

LAND DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) [Cap. 304]

CHAPTER 300

LAND DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT)

**Acts AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, TO REPEAL THE SALE OF
Nos. 40 of 1978,**

**27 of 1981, STATE LANDS (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) LAW, No. 43 OF 1973*, AND TO
10 of 1983. PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.**

[Act No. 40 of 1978-Commencement-16th August, 1978; Operation-M April, 1983.1

[Act No. 27 of 1981-Commencement and Operation-5th May, 1981.1

[Act No. 10 of 1983-Commencement-10th February, 1983 ; Operation-1st April, 1983.1

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Land Development (Amendment) Act.

**Amendment of
section 2 of**

2. Section 2 of the Land Development

**Chapter 300. Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the
[§2,27 of H principal enactment “) is hereby amended
1981.1 as follows :-t(**

**a) by the omission of the definition of
“ Agricultural and Industrial Credit**

Corporation of Ceylon n ;

**(b) by the insertion, immediately after the
definition of a alienation “, of the
following new definition :-l**

Cap. 302.1

**‘ “ Bank of Ceylon * means the Bank
established under the Bank of
Ceylon Ordinance ; ’ ;**

**t(c) by the omission of the definition of
“ Ceylon State Mortgage Bank ” ;**

**(d) by the insertion, immediately after the
definition of “court ” of the
following new definition :-l**

Cap. 209.1

**“ Development Finance
Corporation of Ceylon ”
means the Corporation
e s t a b l i s h e d u n d e r t h e
Development Finance**

Corporation of Ceylon Act ; ’ ;

**(e) b y t h e s u b s t i t u t i o n , f o r t h e
definition of “ Government
Agent “, o f t h e f o l l o w i n g
definition :-‘**

**U Government Agent n includes an
Additional Government**

Agent, Assistant Government

Agent, Additional Assistant

Government Agent, Assistant

Land Commissioner, District

Land Officer and any officer

authorized by the Government

Agent in writing in respect of

any particular matter or

p r o v i s i o n o f t h i s

Ordinance ; ’ ;

v) by the insertion, immediately after the definition of U grant “, of the following new definition :-‘

“ high land n means land which is not irrigated land ; ’ ;

(g) by the insertion, immediately after the definition of “holding “, of the following new definition :-‘

“ irrigated land ” means any land benefited by any irrigation work as defined in the

[Cap. 285.1 Irrigation Ordinance ; ’ ;

(h) by the substitution, for the definition of “Land Commissioner “, of the following definition :-‘

“ Land Commissioner n means the officer appointed under

* See List of Enactments omitted from the Revised Edition.

7 These amendments have been already effected in the Revised Edition.

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section 3 of this Ordinance and includes an Additional Land Commissioner, Deputy Land Commissioner and any other officer of his department authorized by the Land Commissioner in writing in respect of any particular matter or provision of this Ordinance ; ’ ;

(z) by the substitution, for the definition of “local authority “, of the following definition :-‘

“ local authority ” means any Municipal Council, Urban Council, Town Council or Village Council and includes any authority created and established by or under any law to exercise, perform and discharge powers, duties and functions corresponding to or similar to the powers, duties and functions exercised, performed and discharged by any such Council ; ’ ;

0) by the insertion, immediately after the definition of a minimum fraction “, of the following new definition :-[

Cap. 308.1

‘ “ National Development Bank of Sri Lanka ” means the Bank established under the National Development Bank of Sri Lanka Act ; ’ ;

(k) by the substitution, for the definition of " owner ", of the following definition :-'

" owner " means the owner of a holding whose title thereto is derived from or under a grant issued under this Ordinance and includes a permit-holder who has paid all sums which he is required to pay under subsection (2) of section 19 and has complied with all the other conditions specified in the permit ; ' ;

(l) by the substitution, for the definition of " peace officer ", of the following definition :-'

u peace officer n includes police officers and grama s e v a niladharis appointed by a Government Agent in writing to perform police duties ; ' ; and

*(m) by the insertion, immediately after the definition of " state land ", of the following new definition :-'

" State Mortgage and Investment

Bank " means the Bank

established under the State |Cap. 306.1

Mortgage and Investment

Bank Law ; '.

t3. Chapters II and III of the principal **Replacement** enactment are hereby repealed and the ~;P\$~h~l following chapters substituted therefor :- **principal enactment.**

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" CHAPTER II

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MAPPING-OUT OF

S STATE LAND

Purposes for 8. Subject to the general which State land may be mauued out. . .

or special directions of the Land Commissioner, State land may be mapped-out by the Government Agent for any one or more of the following purposes :-(

- a) village expansion ;
- (b) village forest ;
- (c) village pasture ;
- (d) village purposes not herein specified ;
- (e) human re-settlements ;
- v) protection of the sources

or courses of streams ;

(g) prevention of the erosion of the soil ;

+ This amendment has been already effected in the Revised Edition.

t Chapters II and III had been repealed by Section 53, Law 43 of 1973 ; hence insertion of new Chapters II and III only necessary.

