

CHAPTER XXXI

PROMULGATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

256. (1) The provisions of Chapter I to Chapter XXX shall come into force on the day appointed by the President by Proclamation.

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the Constitution.

(2) Parliament shall meet on the day so appointed and the President may, in such Proclamation, specify the time at which Parliament shall so meet.

*Devo vassatu kālena*

*sassasampattihetu ca*

*phūto bhavatu loko cā*

*rājā bhavatu dhammiko*

**SIDDHIRASTU**

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>	<i>Column III</i>
<i>Region</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>No. of Ministers in the Regional Board of Ministers (excluding the Chief Minister)</i>
<b>Part A</b> Western	Administrative Districts of Colombo, Gampaha and Kalutara.	Six
Central	Administrative Districts of Kandy, Nuwara Eliya and Matale.	Six
Southern	Administrative Districts of Galle, Matara and Hambantota.	Six
North Central	Administrative Districts of Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa.	Five
North Western	Administrative Districts of Puttalam and Kurunegala.	Six
Sabarag- amuwa	Administrative Districts of Ratnapura and Kegalle.	Five
Uva	Administrative Districts of Badulla and Moneragala.	Five
<b>Part B</b> North- Eastern	Administrative Districts of Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mannar, Vavuniya and Mullaitivu and the Administrative Districts of Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Ampara .	Eight
<b>Part C</b> Northern	Administrative Districts of Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mannar, Vavuniya and Mullaitivu	Six
Eastern	Administrative Districts of Trincomalee, Batticaloa and Ampara	Six

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

**List I**

**Reserved List**

1. Defence; national security; national police; security forces; special forces ; para- military forces established by or under law.
2. Law and order including public order and the exercise of police powers in the Capital Territory and where expressly provided in the Constitution.
3. Firearms, ammunition, explosives and other armaments.
4. Immigration and emigration; citizenship.
5. Foreign affairs, including all matters which bring the Republic of Sri Lanka into relations with other States and the undertaking of international obligations.
6. Entering into treaties, conventions and agreements with other States and international organizations and implementing such treaties, conventions and agreements.
7. Elections.
8. National planning.
9. National census and statistics.
10. Currency and foreign exchange, international economic relations, formulation of monetary policy and external resources.
11. Public debt of the Government of Sri Lanka.
12. Foreign loans of the Government of Sri Lanka.
13. Regulation of banking, banking institutions and other national financial institutions.
14. National policy on insurance and national institutions providing insurance services.
15. Regulation of securities, stock exchanges and future markets.
16. Audit of the Government of Sri Lanka, State institutions and public corporations.
17. Taxes on income, capital and wealth of individuals, companies and corporations as provided in Chapter XXI.

18. Customs duties, including import and export duties, and excise duties (excluding such excise duties as may be specified by law) as provided in Chapter XXI.
19. Turnover taxes and stamp duties, goods and services taxes as provided in Chapter XXI.
20. Any other taxes, duties or levies not mentioned in the Regional List.
21. National lotteries.
22. Pensions payable by the Government of Sri Lanka or out of the Consolidated Fund of Sri Lanka.
23. Atomic energy.
24. National grid for the supply of electricity, maintenance and management of the national grid.
25. Regulation of the development and exploitation of mines and minerals including oil fields, petroleum and petroleum products and the collection of royalties thereon.
26. Inter-regional rivers; inter-regional waterways.
27. Airports; ports and harbours with international transportation; provision of facilities, in consultation with the relevant Regional Administrations, in fishery harbours used mainly by vessels engaged in fishing beyond Sri Lankan waters.
28. Inter-regional transport.
29. Railways.
30. Civil aviation.
31. Inter-regional highways linking the Capital Territory with regional capitals, regional capitals with each other and district capitals with each other in so far as the highway linking district capitals traverse regional boundaries; toll roads and expressways constructed by or under authority of the Central Government.
32. Roads within the Capital Territory other than roads maintained by local authorities.
33. Shipping and navigation; Maritime Zones including historical waters and territorial waters; Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf.
34. Posts and telecommunications.
35. Mass media including Central Government broadcasting and television institutions in conformity with national standards; licensing of broadcasting and media; establishment of regulatory authorities for the determination of national standards relating to communication and media.

