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ACT, No. 55 OF 2000**

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE CENSUS ORDINANCE

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Census (Amendment) Act, No. 55 of 2000. Short title.

2. Sections 2 and 3 of the Census Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) as last amended by Act, No. 16 of 1981 are hereby repealed and the following sections substituted therefor : — Replacement of sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 143.

‘Minister to direct taking of census.

2. It shall be lawful for the Minister, from time to time, by Order published in the Gazette, to direct that a census be taken of the population, housing, agriculture, livestock, trade, labour, industry, construction or commerce or such other matters as he may deem necessary for ascertaining the demographic, social or economic condition of the inhabitants of Sri Lanka.

Appointment of Superintendent of Census.

3. To superintend the taking of any census, there shall be appointed an officer to be called “the Superintendent of Census”. If an appointment to the office of the Superintendent of Census is not made, the Director-General of Census and Statistics appointed under the Statistics Ordinance shall exercise, perform and discharge, all such powers, duties and functions as are conferred or imposed on, assigned to, the Superintendent of Census by this Ordinance.’

Amendment of section 5 of the principal enactment.

3. Section 5 of the principal enactment as last amended by Act No. 16 of 1981 is hereby further amended by the repeal of subsection (4) of that section and the substitution therefor, of the following subsection :—

“(4) Any person committing any breach of any such rule shall, on conviction before a Magistrate, be liable to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding ten thousand rupees, or to both such imprisonment and fine”.

Replacement of section 6 of the principal enactment.

4. Section 6 of the principal enactment as last amended by Act No. 16 of 1981 is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor :—

“District Secretary and Mayor, Chairman or Special Commissioner of Municipal Council or Urban Council to be Commissioners. 6. The District Secretary of a District Secretary’s Division shall be the Commissioner of Census for his District and the Mayor, Chairman or Special Commissioner, where any local authority is administered by a Special Commissioner, of every Municipal Council and Urban Council shall be Commissioner of Census for the local area, of such Municipal Council or Urban Council :

Provided that any other person may be appointed as Commissioner for such District or such Municipal Council or Urban Council area.”.

Amendment of section 7 of the principal enactment.

5. Section 7 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution—

- (1) in the marginal note for the words “Assistant Commissioners” of the words “Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners”; and
- (2) for the words “an Assistant Commissioner of Census to assist” of the words “a Deputy Commissioner of Census and an Assistant Commissioner of Census to assist”.

6. Section 9 of the principal enactment as amended by Act No. 16 of 1981 is hereby further amended by the substitution, for the words “Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner”, of the words “Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner”.

Amendment of section 9 of the principal enactment.

7. Section 21 of the principal enactment as amended by Act No. 16 of 1981 is hereby further amended as follows :—

Amendment of section 21 of the principal enactment.

- (1) in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution, for the words “a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding five thousand rupees”, of the words “for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding ten thousand rupees”;
- (2) in subsection (2) of that section, by the substitution, for the words “a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding five thousand rupees”, of the words “a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding ten thousand rupees”; and
- (3) in subsection (3) of that section, by the substitution, for the words “a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding five thousand rupees”, of the words “a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding ten thousand rupees”.

8. Wherever in any provision of the Statistics Ordinance or other written law or of any notice, communication, form or other document issued, made required or authorised by the Statistics Ordinance or such other written law, the expression “Director of Statistics” occurs, there shall be substituted for that expression, the expression “Director-General of Census and Statistics”, and accordingly, wherever in any such provisions there is a reference to “Director” denoting the Director of Statistics, such reference shall be read and construed as a reference to the Director-General of Census and Statistics.

Amendment of Statistics Ordinance and other written law.

9. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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**THE CENSUS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 143)**

**Order under Section 2**

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 2 of the Census Ordinance (Chapter 143) I, Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, Minister of Finance and Planning, direct that a Census of Population and Housing of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka be taken in the year Two Thousand and One.

CHANDRIKA BANDARANAIKE KUMARATUNGA,  
President and Minister of Finance and Planning.

15th September, 2000.

