

Program for the Protection of Public Resources  
Transparency International Sri Lanka  
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08<sup>th</sup> October 2019

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

Dear Mr. Deshapriya,

**Using State owned Premises for Election Campaigning**

As per a report submitted to Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL) by its Observers, it is been observed that election propaganda cutouts belonging to two major presidential candidates has been displayed in Lanka Sathosa Premises, Marawila since 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Please find the attached corresponding photographic evidence.

Direction No. 6 (i) of the Extraordinary Gazette No.2141/52 of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 stipulate that "any election propaganda posters, banners, cutouts, bill boards etc. to not to allowed to be displayed on State owned buildings or within their premises". This therefore is a potential violation of the gazetted directions of the Election Commission.

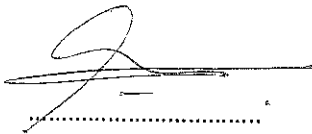
Please be kind enough to look into this complaint and take prompt action, if necessary, to ensure electoral integrity.

If you require more information, please be kind enough to contact the Provincial Coordinator Mr. Kavin Mihiran 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 resources during elections.

Thank You.

Yours Sincerely,



Lakwijaya Bandara

National Coordinator(PPPR)

