

Programme for Protection of Public Resources.
Transparency International Sri Lanka,
5/1, Elibank Road, Colombo 5.

14th of 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 by Transparency International Sri Lanka's (TISL) Batticaloa District Observer, an election propaganda banner belonging to a presidential candidate is being displayed in the premises of Ceylon Transportation Board, Vaharai Depot, Batticaloa. Please find the attached corresponding photographic evidence.

Direction No. 6 (i) of the Extraordinary Gazette No.2141/52 of 19th 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.

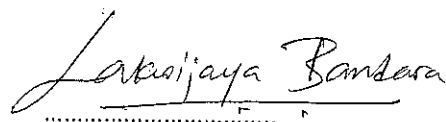
Please be kind enough to look into this complaint and take prompt action, if necessary, to ensure electoral integrity.

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)

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