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Scheme and diagram to be prepared by Government Agent.

(h) forest reserves ;

(i) Government purposes, including Government buildings, roads or works ;

(j) reservations for climatic and other ecological purposes and environmental protection ;

(k) preservation of objects of archaeological or historical interest ;

(l) the requirements of local authorities ;

(m) the development of towns ;

(n) alienation to certain classes of persons ;

(o) any other purpose that may be prescribed, having regard to the protection, conservation and development needs of the area.

9. When State land has been mapped out in accordance with the provisions of section 8, the Government Agent shall cause to be prepared-(

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tb) a

scheme specifying the mapped-out areas and the purposes for which the lands in such areas have been respectively reserved ; diagram depicting the mapped-out areas specified in the scheme.

Duty of

Government
Agent to
transmit to
the district
agricultural
committee the
scheme and
diagram
!EiYZeF
section 9 for its
observations.
Duty of the
district
agricultural
committee to
return within
thirty days the
scheme and
diagram
with its
observations.
Scheme and
diagram
prepared
by the
Government
Agent,
modified if
necessary,
be transmitted
to the Land
Power of Land
Commissioner
to confirm
scheme or
issue further
instructions.

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10. The Government

Agent shall transmit to the
district agricultural committee
constituted in his
administrative district the
scheme and diagram prepared
by him under section 9 for
consideration by that
committee.

11. The district

agricultural committee shall,
within thirty days after the
date of the receipt of the
scheme and diagram from the
Government Agent, return the
scheme and diagram to the
Government Agent with the
observations of the committee
on that scheme and diagram.

12. After considering the
observations made by the
district agricultural committee
on the scheme and diagram
prepared by the Government
Agent under section 9, the

Government Agent may, if he considers it necessary so to do, modify such scheme and diagram ; and the scheme and diagram, or the modified scheme and diagram, as the case may be, shall thereupon be transmitted by the Government Agent to the Land Commissioner together with the observations of the district agricultural committee on the scheme and diagram as prepared and transmitted to that committee by the Government Agent.

13. (1) Upon receipt of a scheme and diagram forwarded to him under section 12, the Land Commissioner may confirm such scheme and diagram or may issue to the Government Agent such further directions for instructions in regard to

the mapping-out or to the Cap. 3001 LAND DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT)

Notification of confirmation.

Right of public to inspect diagram.

No modification of scheme to be made except with the approval of the Minister in certain cases and of the Land Commissioner in others.

scheme or to the diagram as he may consider requisite ; and the Government Agent shall observe and give effect to such directions or instructions.

(2) Where the Land Commissioner is satisfied that the directions or instructions issued by him under subsection (1) have been given effect to, he may confirm the scheme and diagram or the modified scheme and diagram, as the case may be.

Mapping-out

**not essential
before
alienation.
Unmapped-out
land deemed to
be mapped-out
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14. Notice of the fact that **Manner of**
the Land Commissioner has **;\$;EigdOf**
confirmed any scheme
forwarded to him under
section 12 shall be published
in such manner as may be
prescribed.

15. Upon publication of a
notice under section 14, every
member of the public shall be
entitled to inspect free of
charge at the district
kachcheri or at the office of
the Surveyor-General the
diagram depicting the scheme
of mapping-out referred to in
such notice.

16. No scheme which has
been confirmed by the Land
Commissioner shall, except
with the approval and consent
of the Minister, be varied or
modified so as to enable land
which has been mapped-out
for any purpose mentioned in
paragraphs (a) to (e) of
section 8 to be mapped-out or
to be utilized for the purpose
mentioned in paragraph (n) of
that section :

Provided, however, that any
modification or variation of a
scheme not requiring the
approval and consent of the
Minister may be effected on
the written authority of the
Land Commissioner.

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17. State land may be
alienated whether it has been
mapped-out or not.

18. Unmapped-out land,
which has been alienated,
shall be deemed to have been
mapped-out for alienation to
persons of the class to which
the alienee belongs.

CHAPTER III

ALIENATION OF STATE LAND

19. (1) Alienation of State land to any person under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be effected in the manner hereinafter provided.

(2) Every such person shall in the first instance receive a permit authorizing him to occupy the land.

