to issues relevant to determining citizenship, a declaration in the relevant form must be mandatorily obtained. Instruct the Enumerators to obtain those declarations during the field enumeration and submit them to the Assistant Registering Officer, or instruct the Enumerators to inform the electors to submit a claim application during the claims and objections period along with a copy of the said declaration. In instances where the Enumerator has obtained and submitted the relevant declarations from the electors during the field enumeration, the Assistant Registering Officer may, if deemed necessary, summon the elector, conduct an inquiry, and include his / her name in the electoral register, or otherwise make decisions after further examination by treating it as a claim received during the claims and objections period.

10.2 Notwithstanding the above, with regard to persons who, while residing at another location, attempt to register at a different location for various purposes, a decision must be made after conducting a full formal inquiry, and if deemed necessary, a field investigation as well, regardless of the submission of this declaration or any other affidavits.

11. ORDINARY RESIDENCE

11.1 Requirement of having an ordinary residence in the relevant household

In the registration of electors, the names of persons must be registered under the addresses where they reside as families. The place where he / she resides with his / her family members and performs his / her ordinary daily activities may be accepted as one's ordinary residential address (The primary objective of registering a family unit at a single address is to minimize duplicate and multiple registrations. I wish to draw attention to the fact that if any elector actually has

two or more ordinary residential addresses, they possess a legal right to register apart from the family unit at one of those addresses. Every effort should be made to have the family unit registered at a single address as far as possible). Attention is specifically drawn to the fact that it is stated in the relevant Act that consideration must be given if someone has gone away from their place of ordinary residence due to an official duty assigned to them. Furthermore, if a person who is not a family member has temporarily arrived at a certain house for any purpose whatsoever, the chief occupant must not include such a person's name in the ER Form, and therefore the attention of the Enumerator must be drawn to this matter as well. Subject to subsection 4(3) of the Act, and taking the following facts into consideration,

- not to include names under any location that is not a dwelling or where there is no household,
- even if a household exists, or ownership thereof is held, not to register if there is no ordinary residence,
- in instances where actions are taken to include names in the electoral register without a residence for the purpose of establishing land ownership,
- in instances such as attempting to include names in certain households without a residence to prove residency for the admission of children to schools, university entrance, employment opportunities, and based on the requirements of politicians,

inform the Enumerators that decisions must be made by focusing on ordinary residence without providing an opportunity for such attempts.

11.2 Persons Having Several Places of Ordinary Residence

In certain instances, families residing in official quarters may, without registering under those quarters, apply to register under private houses belonging to them. In such instances, if the facts presented are correct, the preference of the chief occupant may be accommodated. I draw attention to subsection 4(3) of the Act.

11.3 Persons Residing Under Business Premises

There are instances where certain citizens request to be registered as electors under business premises belonging to them. In such instances, inquiries must be made as to whether the members of that family genuinely reside at that location. If such persons reside at that location, registration may be permitted. However, if they have another address of ordinary residence, those details must be noted down by the Enumerator so that inquiries can be made regarding the matter.

11.4 Elders' Homes

There are instances where persons-in-charge of relevant locations apply to include the names of those residing as inmates in elders' homes, which are maintained by government and private institutions, in the electoral register. In such instances, it is necessary to record the prior registration details belonging to the relevant persons. If they fulfill the qualifications, the names of such persons may be registered under such locations.

11.5 Property Ownership Is Not Required For Voter Registration

11.5.1 For registration as an elector, ordinary residence as of February 01, 2025, is solely sufficient, and property ownership is not required. Tenants or lessees, as well as unauthorized occupants, may register as electors at their address of ordinary residence if they fulfill the other qualifications. The consent or agreement of the property owners is not required for this purpose.

11.5.2 The franchise is included in the inalienable sovereignty of the citizen, and for the exercise of the franchise, the name must be included in the electoral register. Obstructing citizens from registering as an elector is an offense punishable by a court with a fine, or imprisonment, or both.

11.5.3 It must also be emphasized that the registration of tenants, lessees, or unauthorized occupants as electors is solely for the purpose of ensuring the franchise of citizens, and that the said registration is not for the purpose of establishing property ownership or permanent residence.

11.5.4 I inform that if there are persons who have been unable to register as electors so far due to this issue, they must be registered for the year 2025.

