

# IDENTIFICATION OF CRITERIA ON CONSTITUTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN SRI LANKA



MINISTRY OF PROVINCIAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## Calling for suggestions by the committee appointed to determine criteria on the constitution of Local Authorities

Hon. Faiszer Moshthapha, President's Counsel, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government has appointed a professional committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Chandaka Jayarundata, Attorney-at-Law in order to determine the criteria to constitute new Local Authorities and upgrade existing Local Authorities, as Urban Councils and Municipal Councils.

At present, there is no nationally recognized set of criteria to constitute new Local Authorities and upgrade existing Local Authorities in Sri Lanka. Therefore, it is clear that even relatively developed areas in Sri Lanka with Urban Characteristics are not in the corresponding form of Local Authorities. Similarly, inclusion of dominant rural areas into Urban Local Authorities also could be seen.

Accordingly the responsibility of the committee is to develop an acceptable national system of criteria that could be recognized as realistic to determine urbanized and semi-urbanized areas in order to avoid this situation.

Therefore, the aforesaid committee intends to obtain the views and suggestions from professionals, professional organizations, public and public organizations.

Since this committee should complete its activities within three months you are kindly requested to submit your valuable views, suggestions or recommendations relevant to this subject by registered post, e-mail or fax to be sent to the Secretary of the committee on or before the 15th of August 2016.

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