

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



Dear Mr. Deshapriya,

Government Officers Engaging in Political Propaganda Campaigning

As per a report submitted by Transparency International Sri Lanka's (TISL) Trincomalee District Observer, it has been observed that Mr. N. N. A. Pushpakumara, the District Secretary of Trincomalee, had been promoting a political party, to which a presidential candidate belongs, in his speech on 6th October 2019 at an opening ceremony of Uda Gammana. Please find the attached corresponding photographic evidence in this regard.

Direction 2 (i) stipulate that no public officer should engage in any activity to promote any party or candidate inside or outside the office premises within the prescribed office hours or after reporting to work or while on duty leave. This therefore is a potential violation of the gazetted directions of the Election Commission.

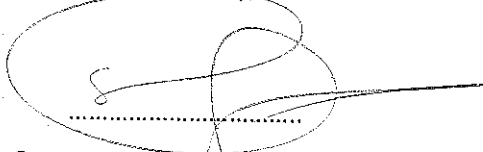
Please be kind enough to look into this matter and take prompt action, if necessary to ensure electoral integrity.

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,



Asoka Obeysekere
Executive Director

WISL Complaint on Government officers engaging in political propaganda campaigning.