11.5.5 However, when an eviction order has been issued by a court, registration must not be carried out, and the details must be referred to the Head Office for instructions.

11.6 Registration Of Occupants Of Unauthorized And Reservation Areas

Subject to the approval in 11.5.5 above, if other qualifications for registration as electors have been fulfilled by the occupants of unauthorized or reservation areas, action must be taken to register the names of those persons as electors under such number by using the letters "RE" (e.g., as Assessment/House No. 110 RE).

11.7 Registration Of The Ahikuntaka (Gipsy) Community As Electors

Necessary steps have already been taken to register the Ahikuntaka community, who temporarily reside in many urban/semi-urban areas as well as in certain villages of the island, in the electoral register. Information regarding the area where the Ahikuntaka community resides for most of the year must be obtained through the Grama Niladhari of the relevant division, and upon inquiring into their ordinary residence and polling stations where they can cast their vote, the information of the said community must be obtained via the ER Form and their names registered

by assigning a suitable house number. (The information of these persons must be obtained through the relevant Grama Niladhari). Furthermore, it is believed that Sri Lankans of African descent in the Puttalam area and Sri Lankans of Portuguese descent residing in Batticaloa have by now been fully included in the electoral register through the taking of such measures.

11.8 Issues In The Registration Of Residents In Estate Areas

In respect of the Malaiyaha Tamil people who reside in estate houses but are not employed in the relevant estate, and who are temporarily residing in Colombo or other urban areas for employment purposes, take steps to register them at the estate houses where they have their ordinary residence, with their parents if unmarried, or with their spouse if married. However, I emphasize that this shall be done only if it is confirmed that such persons have an ordinary residence at the address intended for registration as electors.

11.9 Citizens in Detention Camps

There is no impediment to registering residents in detention locations and persons under probation, who have fulfilled the other qualifications for registration in the electoral register, with their parents if they are unmarried citizens, or with their spouse if they are married citizens as before, provided they have not been convicted by a court and subjected to sentences of imprisonment that disqualify the franchise under Article 89(d) of the Constitution.

11.10 Registration Of Persons Away From Their Native Areas For Employment, And Employees Of Factories.

In the exact manner applicable to the aforementioned matter 11.8, steps must be taken to register the names of persons who are temporarily away from their place of permanent residence for their employment requirements (e.g., employees of Board of Investment zones / garment factories) as electors at the address where they have their ordinary residence. If a married couple is temporarily residing at a location away from their place of permanent residence for employment requirements in this manner, they may be registered at the address where it can be confirmed that they have an ordinary residence.

11.11 In the above instances, action must be taken to obtain the recommendation of the Enumerator / Grama Niladhari as to whether an ordinary residence exists or not. Whenever problematic situations arise, a decision must be made by conducting site inspections, and if further clarification is required regarding this matter, action must be taken to obtain instructions from the Election Commission.

12. ACCURACY OF THE NAMES, NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS, AND OTHER INFORMATION OF ELECTORS STATED IN THE CURRENT ELECTORAL REGISTER

12.1 At the time of collecting the ER Forms, the Enumerator must examine whether the names and National Identity Card numbers of the persons stated in the ER Forms completed by the chief occupant have been accurately entered. As far as possible, it is necessary to verify the accuracy of those details in such instances by examining the relevant National Identity Cards themselves.

12.2 If information regarding any elector's name, National Identity Card number, house number, or gender has been incorrectly recorded in the current register at the time of enumerating electors, take action to obtain from the Enumerators the manner in which they should be corrected, using Form No. 4 provided to you.

12.3 A photocopy of the identity card is not required to verify the accuracy of a person's National Identity Card number and name, and it is sufficient if the Grama Niladhari has signed with a note certifying that the number and name are accurate.

12.4 The Officers in Charge of Polling Districts must be informed to make the necessary corrections in accordance with the requests of electors who have notified via letters regarding errors in the information of the 2024 electoral register once it has been certified.

13. ELECTORS ABROAD

If the relevant details of citizens of this country or dual citizens who have gone abroad for employment purposes or educational purposes are submitted by a chief occupant under their ordinary residential address in this country, and if the said relevant facts are correct, such persons who possess the qualifications may be recommended for registration under their ordinary residential address in this country.

