The procedure to be followed when presenting the **Government Business** to Parliament



Office of the Leader of the House of Parliament

Government Business presented to Parliament

- 1. Bills
- 2. Subordinate Laws such as Orders / Regulations / Directives / Rules
- 3. Direct Motions / Resolutions
- 4. Supplementary Estimates
- 5. Releasing of additional provisions under the Supplementary Support Services and Emergency Requirement Liability Project (Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act of the relevant year)
- 6. Agreements and Conventions entered into by Sri Lanka with foreign Governments
- 7. Reports

Only a Minister can present the Government Business to Parliament



To present or approve Government Business, the Minister should submit a letter through the Leader of the House of Parliament to the Speaker.

When submitting that letter;

- a. Special Spending Units Under the Hon. Prime Minister's signature
- b. Ministries, Departments and Statutory Bodies
 - Under the respective Cabinet Minister's Signature
- c. In the event the Minister is not a member of the Cabinet
 - Under the Non-Cabinet Minister's signature
 - Gazette No. <u>2355/09</u> dated 23.10.2023
 - X Gazette No. <u>2329/44</u> dated 27.04.2023
- d. In a situation where there is an Acting Minister appointed
 - Copy of the Credentials, with the covering letter signed by the respective Minister

Common errors in the Minister's covering letter.

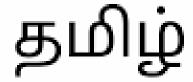
- a. Sending the documents without the covering letter
- b. Covering letter signed by any other officer other than the Ministers' concern
- c. Covering letter under the Hon. Prime Ministers' signature for the Ministries coming under the President
- d. Contents of the covering letter

New covering letter under the new Minister's signature is required If the documents have already been handed over to the OLHP at the following occasions;

- a. Dissolution
- b. Prorogation
- c. Minister's resignation or is replacement
- d. Change of the Ministry

All Government Business should be presented to Parliament in all three languages





English

Committee Consideration

Bills & Reports

Sectoral Oversight Committee (SOC)

Gazettes

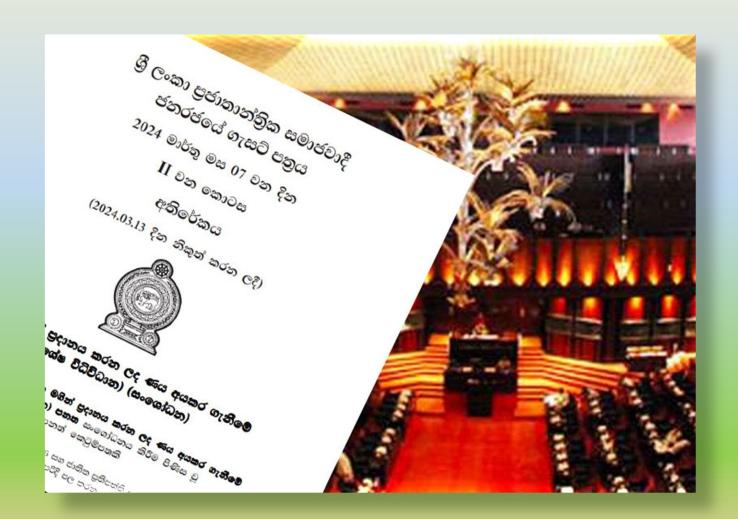
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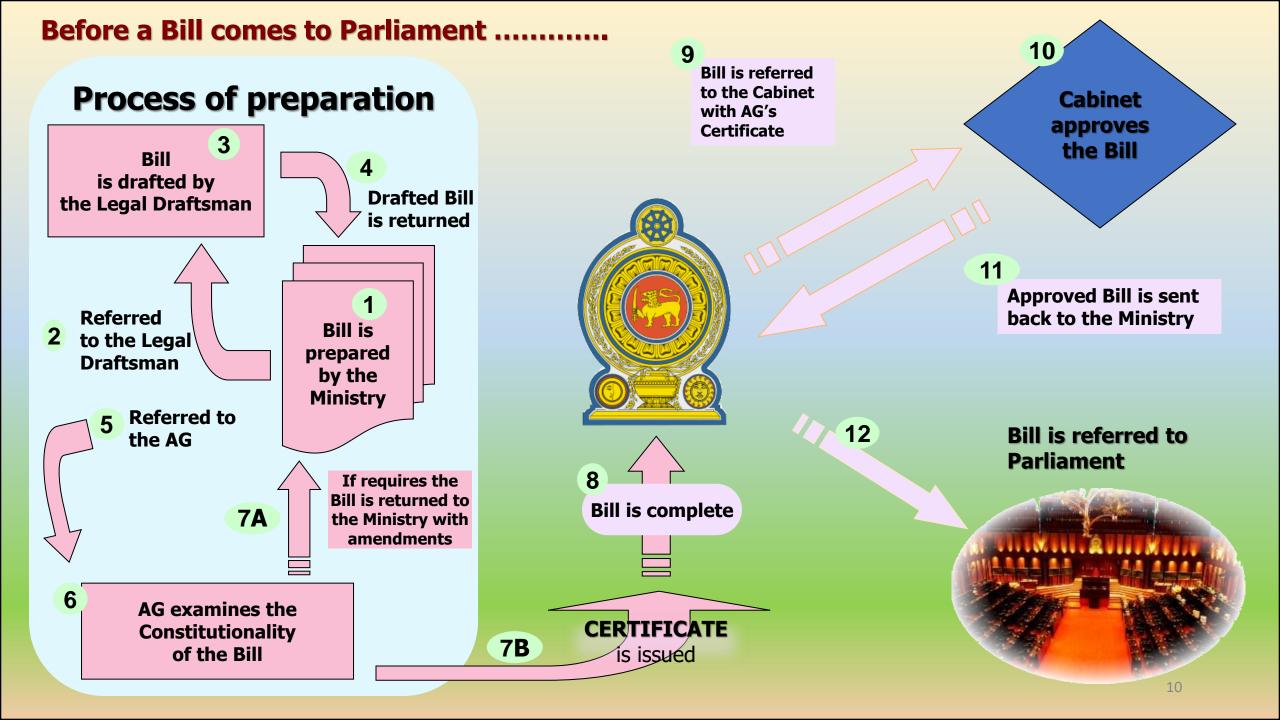
Money related matters

