

For immediate action.

Ministry of Public Administration,
Independence Square,
Colombo 7.

18th August, 1983.

To: All Secretaries to Ministries
and Heads of Departments.

SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

Affirmation/Oath

1. Every Public officer, Judicial officer, Public Corporation employee and every member and every person in the service of a Local Authority, Development Council, Pradeshiya Mandalaya and Gramodaya Mandalaya should, on or before 7th September, 1983, make and subscribe or take and subscribe an affirmation or oath as provided for in the Seventh Schedule in section 5 of the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution.

2. The necessary copies of the affirmation/oath form should be prepared in each office and issued for the use of relevant persons. The form is given in paragraph 10 of this Circular.

3. Any person who fails to make and subscribe or take and subscribe the affirmation or oath on or before 7th September, 1983, or as may be permitted under the provisions of Article 165(2), shall cease to be in service or hold office.

4. In addition to persons empowered under the existing law to administer an affirmation or oath, the following too can do so:

An officer of staff grade in the Public Service and the Local Government Service as defined in the Establishments Code.

An officer not below the rank of an Assistant Superintendent of Police.

A Commissioned Officer of the Armed Services.

An officer of executive grade in a Public Corporation.

5. The person making the affirmation or taking the oath, as well as the person administering same should sign the affirmation/oath form.

6. The affirmation or oath should be filed of record in the personal file of the person concerned. An entry should be made in his History Sheet that the affirmation has been made or oath has been taken and every such entry should be initialled by a responsible officer.

7. Where a person^{who} is required to make the affirmation or take the oath, fails to do so on or before 7th September, 1983 he should be reported to the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration. Such a report should give the name and designation, Ministry, Department, Public Corporation, Local Authority, Council, Mandalaya of the person concerned and should be accompanied by a statement from him giving the reasons for his failure to make the affirmation or take the oath within the prescribed period. The Head of the Institution should make his own observations in such a report on the reasons adduced for failure to make the affirmation or take the oath. Action on such reports will be taken as provided for in Article 165(2) of the Constitution.

8. Any person who comes into any of the categories mentioned in paragraph 4 of this Circular on or after 8th August 1983 should make and subscribe the affirmations or take and subscribe the oaths in the Fourth Schedule and in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. Letters of appointment should include the provision that the making of the affirmation or taking of the oath should be done by every such person and action should be taken as in paragraph 6 above.

9. Please make immediate arrangements for all institutions under you to obtain a copy of the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. This could be done by obtaining printed copies of the Amendment from the Government Publications Bureau or the Supplement to Part II of the Gazette of 12.08.83 in which this Amendment has been published or by getting photostat copies from such originals.

10. I,.....:.....do solemnly declare and affirm
swear
that I will uphold and defend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and that I will not, directly or indirectly, in or outside Sri Lanka, support, espouse, promote, finance, encourage or advocate the establishment of a separate State within the territory of Sri Lanka .

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Signature.

Before me at.....
on this.....day of.....19..

Signature:.....
Name and Designation.....
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11. Please take steps to give this Circular the widest possible publicity among all persons in your Ministry/Department/ Public Corporation/Local Authority/Council/Mandalaya.

Sgd: D.B.I.P.S. Siriwardhana
Secretary,
Ministry of Public Administration