



Decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on 18.01.2022

- 01. Providing the land belongs to the Urban Development Authority in Ekala, Ja - Ela for the implementation of a supply facilities and related development project on long term lease.**

Proposals have been invited from private sector investors on competitive basis for implementation of a development project related to supply facilities and related development project in relation to a land in extent of 36 acres 01 rood and 27.6 perches situated in Ekala, Ja - Ela belong to the Urban Development Authority subject to the basis of planning, building, financing, ownership, monitoring and transferring. The Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal submitted by the Hon. Prime Minister as the Minister of Urban Development and Housing for lease of the property on a long time basis subject to the estimation of the Government Chief Valuer to Access Logistics Park Ekala (Pvt.) Limited which has been selected followed by evaluation of technical and financial proposals furnished in the connection.

- 02. Transferring a portion of land in Mudun Ela, Kelaniya belongs to Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation to build a grid sub station of Ceylon Electricity Board.**

Ceylon Electricity Board and Lanka Electricity Private Limited have made requests from the Urban Development Authority for a portion of land in Kelaniya area for the construction of a new grid sub - station for strengthening the electricity transmission system in Kelaniya and Peliyagoda areas. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal submitted by the Hon. Prime Minister as the Minister of Urban Development and Housing for transferring a portion of land in extent of 02 roods and 26.5 perches to Ceylon Electricity Board from the land acquired for Mudun Ela Development Project by Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation subject to the valuation of the Government Chief Valuer.

- 03. Transferring the government land called Solaikadu in the district of Vauniya to the National Housing Development Authority for a government officers' housing complex.**

A government officers' housing project has been implemented within the land in extent of 92.92 hectares (234 acres 02 roods and 10 perches) in Omanthei Grama Niladhari division of the Divisional Secretariat Division of Vauniya. Under the said project 711 plots of land of the relevant land has been given to beneficiaries recognized on the recommendation of the Divisional Secretary while the National Housing Development Authority has granted loan facilities of rupees 500,000/- each for construction of houses for 215 families out of that. Although 09 years have elapsed after the implementation of this project, the relevant beneficiaries have not been awarded deeds applicable to those plots of land. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal submitted by the Hon. Prime Minister as the Minister of Urban Development and Housing for acquiring the said land to National Housing Development Authority enabling it to be distributed among its beneficiaries by granting free - hold deeds for the said plots.

04. Selling housing units of the housing complex / project of 'Metro Homes Residencies' in Slaves Island, Colombo 02 on free - hold deeds.

Construction of residential and commercial units for original residents recognized under phase one of the Slave Island Re - Development Project implemented by the Urban Development Authority has been already completed. Under this a building complexes with 626 housing units and 115 commercial units comprised of 03 wings have been constructed and has been named as "Metro Homes Residencies". Approval of the management board of the Urban Development Authority has been granted to the sale of the remaining 78 housing units remaining after allocating the relevant housing units to the original residents subject to the valuation of the Government Chief Valuer. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal submitted by the Hon. Prime Minister as the Minister of Urban Development and Housing for granting free - hold deeds for the selected buyers who have paid the precise valuation amounts.

05. Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Ruhuna and the Northumbria University of England for strengthening the educational cooperation.

A proposal has been made to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Ruhuna and the Northumbria University of England for strengthening the educational cooperation. This memorandum of understanding covers the fields of exchanging expert opinions, obtaining assistance for selected subject streams and granting pre - access for programmes of Northumbria University for eligible students of the University of Ruhuna. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution submitted by the Minister of Education for signing the said Memorandum of Understanding.

06. Acquisition of legal ownership of the land on which the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation is located

The Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation is located on 3.37 hectares of land in Torrington Square, Colombo 7. The legal ownership of the land has not yet been transferred to the corporation. All parties, including the Urban Development Authority, have agreed to transfer the land to the Rupavahini Corporation. Accordingly, the cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal presented by Hon. Minister of Mass Media and Information to transfer the relevant land to the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation.