Comm. On Public Finance (CoPF)

1. Bills

- Urgent Bills
- Ordinary Bills





Article 78 of the Constitution;

First Reading of the Bill



Article 121(1) of the Constitution and Standing Order 55(2)(a);

Challenging the Bill before the Supreme Court

Required documents for Submitting a Bill to Parliament

- a. Gazette Supplement of the Bill
 - Sinhala 360 Copies / Tamil 120 Copies / English 340 Copies
- b. Cabinet Memorandum and Cabinet Decision
 - 3 copies
- c. Certificate/Opinion from the Attorney General
 - 3 copies
- d. Observations from any other relevant Minister
 - 3 copies
- e. If the Attorney General has indicated that there are amendments to the proposed Bill; A letter signed by the Secretary to the Ministry that the amendments have been incorporated
- f. Background Note
 - Sinhala 160 copies / Tamil 35 copies / English 35 copies

Important Note:

- The short title of the Bill should be same in all the following documents:
 - Gazette Supplement
 - Cabinet Memorandum
 - Cabinet Decision
 - Attorney Generals' Clearance
- The L.D.-O. number of the Bill must be the same in all languages
- The relevant L.D.-O. number of the Bill should be mentioned in the Attorney General's clearance.





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17th February, 2025

Secretary,

Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,

Colombo 01.

An Act to Amend the Value Added Tax Act. No. 14 of 2002

I write with reference to the Legal Draftsman's letter dated 17th February, 2025 addressed to you with a copy to me, enclosing the amended final draft of the above Bill.

I have examined the provisions of the draft Bill, and have to advise you that the provisions of the draft Bill are not inconsistent with the Constitution. The Bill is not subject to any prohibitions or restrictions imposed by the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution and may be enacted by Parliament.

Parinda Rarasinghe (Jnr.), P.C.

Attorney-General

Copy to: Legal Draftsman -

Yr. Ref: L.D.-O 81/2024

Value Added Tax (Amendment)

L.D. - O 81/2024

AN ACT AMEND THE VALUE ADDED TAX ACT, No. 14 of 2002

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Value Added Short title and Tax (Amendment) Act, No. of 2025.

the date of operation

- (2) The provisions of this Act other than the amendment made by paragraph (1) of section 3 shall come into operation on the date on which the Bill becomes an Act of Parliament.
- (3) The amendment made by paragraph (1) of 10 section 3 shall be deemed to have come into operation on January 1, 2024.
 - 2. Section 2 of the Value Added Tax Act, No. 14 Amendment of 2002 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "principal enactment") is hereby amended as follows: -

of section 2 of Act, No.14 of 2002

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- (1) by the substitution in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of that section, for the words "by any person,", of the words "by any person; or";
- (2) by the addition immediately after paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of the following: -
 - "(c) on the supply of services by a non-resident person through an electronic platform to a person in