36. National Public Service; National Public Service Commission.
37. National health administration (inclusive of existing special purpose hospitals, teaching hospitals affiliated to National Universities, co-ordination of health services, training and co-ordination of education and research relating to health, determination of national health standards, administration of all special programmes); national health plan.
38. Policy and enforcement procedure relating to drugs, poisons and narcotics.
39. Administration of justice; court procedure.
40. Prisons.
41. Policy and law relating to adoption of children.
42. Inter-regional irrigation schemes.
43. Fishing beyond Sri Lankan waters; registration of vessels engaged in fishing beyond Sri Lankan waters; rights relating to traditional migratory fishing within Sri Lankan waters; reference of inter-regional fishing disputes and disputes relating to traditional migratory fishing for settlement in accordance with Article 141.
44. Protection, development and exploitation of marine and aquatic resources in keeping with international obligations and measures to enforce such obligations.
45. National policy on education; national institutes in the field of education, such as the National Institute of Education; administration and supervision of national schools existing immediately prior to the commencement of the Constitution, provided that the administration of any national school may be handed over to the relevant Regional Administration; determination of minimum standards for national public certification examinations and the conduct of such examinations; determination of syllabi and curricula; determination of minimum qualifications for teachers; teacher training institutions; higher technical institutions; educational publications provided by the Central Government; *Privena* education; powers under the Education Ordinance and the Assisted Schools and Training Colleges (Special Provisions) Act in relation to private schools.
46. University Grants Commission; National Universities; National standards for Regional Universities.
47. National standards with regard to professions, occupations and training.
48. National standards relating to research, development and training in the areas of agriculture, fisheries and aquatic resources, science and industries.
49. National research institutions; lands and factories owned, managed or administered by such institutions immediately prior to the commencement of the Constitution.

50. Tea, rubber, coconut, oil palm and teak plantations owned by the Republic immediately prior to the commencement of the Constitution; the regulation of the manufacture of tea, rubber and coconut; tea small holdings; rubber small holdings; coconut small holdings.
51. Foreign trade; general policy on inter-regional trade.
52. Subjects and functions of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution immediately prior to the commencement of the Constitution.
53. Intellectual property including patents, inventions, designs, copyrights, trademarks and merchandise marks.
54. Monopolies, mergers, restrictive trade practices.
55. *Buddha Sasana*.
56. National Archives and Museums.
57. National Libraries and the National Library Services Board.
58. Archaeology - Policy formulation; excavation and conservation including access for such purpose; maintenance and administration of ancient and historical monuments, archaeological sites, archaeological remains and records declared by or under law before the commencement of the Constitution to be of national importance, and those declared, after consulting the relevant Regional Administration, by or under law, to be of national importance.
59. Preservation and promotion of the national heritage.
60. National Standards relating to public performances.
61. National policy on tourism and promotion of tourism.
62. National land use policy and planning.
63. National plans on forestry, environment and conservation including conservation of flora and fauna in keeping with international obligations.
64. National parks, Strict Natural Reserves, Nature Reserves, Sanctuaries and National Heritage Wilderness Areas declared by or under law and existing immediately prior to the commencement of the Constitution.
65. Reserved Forests and Conservation Forests declared by or under any law and existing immediately prior to the commencement of the Constitution, which shall be used in conformity with national plans on forestry and in accordance with national land use policy as determined by the National Land Use Council.
66. Foreshore; national plans on coast conservation; declaration and demarcation of coast reservations for the implementation of national programmes relating to coast conservation.

