

# **Election Commission**



# Parliamentary Election - 2020.08.05

# Election Results Broadcasting/Telecasting Rights

#### 01. Releasing Official Election Results:

In order to telecast/broadcast certified official results of the Parliamentary election 2020, the permission of the Election Commission should be obtained. The Election Commission has made arrangements to promptly issue the media institutions which get themselves registered with the Election Commission on payment of the prescribed fees with the certified election results, through a secured computer network. A list of media institutions which have already obtained the election results broadcasting/telecasting rights is appended herewith/appears on the official website of the Election Commission.

#### 02. Telecasting/Broadcasting Unofficial Election Results:

It was observed at previous elections that telecasting, broadcasting election results obtained unofficially through the network of provincial news reporters of certain media institutions has caused immensely to erode the confidence of the public in the election results. Therefore, it is emphasized that all electronic media (television/satellite television/radio/web-newspapers/ other websites/facebook/ YouTube/ mobile SMS/ other social media) should abstain totally from telecasting/broadcasting unofficial election results.

# 03. Electronic Media that do not register for the Election Results Broadcasting/Telecasting Rights

All media institutions that do not duly register with the Election Commission for the election results broadcasting/telecasting rights should abstain from real time broadcasting/telecasting election results and the Election Commission will keep an eye on media institutions that violates this provision and will take necessary legal action against them.

#### Notable

Provided, as a relief measure for such media institutions, they can telecast/broadcast the final results of each of the 22 electoral districts including the number of votes polled by each party or independent group and the number of seats secured and the final result of the parliamentary election without a hindrance and they can also be allowed to air a summary of results in hourly news telecasts.

#### 04. All Print Media (Newspapers)

No fee is charged to issue results to print media and the Government Information Department will make necessary arrangements in that regard and for which purpose, the Election Commission will issue the Government Information Department with necessary instructions and scanned copies of certified election results. However, the print media which telecast election results over their websites should comply with the provisions in paragraph 03 above if they have not duly obtained the election results telecasting rights.

### 05. Foreign Media

Government Information Department has been instructed to facilitate local agents of foreign media to issue them with certified copies of election results.

Of. The officers of the IT Division of the Election Commission will take charge of the releasing of Parliamentary election results to the media and senior public officers engaged in the field of IT, the Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA), Sri Lanka Computer Emergency Readiness Team (SLCERT), and Lanka Software Foundation (LSF) provide the necessary technical support to the Election Commission for the purpose. In addition, the IT experts serving in the University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC) and NSBM Green University provide expert advice and necessary assistance in this regard.

#### Very Important

- 07. The Election Commissior reserves the right to make the final decision on issuing election results via computer networks even to the media institutions that duly register for election result telecasting rights as specified in this notice.
- 08. All media institutions are earnestly expected to comply with the aforesaid in order to disseminate every single official election result among the public duly, precisely, and promptly.

Mahinda Deshapriya Chairman, Election Commission For the Election Commission

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## Registered electronic media to disseminate certified election results

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No	Organization	TV	FM	Online Publishers(News Paper Web Sites)	Other News Websites	Social Media (FB/ YouTube/ Twitter)	SMS
1	Telshan Network (Pvt) Ltd	TNL TV	-	-	-	-	-
2	Smart Network (Pvt) Ltd	-	-	-	www.lankasri.lk	-	-
3	Bhasha Lanka (Pvt) Ltd	-	-	-	www.helakuru.lk	-	-
4	Digital Content (Pvt) Ltd	-	-	-	www.citizen.lk	-	-
5	Ceylon News Papers (Pvt) Ltd	-	-	www.mawbima.lk, www.ceylontoday.lk	-	-	-
6	Independent Television Network Ltd	ITN, Vasantham TV	Lakhanda, Vasantham FM	-	www.itntv.lk, www.itnnews.lk	ITN Sri Lanka (FB) Lakhanda Radio (FB)	-
7	Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC)	-	City FM	-	-	-	-
8	Asia Broadcasting Corparation	Hiru TV	Hiru FM. Shaa FM, Sooriyan FM, Sun FM, Gold FM	-	www.hirunews.lk, www.hirugossip.lk	-	-
9	Asset Radio Broadcasting (Pvt) Ltd	-	Neth FM	-	www.nethnews.lk	NethFM(FB)	-

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10	Asian Media Publications (Pvt) Itd	-	-	www.thinakkural.lk	-	-	-
11	EAP Broadcasting Company	Swarnavahini	Shree FM, Ran FM	-	www.swarnavahini.lk, www.athavannews.com	-	-
12	Voice of Asia Network (Pvt)Ltd	Siyatha TV Star tamil TV	Siyatha FM	-	-	-	-
13	MTV Channel (Pvt) Ltd / MBC Networks (Pvt) Ltd	Sirasa TV, Shakthi TV, TV1	Sirasa FM, Shakthi FM, Yes FM, YFM, Legends FM	-	www.newsfirst.lk	News 1 <sup>st</sup> (FB), News 1 <sup>st</sup> (Youtube), News 1 <sup>st</sup> (Twitter)	News 1 <sup>st</sup> SMS (S,T,E), KIKI mobile App
14	Infinity Media Corporation (Pvt) Ltd	U TV	-	-	-	-	-
15	Express Newspapers (Cey) (Pvt) Ltd	-	-	www.virakesari.lk	-	-	Virakesari SMS
16	J Lanka Group of Companies (Pvt) Ltd	Supreme TV	-	-	www.supremelive.lk	Supremetvlk (FB), supremetvlk (Youtube), Supremeliven ews (FB)	-
17	Power House Ltd	TV Derana , Adaderana24	FM Derana		www.adaderana.lk	-	Derana SMS

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18	TNL Radio Network (Pvt) Ltd	-	Rhythm World, LITE87 FM	-	-	-	-
19	Wijeya Newspapers Ltd	-	-	www.dailymirror.lk/, www.lankadeepa.lk/, www.ada.lk/, www.sundaytimes.lk, www.tamilmirror.lk	-	Lankadeepa (FB), Tamilmirror (FB), Dailymirror (FB)	Lankadeepa SMS, Tamilmirror SMS, Dailymirror SMS
20	Trymas Media Network (Pvt) Ltd	Capital TV	Capital FM	-	-	-	-
21	Lanka Television Network (Pvt) Ltd.	-	V FM	-	-	-	-
22	Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. (ANCL - Lakehouse)	-	-	www.dinamina.lk	-	Lake House Digital (FB)	-
23	Asian Mirror (Pvt)	-	-	www.asianmirror.lk	-	-	-
24	Lak View Broadcasting Company	-	Lak FM	-	www.lakfm.lk	-	-
25	BBC World Service Group	-	-	-	www.bbc.com/sinhala	BBCnewssinh ala (FB), BBCsinhala (Twitter)	-

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26	Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC)	Rupavahini, Channel Eye/ Nethra TV	-	-	-	Rupawahini (FB)	-
27	Pro Consulting International (Pvt) Ltd	-	1	-	www.slelection.info	-	-
Total		17	23	11	14	16	7