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PART IV (A) – PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Provincial Councils Notifications

NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Rules related to the North Central Province Rural Development Fund Statute No.03 of 2011

IT is hereby published that the rules relevant to the aforementioned statute passed by the North Central Provincial Council of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and approved by the Hon. Governor of the North Central Provincial Council on 26th February, 2026 are notified reference to all.

S. GUNAPALAN,
Secretary,
Ministry of Local Government and Highways,
North Central Province.

At the North Central Provincial Council,
07th day of May, 2026.



**REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCIAL RURAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND STATUTE NO. 03 OF 2011**

The statute to provide provisions that include regulations for the establishment of a fund related to assist to the Development programs implemented under the Department of Rural Development of the North Central Province to achieve sustainable Development goals and objectives and to achieve prosperity in the rural and urban communities, and consequential matters.

These regulations are enacted by North Central Provincial Council of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as per the Section 27 of North Central Provincial Rural Development Statute No. 03 of 2011.

1. Short title and date of operation

These Regulations may be cited as the rules related to the statute of North Central Provincial Rural Development Fund No. 01 of 2026 and this shall be enacted shall come into operation on the date as that the approval granted by the Honourable Governor of North Central Provincial Council.

2. Establishment of the North Central Provincial Rural Development Fund

In order to achieve the objectives mentioned in Section 4 of this Statute, the North Central Provincial Rural Development Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund) is hereby established. This Fund shall comply with the provisions of Part 3 of the Provincial Councils Act, No. 42 of 1987.

3. The Fund shall be a body corporate

The Fund shall be a body corporate by name assigned to it in Section 01 and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal. It may sue and be sued in that name.

4. Objectives of the Fund

- (i) To develop the institutional capacities of the North Central Provincial Rural Development Societies and Banking Associations.
- (ii) To implement the income generation projects of the members and self-employment, small business Development programs of women and young farmers implementing to aviate the poverty of families by the societies and associations.
- (iii) To improve the Financial Strength of the individuals, small group societies and banking associations through micro finance management programs and credit management programs.
- (iv) To promote the rural economy through sustainable Development programs by the participatory Development and social mobilization programs based on the concept of knowledge to the Village.
- (v) To Implement projects that function for the Development and training of the community and of professionals in all field and all levels.
- (vi) To assist for the Development for the functions of the Rural development training centers, Marketing centers and Sustainable Community Training and Development Centers.
- (vii) To provide required funds for drug prevention programs, poverty alleviation programs, volunteer leader evaluation programs, and social security programs.
- (viii) To fulfill the urgent rural requirement arising from natural disasters.
- (ix) To develop the basic infrastructure such as rural roads, water and sanitation facilities.
- (x) To develop the all infrastructure facilities required for economic stabilization.

5. Sources of the Fund

The sources of finance mentioned in Sub-section (a) to (e) of Section 26(3) of the Rural Development Statute shall be applied for this.

- (a) all sum of money which may be granted by the Government or the Provincial Council as grants,
- (b) all sums of money which may be allocated from time to time by the North Central Provincial Council for the purposes of the Fund,
- (c) all sums of money received as grants from foreign countries under Section 22 of the Provincial Councils Act,
- (d) sum of money donated by any person, institution or organization,
- (e) all sum of money received through lottery shows or other approved ways, shall be credited to the Fund.

However, from the condition that it should be utilized for any specific purpose, in the event that a fund is received under clauses (c), (d), (e) of this Section, the acceptance to the credit of the Fund shall be entirely at the discretion of the Minister until such fund is used for a specific purpose.

6. Administration of the Fund

1. Sums of money of this Fund shall be deposited in an account in the name of the Rural Development Fund in a bank approved by the Provincial Council.
2. A Management Committee consisting of the following members shall be appointed for the administration the Fund. (hereinafter referred to as the Board of Directors)
 - (i) Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development (Chairman).
 - (ii) Deputy Chief Secretary (Finance).
 - (iii) Deputy Chief Secretary (Planning).
 - (iv) Provincial Director of Rural Development.
 - (v) Accountant of the Ministry in charge of the subject.
 - (vi) Administrative Officer, Provincial Department of Rural Development.
 - (vii) A representative nominated by the Chief Secretary of the North Central Province.
 - (viii) A member nominated by the Minister in charge of the Rural Development of the North Central Province.
 - (ix) The District Rural Development Officers of the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts shall be members *ex officio*.
 - (x) The two legally authorized Chairmen of the District Rural Development District Boards of the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts shall be members *ex officio*.
3. In the event of a withdrawal of money from the bank or a payment from a bank account Cheques or other relevant documents must be signed by the following officers or any other authorized member of the Board.
 - (i) Chairman of the Board.
Authorized to sign the Cheques (Secretary of the Ministry in charge of the subject).
 - (ii) Secretary of the Board.
Authorized to sign the Cheques (Provincial Director of Rural Development).
 - (iii) Member of the Board.
Authorized to sign the Cheques (Accountant of the Ministry in charge of the subject).

07. Powers and functions of the Board of Directors

1. The Board shall have the power to do all such things as may be required and beneficial for the achievement of the objects of this Fund.