Committee stage





Supreme Court SOC or the Committee on Public Finance

A Minister or a Member of Parliament

Ministry

Required documents at the Committee Stage

- a. Covering Letter
- b. Cabinet Memorandum and Cabinet Decision
 - 3 copies
- c. Attorney General's Clearance
 - 3 copies
- d. Proposed Amendments
 - Copies in Sinhala and English (300), Tamil (100)

2. Gazette Notification

Subordinate Laws such as Orders/ Regulations / Directives/ Rules



According to the provisions of the Law;

Approval / Tabling after publication in the Gazette



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PART I: SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

INLAND REVENUE ACT, No. 24 OF 2017

Regulation under Section 123 (8)

BY virtue of the powers vested in me under Sub-section (8) of Section 123 of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 24 of 2017 as amended by the Inland Revenue (Amendment) Act, No. 4 of 2023 (herein after referred to as IR Act), I, Ranil Wickremesinghe, Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, do by this regulation prescribe the information to be shared on a regular basis to the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue (hereinafter referred to as CGIR). As provided in the IR Act, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other written law, the persons including Government Institutions shall provide information as prescribed in the Schedule I hereto, to the CGIR, subject to the conditions of the Schedule II of this Notification.

This Notification shall come into effect from April 01, 2024.

RANIL WICKREMESINGHE,

Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies.

Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, Colombo 01, March 21, 2024.



Publication in the Gazette after approval

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The process of tabling or approving the gazette notification

Approval

Presentation

Comm. Consideration

Comm. approval

Debate/ without debate

Table

Presentation only

Time period for Approval



No specific time period for approval

* Ex: Motor Traffic Act



Should be approved with in a specific time after being presented

* Ex: Excise (Special Provisions) Act



Should be submitted to Parliament within a specific period of time

* Ex: Import and Export Control Act



Should be published in the Gazette after approval

*Ex: Tea Control Act

Time period for Tabling



Specific time period for tabling

* Ex: Appropriation Act



NO specific period for tabling

*Ex: The Universities Act

Common issues;

- a. Formulation of Orders/Rules/Regulations in accordance with the provisions of the relevant law
- b. Language-related issues
- c. Requirement to submit within the timeframe

Non compliance with the time frame given in the Law

Gazette Num & Date

2319/36

- 2023.02.14

According to the Act, date for approval

- 2023.05.14

Received to OLHP

-2023.08.03

Act:

"It must be submitted for the approval of Parliament within three months after publication in the Gazette"

Gazette Num	Published date	Complete one month	Parlimanet sittings on that period	Received to OLHP	Next Sitting date
2320/47	2023.02.22	2023.03.22	07	2023.03.21	2023.03.22
2393/36	2024.07.18	2024.08.18	08	2024.08.16	2024.08.21
2413/37	2024.12.04	2025.01.04	06	2025.01.02	2025.01.07

Act:

"Every regulation made by the Minister shall be brought before Parliament within a period of one month from the date of the publication of that regulation"

Gazette Num & Date	2424/42	- 2025.01.31	
 According to the Act, date for approval 		- 2025.05.31	
Received to OLHP		- 2025.04.30	
Presentation on Parliament		- 2025.05.08	
Approved date		- 2025.05.20	
(only 8 working days for comm. Consideration and approval)			

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Required documents for Submitting a Gazette to Parliament

for Tabling

- a. Gazette Notification
 - 320 copies
- b. Cabinet Memorandum and Cabinet Decision
 - 3 copies

for Approval

- a. Gazette Notification
 - 320 copies
- b. Cabinet Memorandum and Cabinet Decision
 - 3 copies
- c. Motion
 - 3 copies
- d. Background Note
 - Sinhala 160 copies / Tamil 35 copies / English 35 copies

Motion

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...(1)... අමාතාතුමා, ...(2)... පනත යටතේ නියමය, - ...(3)... අංක ...(4) ... දරන ...(5) ... පනතේ ...(6)... වගන්තිය යටතේ ...(7)... සම්බන්ධයෙන් ...(8)... අමාතාවරයා විසින් සාදන ලදුව, ...(9)... දිනැති අංක ...(10)... දරන අති විශේෂ ගැසට පනුයේ පළ කරනු ලැබ, ...(11)... දින ඉදිරිපත් කරන ලද නියමය අනුමත කළ යුතු ය.