07. Transfer of the land in which Kuchchaveli, Trincomalee transmission center is located and enjoyed by the SLBC.

According to an agreement signed between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Broadcasting Corporation of the Republic of Germany in 1980, the "German Voice" Short Wave and Central Wave Radio Transmission Center has been established and maintained in the Kuchchaveli area,

Trincomalee. In 2012, operations and ownership of the transmission center were transferred to the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation. 90% of the land is used for transmission station operations. It is possible to use the land for solar power generation without harming the laboratory process. It is possible to use the land for solar power generation without disturbing the process of the Transmission Centre. Accordingly the cabinet of ministers approved the proposal made by the Minister of Mass Media and Information to transfer the relevant land to the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation enabling the implementation of a solar power project on that land as a source of revenue.

08. Granting a portion of land from Raigama Green Industrial Estate in Millaniya Division to Macksons Bathware Company.

Cabinet approval has been granted on 07.06.2021 to implement a special program to provide investment opportunities for locating industries and developing businesses at the Divisional Secretariat level covering the entire island. Macksons Bathware (Pvt) Ltd., a leading company in the field of tile manufacturing with over 50 years of experience, has submitted a project proposal to acquire a plot of land to start a bathroom kit manufacturing industry with an investment of nearly Rs. 6,000 million. Accordingly the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal presented by Hon. Minister of Industries to hand over 20 acres of undeveloped land adjoining the New Chattel Estate belonging to the Land Reforms Commission, which is currently under development for the construction of an Industrial and Technological Zone (Raigama Green Industrial Zone) in the Millaniya Division in the Kalutara District, to Macksons Bathware (Pvt) Ltd Company for the proposed business on a 35 year long term lease.

09. Extending the duration of financial program implemented under the Small Tea and Rubber Estate Revitalization Program.

A rural finance program has been implemented during the period 2019-2021 for revenue generation and market diversification of targeted beneficiaries under the Small Tea and Rubber Estate Revitalization Project funded by the International Monetary Fund for Agricultural Development. Due to the Covid 19 epidemic situation, the project has not been able to achieve the expected targets. Therefore, the cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal presented by Hon. Minister of Plantation to extend the term of the loan program till December 31, 2022.

10. Constructing fly overs under the agreement frame entered between the Hungarian government and the Sri Lankan government for the finance corporation.

Sri Lanka and Hungaria have entered into a finance corporation agreement to provide concessionary finance facilities through the Exim Bank, Hungaria for implementing infrastructure development projects in the country. Kohuwala and Getambe fly overs construction projects are being implemented under the said project. Additional to the said

project, the Road Development Authority has identified the necessity of implementing projects in order to provide solutions for the traffic congestion in Muththettugala railway Cross Road and Hiripitiya junction, Pasyala junction, Negombo Maristella junction and Thalawathugoda junction of the national road network. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposals submitted by the Minister of Highways to construct four flyovers in the said places.

11. Amending 139 chapter of the Workmen Compensation Ordinance no.19 of 1934.

The Cabinet of Ministers has given their consent to draft a bill to amend 139 chapter of the Workmen Compensation Ordinance no. 19 of 1934 in order to update the benefits that pay to workmen who are injured in the course of their employment. Accordingly, the clearance of the Attorney General has been received for the bill drafted by the Legal Draftsman and the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval for the proposal tabled by the Minister of Labour to publish the relevant bill in the government Gazette and table the same in the parliament for approval.

12. Amending the Intellectual Property Act no.36 of 2003.

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been given to amend the Intellectual Property Act no.36 of 2003 at the cabinet meeting held on 12th October, 2020 in order to be coherent to the present requirements. Accordingly, the clearance of the Attorney General has been received for the bill drafted by the Legal Draftsman and the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal tabled by the Minister of Trade to publish the said bill in the government Gazette and subsequently submit to the parliament in order to seek approval.