

Program for the Protection of Public Resources
Transparency International Sri Lanka,
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14th October 2019.

Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya,
Chairman,
Election Commission of Sri Lanka,
Rajagiriya.

Dear Mr. Deshapriya,

Using State Owned Vehicle for Election Campaigning

As per a report submitted to Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL) by Hambantota District Observer, election propaganda posters belonging to a presidential candidate have been displayed on a Sri Lanka Transport Board's bus (WP.NB.1241), Tangalle for several days. Please find the attached corresponding photographic evidence.

Direction No. 5 (i) of the Extraordinary Gazette No.2141/52 of 19th September 2019 stipulate that "any election propaganda posters, banners, cutouts, bill boards etc. is not to be allowed to be displayed on State owned vehicles". This therefore is a potential violation of the gazetted directions of the Election Commission.

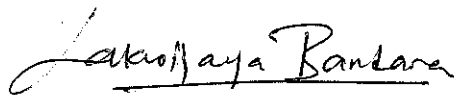
Please be kind enough to look into this complaint and take prompt action, if necessary, to ensure electoral integrity.

If you require more information, please be kind enough to contact the Provincial Coordinator Mr. Dhanuka Lakmal 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)

