

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

*In the matter of an Application under
and in terms of Article 17 and 126 of the
Constitution of the Democratic Socialist
Republic of Sri Lanka.*

SC/FR/26/2023

1. Wanni Arachchilage Chammika Prasad
Gunarathna Thammalwatta,
Arawakumbuka, Lunugala.
2. Paranamanalage Nirmala Paranamana
60/26, Thalakolayaya Watta,
Kotadeniyawa Road, Meerigama.
3. Ranhawadiyalage Lanka Sandamali
Wikramasinghe, No. 32/J/01,
Hapitigama, Kaleliya.
4. Rajapakshage Don Thilak Rshan
Rajapakshe, 894, Unit 14,
Venraasanpura, Kanthale.
5. Karuna Dewage Lalith Priyantha
No. 34/25, Police House,
Kailagoda, Badulla.
6. Karunarathnage Kinsely Rohan
Weerakoon, No. 60,
Pathirajagama, Thirappane.
7. Somarathnage Jayalath Jayathunga
Eruwewa, Athungama, Thirippane.
8. Kauraalalage Sampath Ruwan Bandara
Bulupitiya, Uhumeeya.
9. Rajapakshe Pedige Shyamali
Maduwanthi, No.11, Water Tank Road,

Puliyankulama, Saliyapura,
Anuradhapura.

10. Pathirannahalage Kapila Nishantha
Rupasinghe, 353/2, Bowala,
Nawathalwatte.
11. Wasalamuni Arachchige Iresha
Sandamali Amarasinghe, No. 48/2,
Hiddaulla, Handessa.
12. Basnayake Mudiyanseelage Anil Kumara
No. 48/2, Hiddaulla, Handessa.
13. Adhikari Mudiyanseelage Ajith Kumara
Rohitha Adhikari, 46/D,
Dadubandiruppa Dewahuwa.
14. Wijesinghe Mudiyanseelage Kalinga Viraj
Dissanayake, Palbandiyawa,
Adiambalama.
15. Henak Gedara Saman Kumari,
H93/3, Mawela, Hingula.
16. Madurapperuma Raalalage Achala
Priyanka Kumari, C 44/A, Pahala
Asideniya, Galigamuwa Town.
17. Rathnayake Mudiyanseelage Chandrika
Sumudu Rathnayake Priyanthawila,
Rahala West, Aranayake.
18. Karunage Kaniska Sandaruwan
Ariyaratne, No. 2/24, Diviyanpoluwa,
Ahasliyadda, Deewela,
Pallegama, Kegalle.
19. Sedarage Pathum, Lakmal Sedarage
Yowunpuraya, Katugahagalge, Buttala.
20. Kahandawela Arachchilage Don
Chaminda Harshapriya, C 52/2/A,
Walikumbura Road, Amithirigala South.

21. Juwan Mannadige, Suresh Dhanushka Fernando, No. 603/03, Bopeththa, Gatahaththa.
22. Madawatte Baddelage Warunamaali Deepka Madawatta, C 3, Police House, Awissawella.
23. Weerakkodi Pathirannelage Samantha Weerakkodi, No. 128, Deegama, Nikadalupotha.
24. Lekma Ralalage Waruna Lakmal Weerasena Padavigampola, Yatagama, Rambukkana.
25. Raththaranage Amith Lasantha Serasinghe, No. 178, Ilukbodayagama, Galenbindunuwewa.
26. Chandrasekara Mudiyansele Sameera Dinesh Kumara Chandrasekara, 9 Road, Koonwewa, Mahapothana.
27. Samarakoon Mudiyaasele Shashika Tharanga Bandara, No.45/A, Track 4, Aralaganwila, Polonnaruwa.
28. Madas Asela Pradeep Saman Kumara No. 60, Hobariyawa, Giradurukotte.
29. Pihille Hele Widanaralalage Wasantha Senevirathne, No. 52, Mile Post, Padiyatalawa Road, Mahiyanganaya.
30. Disanayakage Ajith Chandana Disanayaka, 6th Lane, Kurundankulama, Mihinthale.
31. Jayasinghe Mudiyansele Wimalaratne Jayasinghe, No. 149, Thumbulla, Nabadawa, Nikaweratiya.

32. Dissanayaka Mudiyanseelage Ravindra de Silva Dissanayaka, No.15, Ritigahawaththa, Buddama, Monaragala.
33. Waduraba Hewage Dilhani Subashini H 31/1, Leuke, Galathara, Mawanella.
34. Agalakotuwe Gedara Chamara Prageeth Agalakotuwa Kumbukhinna, Thimbirigolla, Madawalalanda, Ampara.
35. Rathnayaka Mudiyanseelage Chaminda Sampath Kumara, No. 318/07, Maligathenna, Uhana, Ampara.
36. Pattidura Niluka Niroshini, No. 102/3/A, Kohobana, Werunkatagoda, Ampara.
37. Anton Clemon Niroshini Shanthiya No. 28/127/C, Werunkatagoda, Ampara.
38. Herath Mudiyanseelage Nilmini Kumari Herath, No. 406, Ekamuthugama, Uhana, Ampara.
39. Kulasekara Mudiyaselage Asanka Disanayaka, No. 681, Ekamuthugama, Uhana, Ampara.
40. Senanayaka Mudiyanseelage Kelum Priyangika, No. 16/931, Suhadagama, Weeragoda, Ampara.
41. Uyangodage Mahendra, J/30, Malandeniya, Deraniyagala.
42. Loku Thambugala Ralalage Dhammika Gunarathna, No. 19/15, Thissapura, Dadayamthalawa, Ampara.
43. Ranbandi Dewayalage Neetha Nadeeshani Hemachandra, No. 18/191, Weeragoda, Dadayamthalawa, Uhana.