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### Transfers

District	Name of Officer	Class/Grade S. L. A. S.	Previous station	Present station	Date of Appointment	Designation
Galle	Mr. S. R. S. SENANAYAKE	II/I	Neluwa	Ministry	28.12.1999	Acting Div. Secretary
Kurunegala	Mrs. V. MALANI	II/I	Kobeigane	Ministry	04.11.1999	Acting Div. Secretary
Anuradhapura	Mr. H. M. KARUNARATNE	I	Horowpathana	Nachchduwa	29.07.1999	Divisional Secretary.
	Mr. A. M. W. A. AMUNUGAMA	II/I	Thirappane	Dis. Secretariat Anuradhapura	From : 27.12.99 To : 31.12.99	Acting Div. Secretary
Kandy	Mr. H. M. GAMINI SENEVIRATNE	II/I	Kundasale	Gangawatakorale	20.12.1999	Acting Div. Secretary
Batticaloa	Mr. M. NIYAS	II/II	Dis. Secretariat, Trincomalee	Koralepattu-West	03.01.2000	Performing the duties in the post of Divisional Secretary.
	Mr. K. KARUNAKARAN	II/II	Porathivpattu	Manunai South	03.01.2000	do.
	Mr. S. BASKARAN	II/II	Manunai South	Porathivpattu	03.01.2000	do.

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### Other Appointments, &c.

No. 455 of 2000

#### SRI LANKA ARMY — VOLUNTEER FORCE

#### Posthumous Promotion approved by the Commander of the Army

THE Commander of the Army has approved the promotion of the under-mentioned Officer to the rank of Lieutenant with effect from 21st June, 2000 and Posthumous Promotion to the rank of Captain with effect from 09th August, 2000.

Second Lieutenant GODALUWA MADAGEDARA SAMANTHA UDAYA BANDARA — SLNG

L. P. BALAGALLE, VSV USP,  
Lieutenant General,  
Commander of the Army.

27th September, 2000.

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### Government Notifications

My No. : 14/CPH/01/3.

#### THE CENSUS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 143)

HER Excellency the President and Minister of Finance and Planning has under section 3 of the Census Ordinance (Chapter.143) appointed Mr. Ahangama Gamage Wimal Nanayakkara, Director General of Census and Statistics as Superintendent of Census to superintend the taking of the Census directed to be taken in 2001 by order published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1151/22 of 27th September, 2000 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

P. B. JAYASUNDARA,  
Secretary,  
Ministry of Finance and planning.

Colombo,  
29th October, 2000.

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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

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#### THE CENSUS ORDINANCE

RULES made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 5 of the Census Ordinance (Chapter 143).

CHANDRIKA BANDARANAIKE KUMARATUNGA,  
President and Minister of Finance and Planning.

Colombo,  
29th May, 2001.

#### RULES

##### PART I : PRELIMINARY

1. These rules may be cited as the Census of Population and Housing Rules, 2001.
2. In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, "Ordinance" means the Census Ordinance (Chapter 143); "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of Census; "Commissioner" means a Commissioner of Census "Deputy Commissioner" means a Deputy Commissioner of Census "Assistant Commissioner" means an Assistant Commissioner of Census.

##### PART II : GENERAL

1. The Census of Population and Housing to be held in the year 2001 shall be taken in two stages, namely (a) A Preliminary Census to be held from 25th June, 2001 to 05th July, 2001 to enumerate all persons at the places where they reside. (b) A Final Census to enumerate all persons at what so ever places they may be found at the time of the enumeration between 6 p.m. and 12 midnight on 17th July, 2001.
2. Every person shall supply to the enumerator or supervisor for the area, or to such other person as the Commissioner may direct, the information required to complete the schedules.
3. The verification of the particulars entered in the schedules shall be made in such a manner as the Superintendent may determine, and as far as possible during such period as the Superintendent may fix by notification published in the *Gazette*.



PART III : DUTIES OF CENSUS OFFICERS

1. Any power or duty conferred or imposed on the Superintendent by the Ordinance or any rule made there under may, under the general or special direction of the Superintendent, be exercised or performed by a Deputy Superintendent of Census throughout the Island or by an Assistant Superintendent of Census within such areas as are allotted to that Assistant Superintendent.
2. Any power or duty conferred or imposed on a Commissioner by the Ordinance or any rule made there under may be exercised or performed by a Deputy Commissioner of Census within the area for which he is appointed, under the general or special direction of the Commissioner of that area.
3. Every supervisor shall attend for instruction classes or inspections on such dates and at such times and places as the Superintendent or the Commissioner or the Deputy Commissioner of the area for which he/she is appointed supervisor, may direct.
4. Every enumerator shall attend for instruction classes or inspections on such dates and at such times and places as the Superintendent or the Commissioner or the Deputy Commissioner of the area for which he/she is appointed enumerator, may direct.
5. No Census Officer or other person employed for the purpose of taking any census shall without lawful authority publish or communicate to any person, otherwise than in the ordinary course of such employment, any information acquired by him/her for the purpose of filling up a schedule or any particulars entered in a schedule.
6. No Census Officer or other person employed for the purpose of taking any Census shall, while he/she has in the custody of any schedules, books or other documents relating to any Census, permit any other person without lawful authority to have access thereto.
7. Every Census Officer or other person employed for the purpose of taking any Census shall, on employment as such, make and subscribe the following oath or affirmation :—

I ..... swear\*/solemnly, sincerely and truly affirm and declare that I will faithfully and honestly fulfil my duties as..... in conformity with the requirements of the Census Ordinance (Chapter 143) and all rules made there-under, and that I will not, without due authority in that behalf, publish or communicate any information which I may obtain in the course of my employment as a Census Officer.