14. ENUMERATION OF NAMES OF SPECIAL PERSONS RESIDING WITHIN GRAMA NILADHARI DIVISIONS

The Enumerators must be informed that they must be certain as to whether the names of other prominent citizens (including Venerable Chief Incumbents / Reverend Clergy, Judges of the Judicial Service, senior public officers, and officers of societies and associations in the area), including the names of current/former Members of Parliament, former Provincial Council Members, heads and representatives of local government authorities, as well as candidates who contested in the relevant elections residing within the divisions, have been included in the electoral register. Inform the Enumerators that if a situation has arisen where the name of any such specific person cannot be included, or if information cannot be obtained, such information must be provided to you in writing upon meeting you after returning to hand over the revision documents to the Election Office.

15. PREPARATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTORAL REGISTERS

Collection of information must be carried out for 06 supplementary electoral registers to be prepared for the years 2025 and 2026.

15.1 The qualifying periods and age categories for the 2025(1), 2025(2), and 2025(3) supplementary electoral registers are set out below.

Supplementary Electoral Register	Period to Complete 18 years	Date of birth
2025 (1)	From 2025.02.01 to 2025.05.31	From 2007.02.01 to 2007.05.31
2025 (2)	From 2025.06.01 to 2025.09.30	From 2007.06.01 to 2007.09.30
2025 (3)	From 2025.10.01 to 2026.01.31	From 2007.10.01 to 2008.01.31

15.2. The qualifying periods and age categories for the 2026(1), 2026(2), and 2026(3) supplementary electoral registers are set out below.

Supplementary Electoral Register	Period to Complete 18 years	Date of birth
2026 (1)	From 2026.02.01 to 2026.05.31	From 2008.02.01 to 2008.05.31
2026 (2)	From 2026.06.01 to 2026.09.30	From 2008.06.01 to 2008.09.30
2026 (3)	From 2026.10.01 to 2027.01.31	From 2008.10.01 to 2009.01.31

15.3. Persons qualifying for the supplementary electoral registers must submit a copy of their birth certificate or a copy of their National Identity Card to the Enumerator instead of the Registering Officer.

15.4 YC Forms must be used for enumeration into the supplementary electoral register. Inform the Enumerators to focus attention on the instructions stated on page 2 of the YC Form and to act in compliance therewith.

15.5 In the 2024 revision, the details of persons qualifying for the 2025(1), 2025(2), and 2025(3) supplementary registers were obtained via YC Forms, and the details of all applications received for the said supplementary registers must be computerized and a list thereof must be provided to the Enumerator. If the persons whose names are stated in the said list are at the same address as of 2025.02.01, a YC Form does not need to be completed again for the year 2025.

16. ACTION TO BE TAKEN REGARDING COMPLAINTS SUBMITTED STATING THAT THEIR NAMES WERE NOT REGISTERED IN THE PREVIOUS REVISION

Information regarding all persons who complained about the non-inclusion of their names in the 2024 electoral register must be provided to the Enumerators, and ensure that steps have absolutely been taken to register their names if the said individuals have qualified for registration as electors. Furthermore, focus special attention on the 2025 claimants who did not have an ordinary residence as of February 01, 2025, but have since established an ordinary residence within the division.

17. UPDATING THE 2024 BC DOCKET FOR 2025

17.1 Since a BC Form will not be issued to every house in the year 2025, the 2024 register must be updated in a corresponding manner. It is expected that further instructions regarding this matter will be sent in the future.

18. REVISION SCHEDULE

The revision schedule (future action plan) has been prepared to apply to the preparation of the supplementary register as well, and a copy thereof is sent herewith. Operations must be organized in compliance therewith. Taking into account the delay in printing instructions and forms, main activities 1 and 2 in the schedule may be delayed by approximately 10 days.

19. DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION OF THE 2025/ER FORM.

19.1 Provide the 2025/ER Form supplied to your district to the Enumerator, taking into account the previous number of A and B enumerations in the division. Inform them to issue forms when requested by the public. Inform the Enumerators to arrange for the ER Form to be delivered to the relevant household when requested via telephone calls or any other medium of communication. Furthermore, steps must be taken to inquire about persons who have newly come to reside in the division / polling district and to provide the ER Form to them.

