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Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya,  
Chairman,  
Election Commission of Sri Lanka,  
Rajagiriya.

Dear Mr. Deshapriya,

#### Using State vehicles for Election Campaigning

As per an incident report submitted to Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL) by one of its District Observers, it has been observed that a vehicle registered under the registration number of WP PD-3681 allegedly belonging to the Ministry of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs had been used for political campaigning purposes in Kandy on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Please find the attached corresponding photographic evidence.

Direction No. 5 (i) of the Extraordinary Gazette No.2141/52 of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 stipulate that the pool of vehicles belonging to the State including motorcars, jeeps, cabs and buses, should be taken extra care of during the period of election to prevent such vehicles from being used for the election propagandā of any political party, independent group or candidate. This therefore is a potential violation of the gazetted directions of the Election Commission.

Please be kind enough to look into this complaint and take prompt action, if necessary, to ensure electoral integrity.

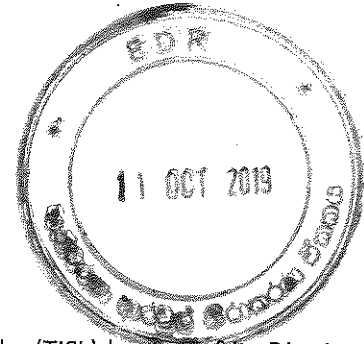
If you require more information, please be kind enough to contact the Provincial Coordinator Ms. Thamali Rajapaksa or National Coordinator Mr. Lakwijaya Bandara on 0763223442/0763223662.

Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL) is the Sri Lankan Chapter of the global movement against corruption. The Program for the Protection of Public Resources (PPPR) is TISL's election observation program committed towards preventing the abuse of public resource during elections.

Thank You.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Lakwijaya Bandara  
National Coordinator (PPPR)



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