2. Without prejudice to the powers conferred by Sub-section 1, the Board may exercise the following powers:

- (a) To accept grants, gifts or donations in cash or in kind from any source, whether local or received by the Government of Sri Lanka or from foreign non-Governmental organizations approved by the Government of Sri Lanka, received for the purposes of this Statute.
- (b) To perform any lawful function which the Board considers appropriate for the promotion of the Fund.
- (c) To enter into all agreements required for the achievement and implementation of the objects and powers of the Fund and to act in accordance with such agreements.

08. Assets and Liabilities of the Fund

- (I) The Board shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept of the income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and all other transactions of the Fund.
- (II) The financial year of the Fund shall be the calendar year from 01 January to 31 December.
- (III) The Board shall cause its books of Accounts to balance as at 31st of December each year, and shall prepare a Revenue and Expenditure statement of the fund to that date and the Balance Sheet consisting the summery of Assets and Liabilities to that date before 31st of March of the following year.
- (IV) The budget accounts and balance sheet shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board or the Provincial Director of Rural Development and by such other officers of the Fund as may be authorized by the Board to sign them.
- (V) The Minister shall, immediately, submit a report relating to the administration of the Fund for each financial year, a copy of the audited accounts of the Fund for that year and a report of the Auditor General on those accounts to the North Central Provincial Council.
- (VI) In any civil or criminal case brought by or against the Fund before any court, any expenses incurred by the Fund with the approval of the Board shall be paid out of the moneys of the Fund and any fees, if any, paid to the Fund or charged by the Fund in such civil or criminal case shall be credited to the Fund.
- (VII) Any person referred to in Sub-section I may, with the approval of the Board, be reimbursed for any expenses incurred by that person in any civil or criminal proceedings brought before any court in respect of any act done or deemed to have been done by that person under this Act or on the instructions or direction of the Board.

09. Expenditure from the fund

- (I) Payment shall be made from the Fund for the following purposes
 - (i) Cost of inputs for the operation of the Fund, its institutional activities and maintenance.
 - (ii) Payment of salaries to officers and other employees.
 - (iii) Making all other payments approved by the Board established in accordance with Section Six hereof for the purposes in achieving the objects of the Fund.

10. Donation of movable and immovable property

The acceptance and use of any immovable or movable property as grants in accordance with the provisions of this Statute for the fund and it for its purposes shall be made with the approval of the Board referred to in Section Six of these Regulations and the sums of money received from the sale or auction of such property shall be credited to the Fund.

11. Termination of Membership of the Board of Directors

- (I) Resignation from the current position.
- (II) Removal by the Hon. Minister with reasons.
- (III) Abolition of the positions of the Chairmen of the District Rural Development Boards appointed *ex officio*.
- (IV) Resignation.

12. Meetings of the Board

- (I) The Chairman of the Board shall preside over all meetings of the Board. In the absence of the Chairman, a member elected from among the members present shall preside over such meeting.
- (II) The Chairman of the Board or in his absence, the other member presiding over the meeting shall have a right of vote in addition to his vote.
- (III) The quorum for meetings shall be ½ of the total number of members. (05)
- (IV) The Board may hold meetings and do other business notwithstanding any error in the appointment of any member of the Board or any vacancy among the members.

13. Implementation of the decisions of the Board

- (I) The Secretary of the Board shall implement the decisions taken at the meetings of the Board.
- (II) The Secretary of the Board shall be responsible for the administration and management of the Fund.

14. The officers and employees of the Fund shall be deemed to be public servants under the Penal Code

- (I) All officers and employees of the Fund shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of the Penal Code and for the purposes thereof.

15. That the Fund shall be deemed to be a Scheduled Entity within the meaning of the Bribery Act

- (I) The Fund shall be deemed to be a Scheduled Entity within the meaning of the Bribery Act and the provisions of that Act shall apply.

16. Common Seal of the Fund

- (i) The seal of the Fund shall be in the custody of the Chairman of the Board.
- (ii) The seal of the Fund shall not be affixed to any instrument or document except with the approval of the Board and in the presence of two members of the Board, who shall sign such instrument or document in evidence of their presence.
- (iii) A register containing particulars of the instruments or documents to which the seal of the Fund has been affixed shall be maintained by the Secretary of the Board.

17. Audit

The accounts of the Fund shall be audited annually by the Audit Department.

18. The decisions and orders made by the Minister of Rural Development of the North Central Province shall be published from time to time.

Interpretation

"Society" means Rural Development Society/Women's Rural Development Society and "Association" means Regional Rural Development Society Association and District Rural Development Society Association.

"Ministry" means the Ministry in charge of Rural Development of the North Central Provincial Council.

"Minister" means the Minister of the Ministry in charge of Rural Development of the North Central Provincial Council.

"Secretary" means the Secretary of the Ministry North Central Provincial Council in which the Rural Development subject is belongs to

"Director" means the Director of the Rural Development Department of the North Central Provincial Council.

"Statute" means the Rural Development Statute enacted by the North Central Provincial Council.