19.2 Provide ER Forms to Divisional Secretariats to be issued to the public upon request.

19.3 Facilities have been arranged to download this form via the website of the Election Commission. Furthermore, a program for data collection is being developed by the Information Technology Division.

19.4. I emphasize that it is a responsibility of the Enumerators to enumerate all qualified electors who have an ordinary residence within their Grama Niladhari Division.

20. OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

20.1 In relation to the enumeration of electors, it is expected to obtain the undermentioned information from the following institutions.

20.1.1. Obtaining details of persons who have completed 18 years of age from the Department of Registration of Persons.

20.1.2. Obtaining details of deceased persons from the Registrar General.

20.2 In addition to that, discussions are scheduled to be held in the future to obtain information through schools, the Bureau of Foreign Employment, the Department of Immigration and Emigration, and the Employees' Provident Fund.

20.3 It is expected hereby to send the information of unregistered electors, extracted from the data available in the said institutions, to the Enumerators according to the Grama Niladhari Divisions, thereby drawing their attention to the matter and completing the ER Forms.

20.4 As soon as the said information is received, it will be forwarded to the District Election Offices. I inform you to forward the said data to the Enumerators as and when appropriate.

21. Completion of ER Forms using the data received from each of the aforementioned sources, and the recording of recommendations for persons who have requested registration along with the relevant copies, must be carried out within the period from 2025.01.01 to 2025.02.28. In respect of every name to be deleted and every name to be included, it is mandatory for the Enumerator to conduct a field inspection at the household and provide his recommendation.

22. A program must be planned to accept enumeration forms within the period from 2025.03.03 to 2025.03.28, and action must be taken to accept them into the Election Office in a systematic and accurate manner.

23. Every name stated as "B" for the year 2025 in the 2024 register must be included in the List "A" at the relevant location in the year 2025.

23.1. It is expected to update the computer program to perform this verification.

24. During the period from 2024.03.03 to 28, the following completed forms and reports must be obtained from the Enumerators:

- Form A
- Form B
- Amendments regarding "A" and "B" names
- Form No. 1 to 6

25. The preparation of formal A and B lists by the Officers in Charge of Polling Districts must be carried out between 2025.03.15 and 2025.04.25.

26. The relevant Divisional Secretaries must also be informed of the program for returning the enumeration forms. Officials who delay the submission of the said documents without permission must be reported to the Divisional Secretaries and the District Registering Officer to take appropriate action. If the List "A" and List "B" belonging to a division cannot be exhibited on the scheduled date due to the delay by the Enumerator in handing over the revision documents to the Election Office, it must be reported to the District Registering Officer, with a copy to me, to take disciplinary action against such officials. *Inform the progress to the Divisional Secretaries in order to systematically accomplish the enumeration of electors as well as the return of enumeration forms on the scheduled dates.*

27. ACTION TO BE TAKEN REGARDING ENUMERATION FORMS RECEIVED BY ELECTION OFFICES WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GRAMA NILADHARI AFTER THE ENUMERATION FORMS HAVE BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE ELECTION OFFICE.

Even after accepting the ER Forms from the Enumerators, instances where certain individuals come to the Election Office or send BC Forms by post are frequently observed, particularly in urban areas. If the ER Forms submitted in such manner have been recommended by the Enumerators and have been sent prior to the exhibition of List "A" and List "B", they must be included in the List "A" and List "B" as appropriate, and filed under the designated house numbers in the docket. Such requests received after the exhibition of List "A" and List "B" must be treated as claims and the necessary action taken. These claims may be accepted as appropriate without a claims inquiry.

28. ACTION TO BE TAKEN REGARDING INSTANCES WHERE NAMES ARE STATED IN THE ER FORM BY THE CHIEF OCCUPANT BUT HAVE NOT BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE ENUMERATORS, AND WHERE ALL PERSONS WHOSE NAMES ARE STATED IN THE CURRENT REGISTER UNDER A CERTAIN HOUSEHOLD ARE LIST "A" STATUS.

