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AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANTI-CORRUPTION ACT, NO. 9 OF 2023

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:-

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Act, No. 25 of 2026.

Amendment of section 26 of Act, No. 9 of 2023

2. Section 26 of the Anti-Corruption Act, No. 9 of 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment") is hereby amended as follows:-

(1) in subsection (5) thereof, by the substitution for the words "any officer in the public service may, with the consent of such officer and the Public Service Commission", of the words "any officer in the public service, provincial public service or police force may, with the consent of such officer and the Public Service Commission, Provincial Public Service Commission or the National Police Commission, as the case may be";

(2) in subsection (6) thereof, by the substitution for the words "any officer in the Public Service", of the words "any officer in the public service, provincial public service or police force"; and

(3) in subsection (7) thereof, by the substitution for the words "any officer in the Public Service",

of the words "any officer in the public service, provincial public service or police force".

Amendment of section 67 of the principal enactment

3. Section 67 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

(1) in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words "the High Court against a person who has been indicted for", of the words "the High Court or the Magistrate's Court against a person who has been indicted or charged for" and by the substitution for the words "with the permission of the High Court, withdraw the indictment against such accused.", of the words "with the permission of the High Court or the Magistrate's Court, withdraw the indictment or the charge sheet against such accused.";

(2) in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution for the words "the indictment", of the words "the indictment or the charge sheet";

(3) in subsection (3) thereof, by the substitution for the words "an indictment", of the words "an indictment or a charge sheet" and in paragraph (i) thereof, by the substitution for the words "before the High Court", of the words "before the High Court or the Magistrate's Court";

(4) in subsection (4) thereof, by the substitution for the words "a fresh indictment", of the words "a fresh indictment or a fresh charge sheet" and by the substitution for the words "the original indictment", of the words "the original indictment or the original charge sheet";

(5) in subsection (5) thereof, by the substitution for the words "a fresh indictment", of the words "a fresh indictment or a fresh charge sheet" and by the substitution for the words "original indictment", of the words "original indictment or the original charge sheet"; and

(6) by the repeal of the marginal note thereof and the substitution therefor of the following marginal note:-

"Withdrawal of an indictment or a charge sheet".

Amendment of section 70 of the principal enactment

4. Section 70 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) thereof,-

(1) by the repeal of the words "with bribery"; and

(2) by the substitution for the words "any Magistrate named therein", of the words "the Director-General".

Amendment of section 79 of the principal enactment

5. Section 79 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "Subject to section 2", of the words "Subject to section 2" and in paragraph (a) thereof, by the substitution for the words "all public officials to make periodic declarations of their assets and liabilities", of the words "every person to whom this Part applies to make prescribed declarations of their assets and liabilities".

Amendment of section 80 of the principal enactment

6. Section 80 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) thereof as follows:-

(1) in paragraph (i) by the substitution for the word "scheduled", of the word "scheduled";

(2) in paragraph (j), by the substitution for the words "staff officers in Ministries and Government Departments;", of the words "staff officers of Ministries, Government Departments and statutory bodies;";

(3) in paragraph (n), by the substitution for the words and figures "established under Article 41A(1)(c) of the Constitution", of the words and figures "specified in the Schedule to Article 41B of the Constitution";

(4) in paragraph (v), by the substitution for the words "Executives of trade unions", of the words "Executives of trade unions with more than one thousand registered members";

(5) in paragraph (x), by the substitution for the words "twenty five", of the word "fifty";

(6) in paragraph (y), by the substitution for the words "staff in managerial or supervisory roles", of the words "chairmen, directors and staff officers";

(7) by the repeal of paragraph (cc) and the substitution therefor of the following: –

"(cc) proprietors, editors and members of the editorial staff of media companies registered at the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Mass Media and licensed under section 22 of the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act, No. 25 of 1991;"; and

(8) in paragraph (dd), by the substitution for the words and figures "established in terms of the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973;"; of the words and figures "registered under Part III of the Sports Law, No. 25 of 1973;".

Amendment of section 82 of the principal enactment

7. Section 82 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (3) thereof, as follows:-

(1) by the substitution for the words "first declaration", of the words "first declaration and the post-retirement declaration" and for all the words from "such year and include" to the words "his assets and liabilities under this Part:", of the words "such year:"; and

(2) in the proviso to such subsection by the substitution for the words "first declaration", of the words and figures "declarations specified in paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (1)".

Amendment of section 84 of the principal enactment

8. Section 84 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (3) thereof, by the substitution for the words "illicit enrichment", of the words "an illicit enrichment or a conflict of interest".