44. Wediwela Mudiyanseelage Asanka
Kumara, 3rd Mile Post, Guruhela,
Dombagahawela.
45. Nammuni Kankanam Vidana
Mahadurage Rasika Hemali
Godewaththa, Somarama Road,
Navimana North, Matara.
46. Pannala Lekamlage Dinesh Lekamge
No. 9, Atharagalla, Galgamuwa.
47. Rathnayaka Mudiyanseelage Laksman
Rathnayaka, Gangaragulla Road,
Madulla, Udupussellawa.
48. Dissanayake Mudiyanseelage Niluka
Dimuth Kumara Disanayaka,
Hospital Road, Madipola, Matale.
49. Wanasinghe Mudiyanseelage Buddhika
Bandara, No. 747, Kohombadamana,
Diyasenpura.
50. Senanayaka Herath Hitihamilage Ruwan
Chamara Pahala Attanganaya,
Halladarukuttuwa, Chilaw.
51. Jayamanna Mohottilage Asanka Sanjaya
Kumara, No. 194, Pahala Attanganaya,
Nalladarankattuwa.
52. Munasinghe Arachchilage Anusha
Dilrukshi Gunawardana,
No. 11, Inikambedda, Marlodge Road,
Bandarawela.
53. Amarakoon Mudiyanseelage Rohini
Sashika Kumari Madangaha Arawa,
Hela Halpe, Bandarawela.

54. Yakdehigedara Jagath Prasanna
Kumara, No. 341, Amrabakka
Janapadaya, Millawana.
55. Lankahalu Gedara Susantha
Pushpakumara, R 49A, 1st Step,
Mahadiwulwewa, Trincomalee.
56. Nayaka Padinchi Gamage Indika
Anuradha Gamage,
No. 170, Henani North,
Mawanagama, Dehiaththakandiya.
57. Muthugama Gonnage Manel Jagath
Fernando, No. 36, H.I.A, Iginimitiya.
58. Kariyawasam Weraniyagodage Shamalie
Kularathna, 260/A, Ella, Elpitiya.
59. Senarath Arachchilage Irangi Sangeetha
Premarathna, Walpola, Nelundeniya.
60. Korale Pathirannehelage Manoj
Thuranga, Phala Thalawa, Thalawa.
61. Dissanayaka Mudiyanseelage Niroshana
Kumuduni Disasanayaka, No. 43, New
Walauwaththa, 15 Mile Post,
Melsiripura.
62. Hitinayke Mudiyanseelage Nandana
Wijaya Bandara, Araliya Uyana,
Hiddana, Gokarella.
63. Keppitiyagoda Vithanage Chandana
No. 93/71, Kowulhena Mawatha,
Kurunduwaththa, Akmeemana,
Galle.
64. Dasanayaka Mudiyanseelage Dhammika
Sajith Dasanayaka, No. 128/02,
Palleyaya, Muwaneliya, Matale.
65. Vimukthi Niroshan Joseph,

P34, Police Quarters, Sri Lanka Police College.

66. Don Simonge Senarath Priyantha
Katukurundugahawaththa, Potuwila,
Payagala.
67. Meegauwe Gamaralalage Uditha Prasad
Ranasinghe, Kalukohuthenna,
Kithulgala.
68. Dewasingha Pathiranalage Amila
Prasanna Madusanka, No. 180,
Galthalawa, Dewagala, Polonnaruwa.
69. Marasinghe Arachchilage Chathurika
Dayani Marasinghe Samadhi Mawatha,
Kanadulla, Kuliypitiya.
70. Duwage Sandun Prasanna Perara,
No. 186/2/1, Mihiri Mawatha,
Maluluduwa, Piliyandala.
71. Nisanka Malcom Amarasinghe
No. 3/2/F, Pansalwatta,
Midallakotuwa, Kaleliya.
72. Loku Marambage Heshan Kulathilaka
132, Hathlispahuwa, Kaleliya.
73. Pemaththu Hewage Madhushanka
Ranasinghe, 98/17, Haggalla,
Ellaykala, Nittmbuwa.
74. Rathnayaka Mudiyanseelage Chaminda
Kumara, 56/B/5, Bolatiyaya,
Pingama, Hungama.
75. Ran Dobege Sujith Prasanna
518, Dharmapala Mawatha,
Ambalanthota.

76. Balaganwatte Ralalage Thilakasiri
Madhura Bandara Sithumina,
Waduwwa, Yatigaloluwa, Polgahawela.
77. Haputhanthrige Don Kamal Ranjan
Haputhanthrige, 135, Old School Road,
Meewanapalawa.
78. Weerasuriya Mudiyanseelage Indrajith
Weerasuriya Bandara, Police Quarters,
Havelock Road, Colombo 5.
79. Wadana Haluge Lakmali Wajira Sampath
101/38/21, Ananda Mawatha,
Colombo 10.
80. Bodimaluwa Gamage Oushadahamilage
Bihesha Priyamali, 104, Kotikawatta,
Mulleriyawa New Town.
81. Hetti Arachchilage Kalum Nishantha
Kumara, 104, Kotikawatta,
Mulleriyawa New Town.
82. George Fredric Piter Grey
281/A, Thambiligala, Ulapane.
83. Thennakoon Mudiyanseelage Nuwan
Theekshana Thennakoon
136/A, Kandy Road, Kadawatha.
84. Malalage Lakmal Sri Harsha Kumara
Peiris, 51/2, Peiris Mawatha, Batagoda,
Galpotha.
85. Karunayaka Athapaththu Hetti
Mudiyanseelage Gayan Chaminda
Karunayaka, J/55/2, Dumbuluwa,
Lewangama.
86. Lansakara Athapaththu Herath
Mudiyanseelage Aruna Sanjeewa

