

Program for the protection of Public Resources
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Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya,
Chairman,
Election Commission of Sri Lanka,
Rajagiriya.

Dear Mr. Deshapriya,

Alleged Illegal Appointments Awarded by State Owned Bank

As per the reports submitted by Transparency International Sri Lanka's (TISL) District Observer, the People's Bank (Naththandiya Branch) had given back dated appointments to trainees on 7th October 2019. Following this incident TISL made a complaint with the Puttlam District Election Office and they verified the fact that a special approval was obtained by the bank to conduct a training session and no approval has been obtained to give appointments.

Furthermore, the relevant officer in charge of the bank had failed to provide the relevant written documents when the legitimacy of the event was questioned. It has also been reported that similar appointments were also awarded in Nuwara Eliya, Bandarawela, Diyatalawa, etc.


Direction No. 2 (iii) of the Extraordinary Gazette No.2141/52 of 19th 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.

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)