பிரேரணை

...(1)... அமைச்சர்,- ...(2)... சட்டத்தின் கீழ் கட்டளை, - ...(3)... ஆம் ஆண்டின்.... (4)...... ஆம் இலக்க ...(5)... சட்டத்தின் ...(6)... ஆம் பிரிவின் கீழ் ...(7)... தொடர்பில்(8)... அமைச்சரால் ஆக்கப்பட்டு, ...(9)... ஆம் திகதிய(10)... ஆம் இலக்க அதிவிசேட வர்த்தமானப் பத்திரிகையில் பிரசுரிக்கப்பட்டதும்,(11)... ஆம் திகதி சமர்ப்பிக்கப்பட்டதுமான கட்டளை அங்கீகரிக்கப்படுமாக.

Motion

...(1)... Minister, - Order under the ...(2)... Act, - That the Order made by the Minister of ...(8)... under Section ...(6)... of the ...(5)... Act, No. ...(4)... of ...(3)... relating to ...(7)... and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. ...(10)... of ...(9)... ,which was presented on ...(11)... , be approved.

3. Direct Motions/ Resolutions

Required documents for Submitting Direct Motions/ Resolutions to Parliament

- a. Cabinet Memorandum and Cabinet Decision
 - 3 copies
- b. Motion/Resolution
 - 320 copies
- c. Background Note
 - Sinhala 160 copies / Tamil 35 copies / English 35 copies

4. Supplementary Estimates

Required documents for Submitting Supplementary Estimates to Parliament

- a. Cabinet Memorandum and Cabinet Decision
 - 3 copies
- b. Motion/Resolution
 - 3 copies
- c. Supplementary Estimates
 - 320 copies
- d. A comprehensive description of the objectives of the supplementary estimate, signed by the relevant Cabinet Minister
 - 320 copies (must be attached to the supplementary estimate.)
- e. Background Note
 - Sinhala 160 copies / Tamil 35 copies / English 35 copies

- 5. Releasing of additional provisions under the Supplementary Support Services and Emergency Requirement Liability Project (Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act of the relevant year)
 - a. Report on additional releases under the Linguistically-Based Supplementary Support Services and Emergency Needs Liabilities Project
 - 275 copies

"This report is submitted under Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act. A report including the amount of funds so transferred and the reasons for such transfer shall be submitted to Parliament within two months from the date of such transfer."

6. Agreements and Conventions entered into by Sri Lanka with Foreign Governments

- a. Article 157 of the Constitution;
 - Should be submitted to Parliament for approval.
- b. Other Agreements and Conventions;
 - The Secretary should inform the OLHP whether the agreement to be tabled or approved

Required documents for Submitting an Agreements and Conventions

- a. Cabinet Memorandum and Cabinet Decision
 - 3 copies
- b. Attorney General's Clearance
 - 3 copies
- c. Motion
 - 3 copies
- d. Printed Copies of the Agreement / Conventions:
 - for Tabling 275 copies
 - for Approval 320 copies
- a. Soft copy of the Agreement / Conventions in PDF format

7. Reports

i. Performance Reports

 The annual performance report is presented by ministries and departments

ii. Annual Reports

 Institutions, boards, statutory bodies, and funds established under various acts prepare and submit annual reports and financial statements

iii. Report Submitted Under Standing Order of Parliament

119(4),120(4),122(4),123(4),124(6)

• Reports summoned by committees established under the Standing Orders of Parliament

iv. Progress Reports

 During the budget committee sessions, each special Spending unit and each Cabinet ministry prepares and submits a progress report for the use of Members of Parliament