- Athapaththu Kurunegala Road,
Thalakola Wewa, Anamaduwa.
87. Kariyawasam Wickrama Arachchige
Janaka Pradeep Kumara Jayasekara,
5/B, Dematagolla Road, Bopagama,
Veyangoda.
88. Undupitiya Gamage Dhanushka Piyumal
Gamage, Samagipura, Orubendi
Siyabalawa.
89. Mahanayaka Mudalige Dhanushka
Malkanthi Mahanayaka, Kekillapitiya,
Pannala.
90. Lansage Shanika Darshana Mendis
517/A, Yakkaduwa, Ja Ela.
91. Yamasinghe Dewayalage Gunathilaka
24, Hungamalagama,
Dehiaththakandiya.
92. Thuwan Ishaq Bahaman
75/A, Vilmat Street, Hambanthota.
93. Danigala Maha Bandaralage Deepthi
Madhushantha Gasthnawatha,
Kapuawatha, Danipitiya.
94. Thappuwarige Priyankara Anurajith
Palitha Bandara, 175/3/B, Kaludewala,
Panadura.
95. Jayasenage Naleen Nandana Jayasena
95/4, 4 Ela, Kaduruwela, Polonnaruwa.
96. Samarakoon Mudiyanseelage Renuka
Priyadarshani, D40/2, Weheragala,
Kawdulla.
97. Opanayakage Milan Anuruddhika
375B, Elawella, Bellpitiya, Horana.

98. Rajakarunage Nilantha Sanjeewa
Rajakaruna, Puwakwathenna Road,
Enalakounnagoda, Warakauoda.
99. Gam Mahelage Kasun Sameera
Wishwa, Rantiyawatta, Uma Ela,
Uva Paranagama.
100. Pannila Mohottalalage Wathsala Viraj
Chandana Godakumbura,
245, (Batch No.33) Jayamuthugama,
Madulawa, Meegoda.
101. Maththegoda Arachchilage Sampath
Indrajith Abesinghe, 269/A,
Millagahawaththa Road,
Goraka Ela, Dodampe, Rathnapura.
102. Ranaweera Mudiyanseelage Asanka
Senarath Bandara,
No. 2/10/3/1, Reid Mawatha,
Cinnamon Garden, Colombo 7.
103. Athapaththu Arachchilage Indra
Umeshani Athapaththu,
No. 2/10/3/1, Reid Mawatha,
Cinnamon Garden, Colombo 7.
104. Rambadagalle Gedara Rumesh
Chathuranga Rambagalla,
29/67, Vijayarajapura, Kalinga Ella,
Polonnaruwa.
105. Rajapaksha Pedilage Saman Mangala
Rajapaksha 673/12, Plhena,
Welipillewa, Dedigamuwa.
106. Piumi Madushani Wannigamage
673/12, Plhena,
Welipillewa, Dedigamuwa.
107. Mynaththu Hewage Nalaka Prashantha

- 209, Deeyagaha Gedara,
Walgama, Matara.
108. Pattikara Bandanage Chamila
Manurathna, 20/5, Jathika Niwasa
Mawatha, Hambantota.
109. Palagasin Manamperi Lenad Jeewan
71, Vigamuwa, Ranna.
110. Adhikari Mudiyansele Thilak
Chandrasiri Koonwewa, Ipalogama,
Mahawa.
111. Karunarathna Mudiyansele Ananda
Thilakasiri, 154/A, Keselwatta, Bowela,
Welimada.
112. Rathnayaka Mudiyansele
Wickramarathna Rathnayaka
Helangawa, Galahagama, Hangala.
113. Kudathurugirige Manoj Jayawardana
100/15, Kurunda Mawatha,
Thalapathpitiya.
114. Peduru Arachchige Mahesh Madusanka
Millagahawaththa, Karawelpita North,
Hakmana.
115. Jasin Pathiranage Prasanthi Kanchana
Sujani, C/05/04, Police Flat, Borella.
116. Nuwan Dhammika Bope Liyanarachchi
24/07, Moselean, Korallawella,
Moratuwa.
117. Godahena Gedara Lalith Prasanna
Kumara Rathnadheera, 80,
Siyapathgama, Udahingulwala,
Kandy.
118. Pallehahewa Pedi Gedara Jeewan
Pradeep Kumara Hewage,

- 152/1, Doluwa, Manikdiwela.
119. Mirihana Arachchige Lalith Rangana
E-6, Police Flats, Thimbirigasyaya,
Colombo 05.
120. Daundasekara Mudiyanseelage Sanjaya
Dissanayaka Dullewa, E-11, Police Flats,
Thimbirigasyaya, Colombo 05.
121. Athapaththu Prathapage Udara
Sampath 45, Welewadiya Road,
Welangahawela, Padalangala,
Embilipitiya.
122. Godamuna Appuhamilage Chinthaka
Gemunu Dayarathna, 143/B/1, Sri
Jinarathana Mawatha, Paligala,
Ehaliyagoda.
123. Kalahe Padi Kankanamge Naleeka Dilma
A 7, Maradana Police House,
Colombo 10.
124. Nawarathna Mudiyanseelage Saman
Thilakarathna, 162/G 03, Police
Quarters, Slave Island, Colombo 2.
125. Wijesekara Batuwitage Chithra Kumari
Wijesekara, 18/127/1, Weeragoda,
Ambagasthalawa.
126. Rilla Kande Gedara Thushara Sanjeewa
Wijesoma, 19/47/03, Thissapura,
Ambagasthalawa, Ampara.
127. Neththasinghe Don Chamila Rosan
Jayaweera, Senasana Road,
Hiriwadunna, Habarana.
128. Kasadoruwage Nuwan Chathuranga
Piyasena, 63, Weeralanda, Ruhunugama,
Aralaganwila.

