

Program for the Protection of Public Resources,  
Transparency International Sri Lanka,  
5/1, Elibank Road, Colombo 5,

4<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

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

Dear Mr. Deshapriya,

**Alleged Illegal Appointments Ceremony in Kandy**

As per a complaint received by Transparency International Sri Lanka's Program for the Protection of Public Resources (PPPR), a training program scheduled to be held today, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019, by the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority in Kandy at the Rathnasiri Wickramanayake National Training Center, Hanthana, for new recruits, is allegedly going to be used to give permanent and new appointments.

Direction No. 2 (iii) of the Extraordinary Gazette No.2141/52 of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 stipulate that "Officers should refrain from making any recruitment, appointments and promotions and transfers of whatever nature in public institutions without the approval of the Election Commission...". There is therefore a potential violation of the gazetted directions of the Election Commission.

TISL has already lodged a complaint with the Kandy Election District Office on 2019/10/03 on the same matter. 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 Provincial Coordinator Ms. Thamali Rajapaksha or National Coordinator Mr. Lakwijaya Bandara on 0763223442/0763223662. Thank You.

Yours Sincerely,



Asoka Obeyesekere

Executive Director