

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 Application No.
SC(FR) 323/2024

1. Ethmadalage Jude Marco Perera
No. 96/1, Peralanda Road,
Kadana,

PETITIONER

vs

1. Monetary Board of the Central Bank,
The Central Bank of Sri Lanka,
No. 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha,
Colombo 01.
2. Hon. Anura Kumara Dissanayaka,
Minister of Finance,
Ministry of Finance,
The Secretariat,
Colombo 01.
3. Hon. Mahinda Siriwardhana,
Secretary to the Treasury and Ministry of
Finance,
Ministry of Finance,
The Secretariat,
Colombo 01.

4. Hon. Dr. Nandalal Weerasinghe,
Governor of the Central Bank,
The Central Bank of Sri Lanka,
No. 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha,
Colombo 01.
5. The Golden Key Credit Card Company,
No. 2, Ceylinco Center,
R.A. de Mel Mawatha,
Colombo 4.
6. Hon. Attorney General,
The Attorney General's Department,
Colombo 12.

RESPONDENTS

BEFORE

: Mahinda Samayawardhena J.
M. Sampath K. B. Wijeratne J.

COUNSEL

: E. Jude Marco Perera appears in person.

Shivaan Cooray with Saumya
Wickramasinghe instructed by John Wilson
Partners for the 5th Respondent.

Rajitha Perera, DSG for the Hon. Attorney
General and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

ARGUED ON

: 06.11.2025

DECIDED ON

: 01.07.2026

M. Sampath K. B. Wijeratne J.

This Court is of the view that the material placed before it discloses a *prima facie* case of infringement of the Petitioner's fundamental rights guaranteed under Article 12(1) of the Constitution. Accordingly, I order that notice be issued on the 1st Respondent and the 3rd to 6th Respondents.

JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Mahinda Samayawardhena, J.

I agree.

JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT