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LOCAL AUTHORITIES ELECTIONS 2023
THE NEED TO REFRAIN FROM CANVASSING AND DISTRIBUTING HAND BILLS
IN PUBLIC OFFICES OR INSTITUTIONS

It is prohibited to canvass or distribute hand bills or do any such other activity or to conduct meetings in any Public or Provincial Council office or any government school or any local government office or in any institution belonging to any State Corporation or Statutory Board for and on behalf of any candidate contesting the Local Authorities election. Therefore, it is notified hereby to all politicians, political activists and trade union activists that it is mandatory to abstain from engaging in such activities.

It shall be the responsibility of the Heads of Government or Provincial Council offices or Government Schools or Local Government offices or State Corporations or Statutory Boards or of their Sub-offices not to allow to commit any such illegal activities within the office premises under their control. Attention in this regard is drawn to paragraphs 2:4 and 2:5 of the Chapter XXXII of a Establishment Code.

In this connection, your attention is hereby invited to the contents of the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2313/32 dated 04.01.2023 issued by the Election Commission in terms of the Article 104 B (4)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to prevent the misuse of movable or immovable properties belonging to the State, State Corporations or Statutory Boards during the period of an election for the promotion of or in prejudice to any party, group or candidate or obstructing the conduct of free and fair election.

By order of the Election Commission,

Saman Sri Rathnayaka
Commissioner General of Elections