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PART IV (A) — PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

Provincial Councils Notifications

NORTHERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Notice of Governor of the Northern Province

1. INQUIRY conducted under Section 184 of the Urban Councils Ordinance No. 61 of 1939 (Chapter 255), read together with Section 2 of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989.
2. I, Nagalingam Vethanayahan, Governor of Northern Province, in terms of the powers vested in me under Section 184 of the Urban Councils Ordinance No. 61 of 1939 (Chapter 255), read together with Section 2 of the Provincial Councils (Consequential Provisions) Act No. 12 of 1989, do hereby appoint retired District Judge Mr. Kandiah Ariyanayagam for the inquiry board in accordance with the Section 184(1A) of Urban Council Ordinance No. 61 of 1939 (Chapter 255) to inquire into, examine and report within three months on the matters/charges specified below relating to the affairs and administration of the Chavakachcheri Urban Council as per the Section 184(1) of the Urban Council Ordinance (Chapter 255).
3. Matters / Charges to be Inquired Into
 - i. Whether, in respect of buildings constructed and development activities carried out within the administrative limits in accordance with the Urban Councils Ordinance, Urban Development Authority Act, and the regulations published in *Gazette* No. 2235/54 dated 08.07.2021, the required approvals to be properly obtained and whether such developments confirm to the approved plans and development permits and whether certificate of conformity was obtained from the relevant authorities before issuing trade licenses for business establishments, canteen,



tea shops, cafes, hotels, lodges, public halls, factories and similar premises; and whether the instructions issued by the Local Government Commissioner of Northern Province on 05.11.2025 to local authorities in this regard were disregarded and criticized at the council meeting held on 20.01.2026.

- ii. Despite instructions issued by the Local Government Commissioner in accordance with the following legal provisions, whether misleading and distorted views were presented by the Vice Chairman, thereby misdirecting the Council:
 - a. Urban Councils Ordinance
 - b. Urban Development Authority Law
 - c. Standard By - Laws of Northern Province
- iii. Whether at the council meeting held on 20.01.2026 the Vice Chairman presented incorrect and distorted interpretations of the legal provisions and the Commissioner's instructions and further attempted to mislead the public by publishing such views through social media and newspapers thereby creating misunderstanding among the public regarding the law.
- iv. Whether the act of the Vice Chairman in rejecting/tearing up the written instructions issued by the Local Government Commissioner at the council meeting held on 20.01.2026 amounts to misconduct causing disrepute to government administration and public service.
- v. Whether, despite the Vice Chairman expressing and criticizing such views at the council, the Chairman of the council failed to conduct its meetings and administrative affairs in accordance with the Standard by - Laws recognized by the Northern Provincial Council and adopted by the Urban Council.
- vi. Whether, although Standard By Laws, issued by the Local Government Minister and approved and published by the Northern Provincial Council are being implemented by the Chavakachcheri Urban Council and although the prescribed application forms for issuing trade licenses clearly require a certificate of conformity the Vice Chairman made statements at the meeting without properly examining these requirements, criticized the lawful powers vested in the Local Government Commissioner, and whether the council proceedings on 20.01.2026 were conducted contrary to Standard by Laws by the Chairman.

NAGALINGAM VETHANAYAHAN,
Governor of Northern Province.

Governor's Secretariat,
Old Park,
Chundikuli,
Jaffna,
02nd February 2026.

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