Amendment of section 85 of the principal enactment

9. Section 85 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution for the words "Department of Customs", of the words "Department of Customs, Department of Registrar of Companies".

Amendment of section 88 of the principal enactment

10. Section 88 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

(1) in subsection (1) thereof, by the repeal of paragraph (c) and the substitution therefore of the following paragraph:-

"(c) date of birth, National Identity Card Number, Passport Number or any other number recognized by the relevant authorities for the purpose of identification of individuals mentioned in the declaration;"; and

(2) by the repeal of subsection (2) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following:-

"(2) The Central Authority shall, within a period of three months from the commencement of the functions of the Central Authority, appoint an information officer and a designated officer under section 23 of the Right to Information Act, No.12 of 2016 for the purposes of the said Act.".

Amendment of section 89 of the principal enactment

11. Section 89 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefore:-

"Submission of declarations of assets and liabilities by candidates of elections

89. Every candidate of elections referred to in paragraph (w) of subsection (1) of section 80 shall, submit a copy of the declaration of assets and liabilities to the Commissioner of Elections together with such candidate's nomination papers.".

Amendment of section 90 of the principal enactment

12. Section 90 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

(1) in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words "declarations of assets and liabilities are to be made", of the words "the annual declaration or the post retirement declaration is to be made";

(2) in subsection (3) thereof, by the substitution for the words "such declarations.", of the words "such declaration. The fine shall be a surcharge on the remuneration or the retirement benefit, as the case may be.";

(3) in subsection (4) thereof, by the substitution for the words "submit his", of the words "submit a copy of his"; and

(4) in subsection (9) thereof, by the substitution for the words and figures "subsection (6) or (7)", of the words and figures "subsection (5), (6) or (7)".

Amendment of section 91 of the principal enactment

13. Section 91 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words and figure "under Part 1 of this Act.", of the words "under this Act.".

Amendment of section 92 of the principal enactment

14. Section 92 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "expenditure and interests", of the words "expenditure and interests".

Amendment of section 111 of the principal enactment

15. Section 111 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

(1) by the renumbering of that section as subsection (1) thereof; and

(2) by the addition immediately after the renumbered subsection (1) thereof, of the following subsections which shall be numbered as subsections (2) and (3) of that section:-

"(2) Where a person is convicted under subsection (1), in addition to imposing a fine under such subsection, the court shall impose a penalty of not less than three times the value of any property which was acquired or converted as a proceed of such corruption or where any loss has been caused to the Government by reason of such corruption, the amount the court may determine as the loss:

Provided that, any penalty imposed under this subsection shall be recovered as a fine imposed by the court.

(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other provision of this Act, where a public official is convicted for the offence of corruption under subsection (1), any grant, appointment, benefit or advantage of an intangible nature (anything other than property) which had been acquired by a public official or any other person as a result of corruption and which continues to be enjoyed by such public official or such other person on the date of the conviction shall cease to be lawful from the date of conviction without prejudice to any official acts performed prior to such date.".

Amendment of section 162 of the principal enactment

16. Section 162 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

(1) by the substitution, in the definition of "public official" for the words "over twenty five *per centum*", of the words "not less than fifty *per centum*";

(2) by the substitution, in the definition of "scheduled institution" for the words "twenty five percent", of the words "fifty *per centum*"; and

(3) by the substitution, in the definition of "staff officer" for the words "any employee of a public corporation", of the words and figures "any company registered under the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007 in which not less than fifty *per centum* of the shares are held by the Government or a Public Corporation".

Amendment of section 163 of the principal enactment

17. Section 163 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

(1) in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (h) of subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution for the word "twenty", of the word "ten"; and

(2) by the insertion immediately after subsection (2) thereof, of the following new subsection:-

"(2A) Every officer and official who were recruited to the Commission during the period commencing from September 15, 2023 and the commencement of this Act, for such posts approved by Cabinet of Ministers for the Commission established

under the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 on the basis of service requirements and remained vacant prior to September 15, 2023, shall be deemed to be the officers and officials of the Commission on terms not less favourable than the terms and conditions of employment to which they were entitled at the time when they were recruited to the Commission and shall communicate to the Commission, within three months from the commencement of this Act whether they opt to remain in the service of the Commission:

Provided that -

(i) the provisions of paragraph (h)(i) of subsection (2) of this section shall be applicable for the purpose of calculating the pension and other benefits of any such officer or official who may continue to be in the service of the Commission; and

(ii) the provisions of paragraph (h)(ii) of subsection (2) of this section shall apply to any such officer or official who opts to discontinue such officer's or official's service of the Commission after the date of commencement of this Act.".

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency

18. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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