28.1. It is emphasized that this is an extremely important and essential task.

If a chief occupant has included names for enumeration in the 2025 ER Form, but they have not been recommended by the Grama Niladhari / Enumerator, or if all persons whose names are stated in the current register under a certain household have been removed during the year of enumeration and placed on List "A", **the chief occupant must be informed of this matter without delay.** After the enumeration of electors is concluded, the Enumerator must report that information using Form 3, and at the very

time of examining the BC Forms, it must be verified that the Enumerator has accurately recorded that information, and letters must be sent to the chief occupant in accordance with that document. **A specimen letter of the letter to be sent to chief occupants and the report of information to be obtained in respect of this matter is attached hereto.** Based on the reply received from the chief occupant in relation to this, the Assistant Registering Officer must make the decision regarding the inclusion or non-inclusion of the names in question, consulting the Grama Niladhari as well where necessary. If a decision is made to include a name prior to the exhibition of List “A” and List “B”, action must be taken to remove those names from List “A” or place them on List “B” as appropriate. All names decided to be accepted after the exhibition of List “A” and List “B” may be treated as accepted claims. However, if there are names decided not to be included, steps must be taken to treat them as claims and summon them at the claims inquiry stage.

28.2 In instances where a reply to the letter sent to the chief occupant has not been received, send a notification stating that the relevant matter had been notified on a previous occasion, and instructing them to submit a claim within the claims / objections period, as well as the manner in which the claim should be submitted. Further state in the letter that if they fail to act in accordance with the instructions, the name will not be included in the 2025 electoral register.

29. PUNISHMENT FOR OFFICIALS WHO WILLFULLY SUPPRESS, OMIT, OR PROVIDE FALSE INFORMATION REGARDING THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS.

29.1 An extract of subsection 12 (5) of the Registration of Electors Act is set out below.

“12(5) Every officer who is appointed by a registering officer

(a) who wilfully suppresses any information relating to the qualification of any person for registration as an elector or relevant for determining whether the name of any person should or should not be entered or retained in the register, after such information had been furnished to or collected by him, or gives any information relevant for the purpose aforesaid knowing such information to be false; or

(b) who willfully and without reasonable cause deletes or causes to be deleted from the register or fails willfully and without reasonable cause to enter or retain in the register the name of any person who is entitled to be registered as an elector, shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred rupees or to imprisonment of either description not exceeding one month or to both such fine and imprisonment.

29.2. Failure to enumerate any person who is not disqualified under Article 89 of the Constitution and who possesses an ordinary residence as of the date of enumeration may be deemed a contravention of subsection 12(5) of the Act.

30. I kindly inform you that it is necessary for the District Deputy / Assistant Commissioners of Elections to discuss the matters stated in this circular with the District Secretary / Government Agent, who is the Registering Officer of their respective district, and it is essential that the fact of having conducted such discussions and the acknowledgment of receipt of this circular be recorded in the written report.

By Order of the Election Commission,

Saman Sri Ratnayake,
Commissioner General of Elections

Note - This circular must be brought to the attention of all Officers in Charge of Polling Divisions and other officers in all District Offices, and they should be instructed to keep necessary notes regarding this matter. When utilizing the assistance of retired or other officers for revision activities, it is essential to keep them informed as well.

Copy - 1. Secretary, Election Commission - For kind information

2. All Staff Officers of the Head Office - For information and for the purpose of informing other relevant officers

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All District Secretaries / Government Agents,
All Divisional Secretaries,

Revision of Electoral Register - 2025: Suspension of Transfer of Relevant Grama Niladhari Officers During the Field Enumeration Period and Limitation of Grama Niladhari Office Days During the Said Period

This refers to Letter No. NE1/64(2025) dated 30.12.2024 addressed to me by the Commissioner General of Elections on the subject captioned above.

02. Accordingly, the revision of the Electoral Register for the year 2025 must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980, as amended by the Registration of Electors (Amendment) Act, No. 22 of 2021.

03. Pursuant to Section 12 of the Act, the Grama Niladhari functions as the Enumeration Officer. The enumeration of electors is a primary, indispensable, and statutory duty of every Grama Niladhari.

04. In terms of the prevailing law, in addition to preparing the Main Register each year, a Supplementary Register must also be prepared to include young citizens who attain the age of 18 years within the 04-month periods from 01st February to 31st May, 01st June to 30th September, and 01st October to 31st January. The relevant field enumeration and submission of recommendations for this purpose shall be executed by the Grama Niladhari.