v. Other Reports

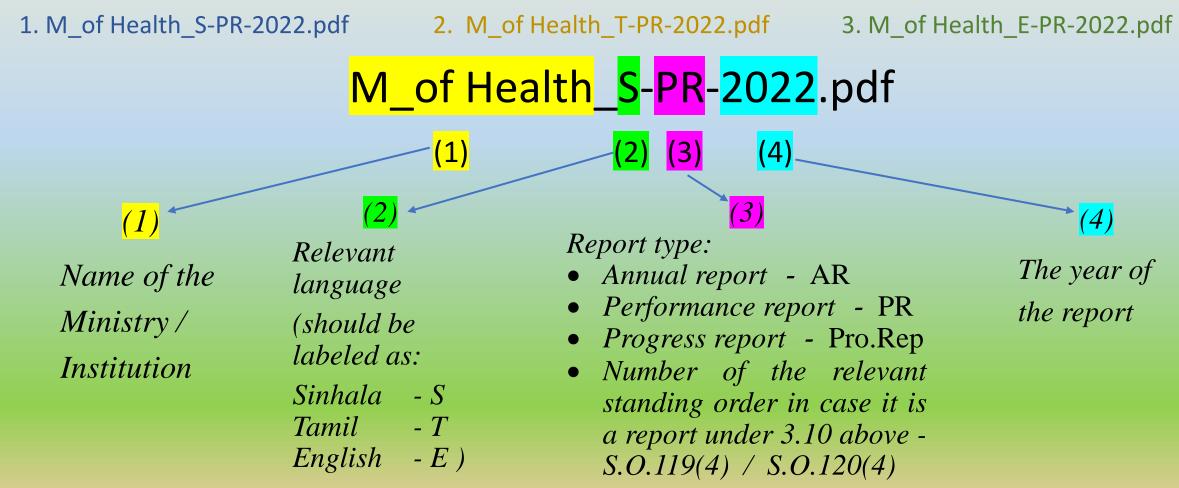
 Reports submitted to Parliament by a ministry, department, commission, or constitutional body based on a timely issue or matter or due to a legal requirement

Required documents for Submitting Reports

- a. Printed Reports
 - i. Three languages in one book -12 copies or
 - ii. Copies prepared separately -36 copies
- b. Soft copy in PDF Format
- c. Cabinet Memorandum and Cabinet Decision for Annual Reports

Uniformity for naming an e-Copy

- The PDF files should be labeled as follows so that its language of contents, relevant institution, year could be clearly identified.
 - If it is the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Health,



When submitting those reports;

- There should be three files prepared separately in the three languages and converted into PDF format.
- A PDF file of each language should be less than 20 MB in capacity (for the ease in uploading to the website)
- The three files prepared separately in the three languages and taken into the PDF format should have been referred to the email address <u>olhp.reports@gmail.com</u>. (it is compulsory to ensure that the reports have been referred to the email address by the time the reports are submitted).

Important matters when submitting the Reports





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ජාතික පොලිස් කොම්ෂන් සභාව தேசிய பொலிஸ் ஆணைக்குழு National Police Commission

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> > (2022.01.01 - 2022.09.30)

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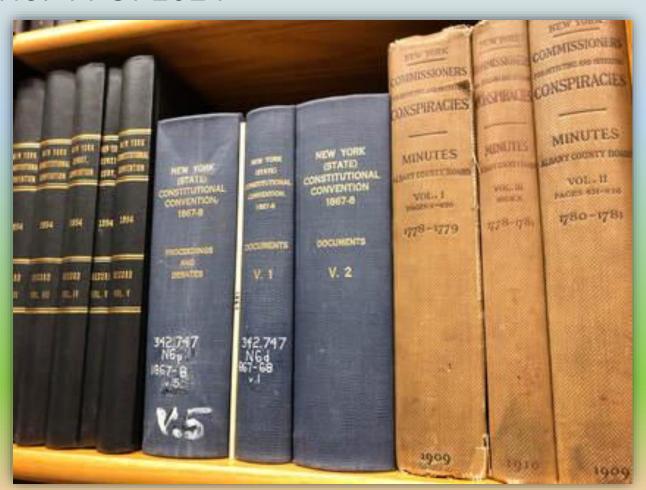
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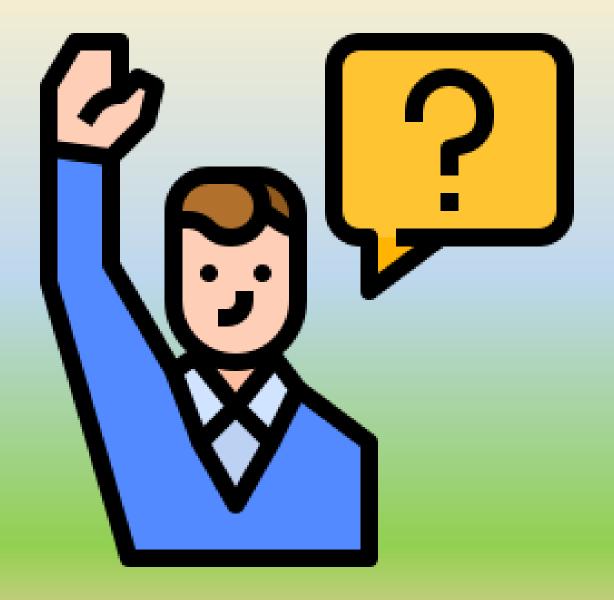
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