129. Jayalath Mudiyanseelage Thusitha
Lakmal Disanayaka, 30, Weeralanda,
Ruhunugama, Aralaganwila.
130. Mahagedara Walawwe Janaka Saman
Kumara Mahagedara, 452, Track 04,
New Town, Medirigiriya.
131. Adhikari Gedara Ananda Kumara
Ranaweera, 101B, Pahala wewa,
Paranagama, Thakiriyagama.
132. Inoka Sandamali Chandranayaka
726/A, K.G.7, Weerahela,
Thissamaharama.
133. Rannulu Nayana Sandamali de Soyza
362/9, Aralugahawaththa, Kuligoda,
Ambalangoda.
134. Udawaththage Chanika Jayangani
5/26, Gorongoda, Rathnapura.
135. Yatiwelle Koralalage Lakshman Pushpa
Kumara Yatiwella, 215, Diwuldamana,
Aralaganwila.
136. Thennakoon Mudiyanseelage Ajith
Kumara Thennakoon, H-Paliyagama,
Uriyawa, Anamaduwa.
137. Batagalle Gedara Nadeeshan Sandamal
De Silva Batagalla, 26, Near the Wilyaya
School, Aralaganwila, Polonnaruwa.
138. Dissanayaka Mudiyanseelage Rudeep
Chandana, Near the School, Hulanuge,
Pothuwil.
139. Ekanayake Mudiyanseelage Nalinda
Priyadarshana Nugannoruwa,
Digannewa, Nikaweratiya.

140. Jayabahu Thennehelage Chandana
Kumara, Wele Gedara, Kandulawa,
Ibbagamuwa.
141. Rathnayaka Mudiyansele Udage
Gedara Bandula Kumara Rathnayaka
237/1, Hampillewaththa,
Mahaudagama, Ihalagama, Atabage,
Gampala.
142. Yapa Mudiyansele Jeewan Senarath
Bandara, 23/10, 1st Lane, Wasundara
Mawatha, Polonnaruwa New Town.
143. Madakumbure Gedara Namal Thusitha
Bandara Madakumbura, 14,
Pahalagama, Mahathalakolawewa,
Medirigiriya.
144. Suresh Jeewantha Kannangara,
240/7, Nilagama, Bambaragaswewa,
Galewela.
145. Wijesinghe Mudiyansele Janaka
Madhusanka, 8/13, Dematagollewa,
Dewahuwa.
146. Yakahtuge Naleen Kumara
18/1, Adarsha Gama,
Rajagalathenna, Ampara.
147. Galhen Kandage Siril Gunawardhana
282, Janahitha Palace, Athura,
Bulathsinghala.
148. Jayathilaka Sujith Prasanna Jayathilake
Aluthwaththa, Maradankadawala,
Horowpathana.
149. Salpadoru Thuppahige Iresha Sarojini,
168/233, Waga Anshaya, Deegawapiya,
Ampara.

150. Kariyawasam Kellapatha Vithanage
Jayana Chandrakanthi, C/390,
Mihindupura, Ampara.
151. Kapurala Gamaralalage Ruwan
Chinthaka Thilakarathna, 98, Track 11,
Ambagasweta, Medirigiriya.
152. Mahingoda Naidelaage Tharanga
Karunarathna 11, Thalgaswewa,
Agbopura, Kantale.
153. Samith Lokubogahawaththa
Kelanipuragama, Kandasurindugama,
Kataragama.
154. Garusinge Chathuranga Dewapriya
Galwalahena, Weliamuna, Walasmulla.
155. Jayamuni Nisanka Ayesha Ranraja
School Junction, Deegawapiya.
156. Rathnayaka Mudiyansele Dilip
Kumara Rathnayaka, 241,
Ethimalewewa, Monaragala.
157. Wilochana Rumesa Rajapaksa
132/1, Padiyatalawa Road,
Dehigolla, Mahiyanganaya.
158. Dissanayaka Mudiyansele Sumedha
Dissanayaka, 20/99/01, Kumarigama,
Udana, Ampara.
159. Basnayaka Mudiyansele Upul Udaya
Kumara, 30/A Janapadaya, Kulun Eka,
Koknahara, Ampara.
160. Janaka Chandana Liyanage
253, Meegahawaththa, Thaaape,
Thelijjawila.
161. Pathirannehelage Gedara Manjula
Bandara Ranasinghe