05. For the year 2025, the Commission has decided to enumerate electors in the following manner:

5.1. Obtaining information relevant to the Main Electoral Register through Form ER, and information relevant to the Supplementary Register through Form YC.

5.2. The Grama Niladhari shall personally visit and inspect only the households relevant to the Form ER / YC to conduct the enumeration of electors.

5.3. Completing Form ER to capture information of persons whose names are not included in the 2024 Register, persons who have attained 18 years of age, and new residents.

5.4. Reporting information through Form ER regarding persons who are included in the 2024 Register but have become disqualified for registration due to reasons such as death or change of residence.

5.5. Obtaining information of young citizens who have completed 16 years of age using Form YC.

5.6. Gathering information regarding multiple registrations, persons without National Identity Cards (NICs), and persons with special needs.

6. Upon completing the enumeration of electors by visiting the designated households, the Grama Niladhari shall complete the forms and hand over the enumeration documents to the District Elections Office.

7. Thereafter, the staff of the District Elections Office will prepare the "A" and "B" lists and arrange for them to be exhibited for a period of 28 days, during which opportunity will be granted to submit claims and objections. Subsequently, inquiries into claims and objections will be conducted, for which the assistance of the Grama Niladhari officers is required.

8. The Electoral Register will be certified upon the conclusion of the said inquiries.

9. In a single revision year, 03 Supplementary Electoral Registers must be prepared, and these identical steps shall be followed in the preparation of the said Supplementary Electoral Registers as well.

10. If transfers of Grama Niladhari officers are implemented during the period of enumeration of electors, it may adversely affect the successful execution of this revision work. Therefore, steps must be taken to ensure that no transfers of Grama Niladhari officers are carried out during the period from 01st January 2025 to 31st March 2025, except for disciplinary measures, essential and unavoidable circumstances, and the 2025 Annual Transfer Orders.

11. It has been observed that due to the heavy workload assigned under various subjects, duties related to the revision of the Electoral Register are, at times, not executed duly, expeditiously, and accurately by certain Grama Niladhari officers. If these activities are not performed within the stipulated dates, it will not be possible to complete the work on the Electoral Register within the time frame prescribed by the Act. Therefore, during the period in which the field enumeration for the revision of the Electoral Register is conducted by the Grama Niladhari officers namely, from 01st January 2025 to 31st March 2025, or until the date on which the said officers conclude the task of enumerating electors, whichever occurs earlier, I inform you to limit the days on which the Grama Niladhari must mandatorily remain in office to Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturday forenoons, and to release the remaining days for field enumeration, subject to exigencies of service.

I kindly request you to draw your kind attention to the above matters, apprise the Grama Niladhari officers accordingly, and take necessary action to ensure the success of the Electoral Register revision process.

Sgd. Illegibly.

A.G. Nishantha
Additional Secretary (Home Affairs)

Signed by: S. Aloka Bandara ()
Secretary
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01. Commissioner General of Elections – For your kind information, with reference to your Letter No. NE1/64(2025) dated 30.12.2024.



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Government Notifications

REVISION OF ELECTORAL REGISTERS - 2025



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Notice of the Election Commission on the Display of “A” and “B” Lists, Claims and Objections

Definition

1. “Act” - Registration of Electors Act, No. 44 of 1980 as amended by the Registration of Electors (Amendment) Act, No. 22 of 2021
2. Valid Electoral Register - The main register of the year 2024 and supplementary electoral registers 2024(1), 2024(2) and 2024(3)
3. “ ‘A’ List” - List of names of persons whose names appear in the operative electoral register but are ineligible due to death or leaving the residence or for any other reason namely, persons who are not eligible to be in the valid electoral register and to be removed from the address
4. “ ‘B’ List” - List of persons whose names are not included in the eligible address in the operative electoral register but are eligible for inclusion in the electoral register for the year 2025 either on completion of 18 years of age or residence or for any other reason



Exhibition Centers of Operative Electoral Register (or part thereof) and “A” and “B” Lists