67. National housing programs with the concurrence of the relevant Regional Administration.
68. National physical planning; national urban development planning.
69. Formulation and co-ordination of national poverty alleviation programmes.
70. National policy on youth.
71. National policy on women's affairs.
72. National policy on sports; administration of national sports bodies.
73. Intervention in instances of 'national (natural and environmental) disasters and epidemics.
74. Labour regulation and standards; labour laws.
75. Promotion of and Policy on industrial development.
76. Institutions for the promotion of, and determination of policy relating to investment.
77. National programmes for infrastructure development.
78. National programs on spatial and urban planning in consultation with the relevant Regional Administrations.
79. Urban planning and implementation in the Capital Territory; public utilities in the Capital Territory.
80. Drainage and waterways within the Capital Territory.
81. Establishment of any authorities for the discharge of any or all of the functions/ subjects specified in items 32, 79 and 80 of the Reserved List and for the delegation of any of the functions of such authority to any local authorities within the Capital Territory.
82. Surveys for the purpose of any matters enumerated in the Reserved List.
83. Fees in respect of any of the matters in the Reserved List, but not including fees taken in any court.
84. Acquisition of private property required for the purposes of any matter in the Reserved List.
85. Requisition of private property for the purposes of any matter in the Reserved List.
86. Any other matter not enumerated in the Regional List.

**List II****Regional List**

1. Regional Planning including employment planning at the Regional level and plan implementation including employment programmes.
2. Public debt of a Region, excluding debts owing to the Central Government.
3. Domestic and international borrowing to the extent specified in Chapter XXI.
4. The management and promotion of foreign direct investment, international grants and developmental assistance to the Region to the extent specified in Chapter XXI.
5. Regional programmes for public utility infrastructure development.
6. Regional financial and credit institutions including regional institutions providing insurance services.
7. Excise duties to be specified by law.
8. Betting and gaming taxes, taxes on prize competitions and on lotteries to be specified.
9. Motor vehicle licence fees.
10. Stamp duties on transfer of immovable properties and motor vehicles.
11. Utilisation of fines imposed by courts within the Region, provided that not less than ten per centum of the fines imposed shall be utilised for construction and maintenance of court buildings and the development of the infrastructure of courts.
12. Court fees, including Stamp fees on documents produced in courts.
13. Land revenue, including the assessment and collection of revenues, and maintenance of land records for revenue purposes.
14. Taxes on mineral rights.
15. Pensions payable by a Regional Administration or out of the Consolidated Fund of a Region.
16. Regional lotteries and their conduct.
17. Regional Public Service, Regional Public Service Commission.
18. Regional Commissioner for Administration (Regional Ombudsman).
19. Health and indigenous medicine including Regional Health Services and Regional Health Administration in conformity with the national health plan.



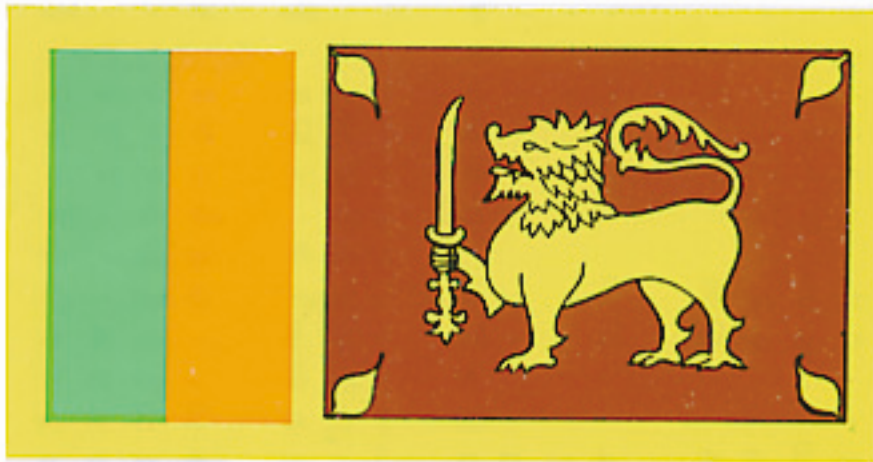
20. Regional policy on education; administration of education and educational services within the Region with due regard to national policy; administration of national schools handed over by the Central Government; research on education; in-service training of teachers; higher education other than as provided in the Reserved List; regional universities; pre-schools; educational publications provided by the Regional Administration.
21. Agriculture and agrarian services inclusive of agricultural research, extension, promotion and education within the Region and promotion of agro-based industries within the Region.
22. Animal husbandry.
23. State land and its use, alienation or disposal as specified in Chapter XVI.
24. Irrigation within the Region other than irrigation schemes utilising water through diversions from water systems from outside the Region.
25. Fisheries, marine resources and aquatic resources within Sri Lankan waters, excluding rights relating to traditional migratory fishing in Sri Lankan waters as provided in the Reserved List.
26. Forests, excluding those specified in the Reserved List, which shall be used, subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) of Article 145, in conformity with national plans on forestry and with due regard to national land use policy as determined by the National Land Use Council.
27. Protection of the environment within a Region in conformity with national plans on environment and conservation.
28. Regional programmes for coast conservation in conformity with national plans.
29. Industries and regional industrial development inclusive of industrial research and training within the Region.
30. Energy excluding the national grid.
31. Trade and commerce excluding foreign trade.
32. Co-operatives and Co-operative Banks.
33. Supply and distribution of food.
34. Markets and fairs.
35. Manufacture and supply of salt, distribution of salt within the Region of manufacture.

