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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

**SRI LANKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT, No. 15 OF 1968 AS AMENDED BY
ACT, No. 27 OF 1976, No. 52 OF 1982, No. 35 OF 2006, No. 11 OF 2019 AND SRI LANKA LAND
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (AMENDED) ACT, No. 13 OF 2021**

Order under Section 4(a) 1

BY virtue of the powers vested in me under the Section 4(a) 1 of the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation Act, No. 15 of 1968 as amended by Act, No. 27 of 1976, Act, No. 52 of 1982, Act, No. 35 of 2006, Act, No. 11 of 2019 and Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (Amended) Act, No. 13 of 2021. I, Anura Karunathilake, Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing in consultation with all the respective Local Government Institutions do by this order reservations are declared, for all canal, sub canal and feeder canals where water flows, or led to flow or constructed with the objective of causing water flow, or as created naturally for the purpose, situated within the boundaries of Sabaragamuwa Province of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka morefully described in Schedule 1, from the both banks of the canal up to the limits indicated in meters in the Schedule 11. Any temporary or/and other sort of buildings or structures should not be constructed in this canal reservation area and a permission should be obtained subject to the Terms and Conditions stipulated by the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation in the third schedule and/or conditions to be enforced from time to time in the future in doing any sort of such activity.

ANURA KARUNATHILAKE (M.P.),
Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing.

01st October, 2025.



Schedule I

All main canals, all sub canals and all feeder canals where water flows or caused to flow water or canals constructed for the purpose of flowing water or those being created naturally for the purpose situated within the Sabaragamuwa Province of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and bounded as,

North by : Areas of the Administrative Districts of Kurunegala, Kandy, Badulla and Nuwara Eliya.

East by : Areas of the Administrative District of Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Monaragala and Hambanthota.

South by : Areas of the Administrative Districts of Hambanthota, Matara, Galle and Kaluthara.

West by : Areas of the Administrative Districts of Matara, Galle, Kaluthara, Colombo, Hambanthota and Gampaha.

Schedule II

Distances from the banks of both side of Canals, Corresponding to the surface width of such Canals, as described in the chart below shall be canal reservations.

<i>Surface width of the Canal (meter)</i>	<i>Reservation from the Canal Bank</i>	
	<i>For Open Canals (meters)</i>	<i>For Surface Covered Canals (meters)</i>
1.0 - 1.2	1.0	0.3
1.3 - 3.0	2.0	1.0
3.1 - 4.5	2.75	1.0
4.6 - 6.0	3.5	1.5
6.1 - 9.0	4.5	1.5
More than 9.0	6.5	2.0

In case where lengths declared by the Urban Development Authority, Irrigation Department, Central Environment Authority, Mahaweli Authority, Agrarian Services Department, Local Government Institutions or any state authority regarding the reservations mentioned above exceed the lengths given in this statement, the lengths declared by the said institutions shall be accepted.

Schedule III

Terms and Conditions:

- Construction of any sort of building or structure and (or) filling of land shall not be done within the area declared as a canal reservation without having a written approval of the Chief Executive Officer Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation.
- As described in the schedule the minimum extent of reservation shall physically be available.
- Linking storm water drains without prior approval of the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation, sewerage lines, disposing or throwing industrial waste or any sort of pollutants shall not be done or shall not take any attempt to do such as action.
- A Canal reservation could be used as an access road only in an instance where an alternative is not available, but that way shall not be covered by tar, after paving stones or concreting or any other application.

- (e) Any individual, Society Institution, or Local Authority, shall not lease the canal reservation for commercial activities or any other activity.
- (f) Lands in the canal reservation shall not used for parking vehicles, garages and cultivations.
- (g) The prior written approval of the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation shall be obtained for any activity done within the declared canal reservations.
- (h) Any individual authorized by the Chief Executive Officer of the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation for the Activities stipulate in the Act, shall have the power to access the declared area and anyone who disturb such access could be a convicted guilty under the provisions of the Act.
- (i) Every individual who do not adhere to these terms and conditions is guilty under the Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation Act.
- (j) The terms and conditions and also the terms and conditions that will impose in this connection in the future shall be adhered to.

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