Exhibition Center	Electoral register and lists or parts thereof kept for display
01. Each District Secretariat/ District Election Office	Full copy of the operative electoral register in the relevant electoral district (district) and copies of the relevant “A” and “B” lists
02. Each Divisional Secretariat	A copy of the operative electoral register section showing all the polling districts in the relevant Divisional Secretariat division and copies of the relevant “A” and “B” lists
03. Each Local Authority	A copy of the operative electoral register section showing all the polling districts in the relevant local authority area and copies of the relevant “A” and “B” lists
04. Each Grama Niladhari Office	A copy of the operative electoral register section showing all the polling districts located in the relevant Grama Niladhari division and copies of the relevant “A” and “B” lists

Instructions

01. On behalf of the Registering Officer of each district, it is hereby notified that the Registering Officers mentioned in the Column II of the Schedule below for the electoral district mentioned in the corresponding Column I of the said Schedule have notified on 11.07.2025 that the preparation of Lists “A” and “B” has been completed and that the said lists or parts thereof are placed at the aforementioned exhibition centers for inspection by the public during office hours, as per Section 13 of the Registration of Electors Act.
02. Every person who is qualified in terms of Section 14 of the Registration of Electors Act to have his own name or someone else’s name entered in the said electoral register applicable to each electoral district and whose name has been omitted from the electoral register and from List “B” or whose name has been included in List “A” may claim by himself or by someone else on his behalf, as the case may be, substantially in form “A” and “B” set out in the Schedule to above Registration of Electors Act to have his or someone else’s name entered or retained in the register, and submit it to reach the registering officer of each electoral district on or before August 07, 2025, within 4 weeks from the date of the publication of this notice in the *Gazette* of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka i.e. from July 11, 2025.
03. Any person whose name appears in the electoral register or in list “B” for any electoral district may object to the entry of his own name or to the entry or retention of the name of any other person appearing in such register or list “B”. Every such objection shall be made in duplicate and shall be substantially in form “C” set out in the schedule to the above Act and shall be made so as to reach the registering officer of the Election Office. All objections to the inclusion of the name in the register should be sent to the registering officer of the District Elections Office on or before August 07, 2025, within 4 weeks from the date of the publication of this notice in the *Gazette* of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka i.e. from July 11, 2025.
04. Every objection to the entry of the name of any claimant in the electoral register shall be made in duplicate and shall be substantially in form “D” set out in the schedule to the above Act and shall be made so as to reach the registering officer within 14 days from the date on which the notice containing the name of claimants is exhibited at the District Election Office. This notice will be published in the District Election Offices on July 25, 2025 and August 11, 2025.

05. Form “A” “B” required for submission of claims and Form “C” “D” required for submission of objections can be obtained from the District Election Offices, Divisional Secretariats, Local Authorities or Grama Niladhari Offices.

R.M.A.L. Rathnayake,
 Chairman,
 Election Commission.

July 11, 2025,
 At the Elections Secretariat.

Schedule

<i>Column I</i> <i>Electoral District</i>	<i>Column II</i> <i>Assistant Registering Officer who has prepared the 2025 “A” & “B” Lists</i>	<i>Column I</i> <i>Electoral District</i>	<i>Column II</i> <i>Assistant Registering Officer who has prepared the 2025 “A” & “B” Lists</i>
01. Colombo	Piyumi Attygalle	12. Batticaloa	M. B. M. Sufiyan
02. Gampaha	W.A. Ravindra Wickramasinghe	13. Digamadulla	Kasun Srinath Attanayake
03. Kalutara	Kalindra Jayaweera Fernando	14. Trincomalee	S.K. Dewaneranjan
04. Mahanuwara	H.D.N. Sampath Fernando	15. Kurunegala	R.M.H.B. Ratnayake
05. Matale	H.A.E. Puspakumara	16. Puttalam	S.L.R. Jayanayake
06. Nuwara Eliya	K. A. L. S. Kalugampitiya	17. Anuradhapura	N.P.P.I.R. Gunarathne
07. Galle	W.H.R. Wijaya Kumara	18. Polonnaruwa	Manoji T. Gurusinghe
08. Matara	P.S. Pathirana	19. Badulla	K. Kandeepan
09. Hambantota	V.D.J. Lakmal	20. Moneragala	N. Regan
10. Jaffna	R. Saseelan	21. Ratnapura	Suranga Ambagahatenne
11. Vanni	R.C. Amalraj	22. Kegalle	Sajith P. Kasthurisingha

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