- 149/A, Unanthenna, Phalagama,
Kandy.
162. Wijedasa Aruna Pradeep
Kadurugasdamana,
Parasangaswewa, Anuradhapura.
163. Weerapadi Gedara Janaka Pradeep
Kumara 43, Athkam Niwasa,
Kurunuwaththa, Meethalawa.
164. Subhashana Ampegama Gamage
3/7, Kimbulawala Road, Elpitiya.
165. Sumana Hewage Samantha Kumara
Gunarathna Kiribathgala, Dewapahala,
Kuruwita.
166. Sidath Madhuranga Jayasekara
Thamititawela, Lahugala.
167. Yapa Mudiyansele Dhammika
Chathuranga Yapa, 20/100,
Kumarigama, Uhana.
168. Hettiwannaku Nawarathna Bandara
Rajapaksha Mudiyansele Dammika
Priyadarshana Rajapaksha, 36/A,
Sirisangabo Mawatha,
Kiwulapititalanda, Bibila.
169. Thenne Gedara Thusitha Chandana
Thennegedara 04, Bealine Janadhaya,
Wariyapola, Nillamba.
170. Wedikkara Gedara Sumith Chaminda
Disanayaka, 79, Temple Junction,
Dikkumbura, Raththota, Matale.
171. Muthunayakage Prageeth Nilanka
Muthunayaka, 7/1, Delgahawela,
Haranthana, Kandy.
172. Idan Gedara Arunasiri Ariyadasa

- 76/A, Ovilikanda, Matale.
173. Nawarathna Mudiyanseelage Nuwan
Chamara, 28/77, Vijayarajapura,
Kalinga Ela, Polonnaruwa.
174. Uduwa Vidanalage Chamila Menike,
28/77, Vijayarajapura, Kalinga Ela,
Polonnaruwa.
175. Kankanam Arachchige Chamika
Prabodhani, 142/2, Ihala
Gammedagama, Deiyandara, Matara.
176. Dewasurendrage Chaminda
Dewasurendra, 578/3, Royal Terrace,
Jayanthi Road, Athurugiriya.
177. Heiyanthuduwege Prabath Dushyantha
419/5, Kottuhena, Biyagama.
178. Wijesinghege Pradeep Mangala
Wijesinghe, 82/1, Punchikulama,
Thirappane.
179. Warusha Dewage Gamini Gunarathna
P 42, Police Quarters, Ampara.
180. Meda Gedara Dinesh Janaka Jayasena
Araliyagahamula Kade, Randeniya,
Hiriotunna.
181. Sirisenage Naleen Prasanna Herath
7, Medagama, Epplawala.
182. Herath Mudiyanseelage Nirosha Bandara
Disanayaka, Demunnawa, Palugaswewa.
183. Rajapathiranalage Nirosha Bandara
318/1, Uruwala, Nedungamuwa,
Gampaha.
184. Thusitha Niroshan Muthubanda
Periya Ulukkulama, Vauniyawa.

185. Rajapakshage Lasitha Buddhika
Rajapaksha, 3, The Rail Road, Temple
Road, Wellawa.
186. Kalawita Godage Don Udayangani
Hemamalie Gunawardhana,
309, Digana, Mahawa.
187. Pradhana Mudiyanseelage Thusitha
Kumara Hearath, 309, Digana, Mahawa.
188. Getagahawaththage Rasika Priyanganie
143, Thapowanarama Road,
Maththumagala, Ragama.
189. Liyanralle Gedara Champika
Muthumenike, 190/09, Pattiwila,
Gonawala.
190. Mahachari Muhandiramalage Amila
Kisantha Wijenanda, Ihala Ennarua,
Kithalawa, Kuliyaipitiya.
191. Pathirana Kulathilaka Anjana Lakmal
19/D/03, Madugahawaththa,
Kithalawalana, Mirigama.
192. Thambawitage Don Dimuthu Indika
Dharmaraja Mawatha, Palligoda,
Mathugama.
193. Karunapedi Gedara Sajith Karunarathna
01/A, Pellapitiya Road, New
Kurunduwatta, Gampola.
194. Pahala Meda Gammedde Gedara Nihal
Anuruddha, 354, Kudagala,
Dehiattakandiya.
195. Kulasooriya Arachchilage Nishantha
Saman Kumara Kulasooriya, 58/3,
Amuwaththa, Kaalwana, Aranayaka.
196. Gayani Paranavithana,

- 195, Prabhawasa, Sultanagoda, Matara.
197. Iddamalgodage Shashika Chathuranga
Kumara Somathilaka, 77/B/2,
Malwanagaraya, Korase, Udugampola.
198. Dasanayaka Mudiyansele
Arachchihamillegedara Ruwan Chamara
104/1, Shalika, Minigamuwa,
Galagedara.
199. Thuppehige Ujitha Dhanushka, 656,
Kudagam 2, South Iwura, Lunawa.
200. Gamage Kinsley Asanka Sanjeeva
4/8/1A, Wellawaya Road, Weerawila.
201. Buddhika Thilanga Rathnayake, Modara
Deniya, Pitiduwa, Habaraduwa.
202. Kalutharage Prasad Lasitha Balasuriya
No. 296/A, University Road,
Raththanapitiya, Boraesgamuwa.
203. Athula Wijayananda Obesekara,
Senasana Road, Kothalawala,
Bandaragama.
204. Abu Thahir Mohamed Sufiyan B 171,
Hapugasthalawa, Nawalapitiya.
205. Disanayake Mudiyansele Bandula Sri
Lal Disanayake No. 95/02,
Pahanthibukanda, Kiridandahinna,
Walapane.
206. Wijesekara Ekanayake Mudalige Nalaka
Anjana Kumara, Wimukthi Mawatha,
Perimiyankulama, Anuradhapuraya.
207. Kudadevatha Pedige Chaminda
Karunarathna, No. 3/A, Konketiyawa,
Bogahawewa.