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\*(Delete what is inapplicable)

8. Every Census officer not below the rank of supervisor may administer the oath or affirmation prescribed in the preceding rule to any other Census officer.

PART IV : INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR CENSUS PURPOSES

1. Particulars regarding which information shall be obtained on the Census Schedules for the purposes of the Census are given below :

(a) On the Population and Housing Schedule

(i) The following in respect of Individuals

Name:.....

Relationship to Head of Household:.....

Sex:.....

Date of Birth :.....

Marital Status :.....

Citizenship:.....

Religion :.....  
Ethnic Group :.....  
District of Birth :.....  
District of usual residence :.....  
Duration (in years) of residence in usually residing District :.....  
District of Previous (last) Residence :.....  
Physical and Mental Disability :.....  
Attendance at school/Other Educational/Vocational/Technical/Other Educational  
Institution in the last 30 days :.....  
Educational Attainment :.....  
Speaking, Reading and Writing ability :.....  
Activities in the last 12 months and their durations (in weeks) :.....  
Principal occupation or kind of work done in the last 12 months :.....  
Industry, Business or Service :.....  
Employment Status and Sector :.....  
Principal Non Economic activity in the last 12 months :.....  
Total number of children born alive :.....  
Total number of Living children :.....  
Date of birth of the last live born child :.....

(ii) The following in respect of Housing Units, Collective living quarters and Institutions :

Type of unit :.....  
Occupancy status :.....  
Number of Households in the unit :.....  
Number of Persons usually living in the unit :.....  
Principal Materials of construction :.....  
Type of structure :.....  
Year of construction :.....  
Unit usage :.....  
No. of Rooms :.....

(iii) The following in respect of Households :

Number of persons usually living in the Household :.....  
Availability of Toilet :.....  
Type of toilet :.....  
Source of Drinking water :.....  
Principal type of Lighting :.....  
Principal type of Cooking Fuel :.....  
Tenure :.....

(b) On the schedule for Disabled Persons.

Name :.....  
Sex :.....  
Date of Birth :.....  
Educational Attainment :.....  
Disabilities :.....  
Age at which above Disabilities occurred :.....  
Cause of above Disabilities :.....  
Whether living in an institution :.....  
Means of Livelihood :.....  
Training (if trained for any vocation as a disabled person) :.....  
Occupation :.....



2. A Census officer may obtain the information necessary for the Census by asking questions relating to the particulars prescribed in rule 1 from all persons within his/her area regarding themselves as the persons constituting their respective households or by causing the particulars to be entered by such persons on prescribed forms.
3. A Census officer may ask from any person such questions as may be necessary to ensure that the schedules of the Census of Population and Housing and the schedule for disabled persons are filled up correctly.
4. (i) If a Census officer is satisfied that the particulars referred to in rule 1 of this part, have been recorded in respect any person at the Preliminary Census it shall not be obligatory on such an officer to record such particulars in respect of the same person at the Final Census unless that person is found at a place other than where he/she was enumerated at the Preliminary Census.  
(ii) A Census officer may in order to satisfy himself/herself that the particulars referred to in rule 1 regarding any person had been recorded at the Preliminary Census, ask that person questions relating to his name, the place where he was residing at the time of the Preliminary Census and the place where he is usually resident for recording all or some of the particulars referred to in rule 1, and it shall be the duty of that person to answer these questions.
5. Every person who is required to fill up a schedule under the provisions of the Ordinance or any rule made there under shall on the date of the Final Census, amend, if necessary, the particulars entered by him/her in respect of any person whose name appears in that or any other schedule, and shall enter therein any particulars referred to in rule 1 as if they are not entered therein already.
6. Every person who is out of doors on the date of that Final Census, whether he is on foot or in a vehicle, boat or other conveyance, shall, on demand by any Census officer, give such particulars as may be required by the Census Officer for the purpose of the Census.
7. The Master or Captain of any vessel lying in any port in Sri Lanka on the date of the Final Census shall if required by the Superintendent or any person authorized by the Superintendent, fill up or cause to be filled up in accordance with the instructions issued to him, the Census schedules in respect of the persons on board his vessel.

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