36. Roads excluding those specified in the Reserved List; toll roads and expressways constructed by or under the authority of the Regional Administration.
37. Drainage and waterways other than within the Capital Territory.
38. Transport excluding railways but including ferry services.
39. Ports, harbours and fishery harbours other than those specified in the Reserved List.
40. Housing and construction.
41. Urban planning and implementation, other than within the Capital Territory; public utilities, other than within the Capital Territory.
42. Rural development.
43. Local Government to the extent provided in Chapter XXV.
44. Regional libraries and museums.
45. Promotion of cultural activity within the Region including the preservation of cultural diversity.
46. Maintenance and administration of ancient and historical monuments, archaeological sites and records other than those specified in the Reserved List.
47. Public performances.
48. Promotion of regional tourism
49. Relief and reconstruction and the granting of compensation.
50. Social security and social insurance.
51. Social services.
52. Regulation of unincorporated associations and societies within the Region, charities and charitable institutions.
53. Law and order, Regional Police and Regional Police Commission to the extent provided in Chapter XXII.
54. Administration of justice within a Region, to the extent of the provision and setting up of court buildings in consultation with the Judicial Service Commission, the maintenance of court buildings and the development of infrastructure of courts; mediation and conciliation.

55. Borstal and reformatory institutions.
56. Implementation of programmes for the advancement of youth.
57. Implementation of programmes for the advancement of women.
58. Sports.
59. Surveys for the purpose of any matters enumerated in the Regional List.
60. Fees in respect of any of the matters in the Regional List.
61. Acquisition of private property required for the purposes of any matter in the Regional List.
62. Requisition of private property required for the purposes of any matter in the Regional List.
63. Imposition, collection and utilisation of fines, other than court fines, in respect of the matters in the Regional List.
64. Any other tax that may be devolved by law on the Region
65. Any other matter provided for in the Constitution.

THIRD SCHEDULE

Article 4



THE NATIONAL FLAG





*The Constitution of the Republic of Sri Lanka*

FIFTH SCHEDULE

Articles 76, 129(7), 134(7), 151(6), 155(2), 205, 236

“I ..... do solemnly declare and affirm  
swear  
that I will faithfully perform the duties and discharge the functions of the  
office of ..... in accordance with the  
Constitution of the Republic of Sri Lanka and the law, and that I will be  
faithful to the Republic of Sri Lanka and that I will to the best of my  
ability uphold and defend the Constitution of the Republic of Sri Lanka.”

**ENDORSEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 80(2) READ WITH ARTICLE  
120(b) AND ARTICLE 122 OF THE CONSTITUTION**

The Cabinet of Ministers has certified that in its view that the above Bill  
is urgent in the national interest.

The Cabinet of Ministers in pursuance of Article 80(2) read with Article  
120(b) of the Constitution certify that this Bill, which is described in its  
long title as being a Bill for the repeal and replacement of the Constitution,  
is intended to be passed with the special majority required by Article  
83(b) and submitted to the People for approval at a Referendum.

Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers

31.07.2000