208. Liyana Arachchige Dinuka Lakmal No. 205/2, Mandawala Road, Malamulla East, Panadura.
209. Rathnayake Mudiyansele Nihal Sanath Priyantha, Kiriwalgoda, Mari Arawa.
210. Kankanamalage Pradeep Dharmapriya Perera, No. 63, Near Rubber Factory, Hunuwala, Opanayake.
211. Halamba Ruwani Kanchanamala De Silva, Doowa Road, Malawenna, Telwatta.
212. Hettiarachchige Amila Udayanga Perera, No. 7, Sri Medananda Mawatha, Ambalangoda.
213. Hewa Alankarage Lahiru Sandaruwan, No. D03, Yaya 15, Yakagala, Angunakolapelessa.
214. Herath Mudiyansele Pushpakumara Herath, No. 09, Padikaramaduwa, Galenbindunu Wewa.
215. Udaya Mangala Ekanayake Jayakody No. 22, 02nd Lane, Milkasalwatta, Bomugammana, Divulapitiya.
216. Rathnayake Kirinda Arachchilage Chaminda Premasiri, R E T Junction, Udawalawa.
217. Amarathungage Thusitha Niranjana Amarathunga, No. 18, Amunugama, Medirigiriya.
218. Rathnayake Mudiyansele Sanjeewa Darshana Rathnayake, No. 1972/A, Darshanagama Cross Road, Udagama, Embilipitiya.

219. Jayarathnage Ajith Jeewantha,
Iswatiyawatta, Mamunawa, Wariyapola.
220. Pubudu Priyanga Lokumarakkala, No.
18/1709, Kattakaduwa, Ranna.
221. Weerasinghe Liyanage Amila Nandasiri,
No. 93/2, Palugahahena, Netalaporuwa,
Hakuruwela.
222. Aluthgedara Chaminda Senevirathna
Bandara No. 75/1, Kottawela,
Dambulla.
223. Wathawana Withanage Upul
Ranathunga No. 41/A, Thakshala Road,
Keselwaththa, Panadura.
224. Barupolage Don Malaka Deepal Perera
Raigam Road, Madurawala,
Anguruwathota.
225. Kekulandala Withanage Sanjaya
Dushantha No. 262/B, Omatta Road,
Batahenpitiya, Agalawaththa.
226. Kottogoda Gedara Priyantha Bandara
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5. Achchige Don Susil Premajayanth,
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6. Bandula Gunawardena,
Minister of Transport and Highways,
Minister of Mass Media,
7. Keheliya Rambukwella,
Minister of Health,
8. Amaraweera Mahinda,
Minister of Agriculture and
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9. Wijayadasa Rajapaksha,
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10. Nalaka Jude Hareen Fernando,
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Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs,
11. Ramesh Pathirana,
Minister of Industries and
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12. Prasanna Ranatunga,
Minister of Urban Development
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13. M.U.M. Ali Sabri
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14. Vidura Wikramanayaka,
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15. Kanchana Wijesekera,
Minister of Power and Energy,
16. Ahamed Zeinulabdeen Naseer
Minister of Environment,
17. Anuruddha Ranasinghe Arachchige,
Roshan, Minister of Sports and Youth
Affairs, Minister of Irrigation,
18. Maligaspe Koralege Nalin Manusha
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20. Kachchakaduge Nalin Ruwanjiwa
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28. S. Liyanagama,
Member,
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Member,
29. A.S.P.S.P. Sanjeewa
Member,
- 29A. K. Karunabaran
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30A. P.G.S. Gamini De Silva

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31. M.P. Premasiri Perera

Member,

31A. Dilshan Kapila Jayasuriya

Member,

32. Gunapala Wickramage

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32A. A.A.M. Illiyas

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Respondents

Before: Hon. Chief Justice P. Padman Surasena
Hon. Justice Mahinda Samayawardhena
Hon. Justice Sampath K.B. Wijeratne

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Argued on: 30.06.2025

Written submissions:

By the Petitioners in SC/FR/26/2023, SC/FR/28/2023
and SC/FR/29/2023 on 07.08.2025.

By the Respondents on 25.08.2025.

Decided on: 08.09.2026

Samayawardhena, J.

Two hundred and twenty-six Petitioners, who are Police Sergeants/Women Police Sergeants, have filed this application on 20.01.2023 against the Inspector General of Police, the National Police Commission, the Cabinet of Ministers, and the Attorney General seeking declarations that their fundamental rights guaranteed under Articles 12(1) and 14(1)(g) of the Constitution have been violated by the Respondents by Cabinet Decision No. 22/2056/626/005-1 dated 21.12.2022 marked P5 and RTM 584 (CRTM 398) dated 23.12.2022 marked P6.

The said Cabinet Decision was taken pursuant to Cabinet Memorandum No. 32/2022 dated 03.10.2022 marked P3 and the Report of the Expert Committee, appointed to make recommendations in relation to the longstanding stagnation prevailing within the Police Department, dated 09.12.2022 marked P4. Both P3 and P4 set out in considerable detail the reasons which necessitated the introduction of further one-off

promotions within the Police Department in order to address the longstanding stagnation affecting police officers in several ranks.

The Petitioners state that they enlisted in the Sri Lanka Police as Police Constables/Women Police Constables during the year 2006 and that they were promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant/Women Police Sergeant by RTM 636 (CRTM 1247) dated 19.02.2020 marked P2, with effect from 01.01.2020, upon having completed twelve years of service in the rank of Police Constable/Women Police Constable as at 31.12.2018.

The Petitioners' complaint may briefly be stated as follows. According to the Petitioners, when they were promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant/Women Police Sergeant, the Respondents adopted two different dates, namely, 31.12.2018 for the purpose of assessing eligibility and 01.01.2020 as the effective date of promotion. However, by the impugned Cabinet Decision No. 22/2056/626/005-1 dated 21.12.2022 marked P5 and RTM 584 (CRTM 398) dated 23.12.2022 marked P6, Police Constables/Women Police Constables who had completed twelve years of active service as at 08.02.2020 were promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant/Women Police Sergeant with effect from the very same date, namely 08.02.2020.

The Petitioners therefore contend that, whereas one year of their service became ineffective for the purpose of seniority in the rank of Police Sergeant/Women Police Sergeant, the officers promoted pursuant to P5 and P6 were able to obtain the full benefit of their service period. According to the Petitioners, this has artificially reduced the seniority gap between themselves and the officers promoted under the impugned scheme and adversely affects their future prospects of promotion to the rank of Sub Inspector of Police.

The Petitioners further contend that, if the new policy reflected in P5 and P6 is to be applied fairly, the same policy must also be extended to them by backdating their promotions to the rank of Police Sergeant/Women

Police Sergeant to the date on which they completed twelve years of service in the rank of Police Constable/Women Police Constable.

Promotions within the Police Department continue to generate a significant volume of litigation. The recurring nature of these disputes suggests that the difficulties relating to promotions are not confined to individual grievances but stem from broader structural issues affecting the service. The material placed before this Court in a number of cases indicates that promotion-related concerns have frequently been addressed through temporary measures and one-off schemes devised to meet immediate exigencies.

Against this backdrop, one cannot realistically expect the Police Department to continue functioning indefinitely under conditions of prolonged stagnation in promotions. Until a proper and comprehensive promotion policy is formulated and implemented, temporary and one-off measures may become necessary from time to time in order to address accumulated stagnation and ensure the continued functioning of the Department at an acceptable level. However, such measures are, by their very nature, exceptional and transitional. They cannot be regarded as a permanent substitute for a coherent promotion framework. Nor can the Court continue indefinitely to justify *ad hoc* departures from a proper promotion system on the basis of administrative necessity. The time has come for the relevant authorities to formulate and implement a transparent, workable, and sustainable promotion policy capable of commanding the confidence of all stakeholders and reducing the need for recurring temporary interventions.

It is encouraging that the Court was informed that the National Police Commission has recently approved several recruitment and promotion schemes intended to address these longstanding issues. It is hoped that these measures will contribute towards the formulation and implementation of a transparent, workable and sustainable promotion

policy which would minimise uncertainty, reduce litigation and promote confidence in the promotion process within the Police Department.

The material placed before Court demonstrates that the one-off promotion scheme reflected in Cabinet Decision marked P5 was introduced in order to address longstanding stagnation affecting Police Constables/Women Police Constables and to alleviate the grievances arising therefrom. Cabinet Memorandum marked P3 and Committee Report marked P4 clearly justify the necessity for introducing further temporary measures to address the stagnation prevailing within the Police Department.

The Petitioners themselves are beneficiaries of an earlier one-off promotion scheme introduced by RTM 636 marked P2. In those circumstances, the Petitioners cannot validly contend that the competent authorities were precluded from introducing further temporary measures to alleviate similar grievances affecting another category of officers.

The Petitioners' primary grievance is not directed against the concept of one-off promotions itself. Rather, their complaint is confined to the fact that, under the earlier scheme applicable to them, separate dates were adopted for assessing eligibility and for fixing the effective date of promotion, whereas under the subsequent scheme introduced by P5 and P6, the same date was adopted for both purposes.

I am unable to agree that this circumstance amounts to a violation of Articles 12(1) or 14(1)(g) of the Constitution.

Indeed, there is much to be said for adopting the same date both as the qualifying date for eligibility and as the effective date of promotion. Such an approach promotes clarity, certainty, transparency and administrative consistency. Where the competent authorities consider it appropriate to adopt the same date for both purposes, that decision cannot, without more, be impugned as arbitrary or unconstitutional.

The material before this Court demonstrates that the different dates adopted under the earlier scheme were dictated by the administrative and institutional considerations prevailing at the time and were not intended to discriminate against any category of officers. The implementation of a large-scale promotion scheme within an institution such as the Police Department is a complex exercise involving financial, administrative and operational considerations. While the qualifying date identifies the category of officers intended to benefit from the scheme, the effective date of promotion may legitimately be fixed at a later date to accommodate matters such as budgetary allocations, cadre management, salary adjustments, arrears and other practical requirements.

The fact that an earlier one-off promotion scheme adopted different dates for these purposes does not require subsequent schemes to follow the same approach. Each scheme shall necessarily be formulated and implemented having regard to the circumstances and requirements prevailing at the relevant time.

No police officer possesses a vested right to insist that the methodology, criteria, or operative dates applicable to temporary one-off promotion schemes should remain permanently fixed and immutable. At most, an officer may claim a right to be considered in accordance with the framework applicable at the relevant time. Such frameworks necessarily remain subject to revision and modification by the competent authorities in response to administrative exigencies, institutional realities, cadre management considerations, and evolving service requirements.

In *State of Jammu & Kashmir v. Shiv Ram Sharma* AIR 1999 SC 2012 at 2014, the Supreme Court of India emphasised that the State possesses the authority to prescribe qualifications and conditions governing appointment and promotion to public posts in accordance with administrative exigencies and that employees do not acquire a vested

right to be considered for promotion under a particular set of rules existing at the time of their entry as follows:

The law is well settled that it is permissible for the Government to prescribe appropriate qualifications in the matter of appointment or promotion to different posts. The case put forth on behalf of the respondents is that when they joined the service the requirement of passing the matriculation was not needed and while they are in service such prescription has been made to their detriment. But it is clear that there is no indefeasible right in the respondents to claim for promotion to a higher grade to which qualification could be prescribed and there is no guarantee that those rules framed by the Government in that behalf would always be favourable to them.

In Roshan Lal Tandon vs. Union of India, 1968(1) SCR 185, it was held by this Court that once appointed an employee has no vested right in regard to the terms of service but acquires a status and, therefore, the rights and obligations thereto are no longer determined by consent of parties, but by statute or statutory rules which may be framed and altered unilaterally by the Government. The High Court has also noticed that there was an avenue provided for promotion but the prescription of the qualification was not favourable to respondents.

The principle of avoiding stagnation in a particular post will not be with reference to a particular individual employee but with reference to the conditions of service as such. As long as rules provide for conditions of service making an avenue for promotion to higher grades the observations made in T.R. Kothandaramans case stand fulfilled.

The formulation of promotion policies and the management of cadre structures within the Police Department primarily fall within the province of the competent administrative authorities, subject to the policy-making authority vested in the Cabinet of Ministers under Article

55(1) of the Constitution. It is therefore for the executive, and not the Court, to determine what policy measures are necessary to address issues such as stagnation in promotions, subject always to constitutional limitations. While such policy decisions remain amenable to judicial review, this Court shall exercise restraint and shall not interfere with such decisions unless the impugned measure is shown to be arbitrary, irrational, *mala fide*, discriminatory, or otherwise unconstitutional.

The question before this Court is not whether another promotional arrangement could also have been devised or whether the earlier methodology ought to have been retained indefinitely. The question is whether the policy reflected in Cabinet Decision marked P5 and RTM marked P6 is so arbitrary or discriminatory that it warrants constitutional intervention under Article 12(1) of the Constitution.

The Petitioners contend that the impugned scheme has reduced the seniority gap between themselves and the officers promoted pursuant to P5 and P6. However, the maintenance of seniority gaps is not an inflexible mathematical exercise. Promotion policies necessarily involve broader administrative considerations, including service morale, operational continuity, cadre management, institutional realities, and the need to alleviate accumulated stagnation affecting large categories of officers, rather than the preservation or maximisation of the individual benefits or relative advantages of particular officers.

The Petitioners further contend that, under the existing marking scheme applicable for promotions to the rank of Sub Inspector of Police, the reduction of the seniority gap adversely affects the marks obtainable by them in future promotions. However, future promotion criteria, evaluation methods, and marking schemes are themselves subject to revision and modification from time to time depending on prevailing administrative requirements and policy considerations. Accordingly, the

apprehension expressed by the Petitioners in that regard remains speculative.

The Petitioners further seek, in effect, backdating of their own promotions in order to restore the previous seniority gap. I do not think such a course is legally or administratively possible in the circumstances of this case.

The one-off promotion scheme communicated by RTM 636, under which some of the Petitioners themselves were beneficiaries, was approved by the National Police Commission subject to the express condition that the said promotions would not constitute precedents and that retrospective promotions would not be permissible.

The Petitioners were promoted in accordance with the criteria and policies applicable at the relevant time. The subsequent introduction of another temporary one-off promotion scheme does not retrospectively entitle the Petitioners to claim earlier effective dates for their own promotions.

If retrospective adjustments are to be made whenever a subsequent one-off promotion scheme is introduced, the result would be perpetual instability in the seniority structure within the Police Department and an endless chain of competing claims for retrospective promotions. Such an approach would render the administration of temporary promotional measures practically unworkable.

The Petitioners ought to have challenged the earlier scheme if they were dissatisfied with the use of separate dates for eligibility and effective appointment. The Petitioners' present grievance arose only after the introduction of the subsequent scheme reflected in P5 and P6. However, the fact that a later scheme adopts a different methodology does not, by itself, create a constitutional entitlement to retrospective adjustment.

Equality under Article 12(1) of the Constitution does not require that all officers, irrespective of differing factual circumstances and service histories, be treated identically for all purposes. What the Constitution prohibits is arbitrary, irrational, or hostile discrimination. In the instant case, the distinctions introduced by the impugned decisions were founded upon objective service-related considerations directly connected to the policy objective sought to be achieved, namely the alleviation of prolonged stagnation within the Police Department.

In those circumstances, I am unable to hold that Cabinet Decision marked P5 or RTM 584 marked P6 violates Articles 12(1) or 14(1)(g) of the Constitution.

For the aforesaid reasons, I hold that the Petitioners have failed to satisfy this Court that their fundamental rights guaranteed under Articles 12(1) and 14(1)(g) of the Constitution have been infringed by any of the Respondents. Accordingly, I dismiss the Petitioners' application, but without costs.

The Petitioners in SC/FR/28/2023 and SC/FR/29/2023, who challenge the same Cabinet Decision No. 22/2056/626/005-1 dated 21.12.2022 marked P5 and RTM 584 (CRTM 398) dated 23.12.2022 marked P6, on the same basis, shall abide by this judgment.

Judge of the Supreme Court

P. Padman Surasena, C.J.

I agree.

Chief Justice

Sampath K.B. Wijeratne, J.

I agree.

Judge of the Supreme Court