A permit-holder shall pay the purchase amount as determined by the Land Commissioner in full in annual instalments within a period of ten years, together with the interest falling due thereon calculated at a rate not exceeding four *per centum* of the balance of the purchase amount outstanding each year after payment of the annual instalment due for that year :

Provided, however, that where the permit-holder fails to make such full payment within the specified period, the Government Agent may extend such period for a further period of two years if the permit-holder satisfies the Government Agent that such failure was due to sickness, crop failure or other unavoidable cause.

(3) The date on which such annual instalments shall commence, and the amount of each such instalment shall be endorsed at any time by the Government Agent on the permit issued to such permit-holder.

The Government Agent shall in addition cause the land alienated on such a permit to be surveyed by the Surveyor-General, and the extent and description (by reference to metes and bounds) of the land so surveyed shall be inserted in such permit. The Government Agent shall, after the particulars relating to such extent and description are inserted in the permit, cause

the permit to be registered ; no fee shall be paid or recovered for such registration.

(4) A permit-holder shall be issued a grant in respect of the land of which he is in occupation-(

u) where he has paid all sums which he is required to pay under subsection (2) ;

(b) where he- has complied with all the other conditions specified in the Schedule to the permit ; and

(c) where he has been in occupation of, and fully developed, to the satisfaction of the

Government Agent-(

i) irrigated land, for a period of three years, or

(ii) high land, for a period of one year :

Provided, however, that the Land Commissioner may issue a grant before the expiry of the aforesaid period where the

Selection of persons to whom State land shall be alienated.

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permit-holder satisfies him that the failure to issue such grant before the expiry of such period would adversely affect the development of such land.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4), any permit-holder belonging to the

peasant class may be exempted from the payment of the purchase amount referred to in subsection (2) subject to the condition that the Land Commissioner may however recover the cost of the improvements to such

land which may have been incurred prior to the alienation of such land.

(6) Every grant issued under subsection (4) shall contain the conditions that the owner of the holding shall

not -

u) dispose of a divided

portion, or an undivided share of the holding which is less in extent than the unit of the subdivision or the minimum fraction specified in the grant ;

and

(b) dispose of such holding

except with the prior

approval of the

Government Agent.

20. The selection of

persons to whom State land shall be alienated under the Ordinance shall be made at a Land Kachcheri :

Provided that such selection may be made otherwise than at a Land Kachcheri in the following cases :-(

u) where the Land

Commissioner is.Zap. 3001 *LAND DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT)*

Notification

of Land

Kachcheri.

Applications

for land ; when

and how

received and

considered.

satisfie d that

immediate alienation

of any land under this

Ordinance is desirable

in the interests of an

applicant and that

there are no other

interests in the land in

question which are

likely to be

prejudiced :

Provided, however,

that and

exceeding eight acres The persons to

in extent shall be whom state

alienated under this ‘~e~~.be

paragraph ; and

(b) where the Minister so
d i r e c t s i n a n y
particular case or
class of cases if it is in
the public interest to
do so. **Powers of
Government
Agent at Land**

21. The notification that a **Kachcheri**.

Land Kachcheri will be held
shall be substantially in the
prescribed form and shall be
published in such manner as
may be prescribed.

22. (1) The Government
Agent may, in a notification
under section 21, fix a date
before which application shall
be made to him for the land
proposed to be alienated at
the Land Kachcheri appointed
to be held by such
notification.

(2) Where a date has been
so fixed in such notification,
the Government Agent may,
in his discretion, refuse at the
Land Kachcheri to accept or
to consider any application
for land received after such
date.

(3) Where no date has been
so fixed, the Government

Agent shall be bound to
consider all applications

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received, whether at the Land
Kachcheri or before the date
fixed for the holding of such
Land Kachcheri :

Provided that it shall be
lawful for the Government
Agent, in a case where no date
has been so fixed in terms of
subsection (1), to receive or to
call for applications before the
date fixed for the holding of
the Land Kachcheri.

22A. No State land shall
be alienated to any person
other than a person who is a
citizen of Sri Lanka.

Any alienation of land
made in contravention of the
preceding provisions of this

section shall be null and void.

23. (1) At a Land Kachcheri the Government Agent may, having considered the applications referred to in section 22-

(u) select the applicants to whom State land shall be alienated either immediately, or on, or before, a future date in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance ; or
(6) reject any application where the provisions of this Ordinance relating to such application have not been complied with.

(2) In making any selection under subsection (1), the Government Agent shall have special regard to applications received from persons resident in the neighbourhood of the land proposed to be alienated at the Land Kachcheri.

(3) An appeal in the manner prescribed shall lie to. *LAND DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT)* [Cap. 300

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to vary
decision of a Government Agent by way of -revision.

Date of selection is material date for determination of qualification of alienee.

the Land Commissioner against any decision made by a Government Agent under subsection (1).

23~. Where by reason of a decision of a Government Agent made at a Land Kachcheri or otherwise a person is notified of his selection for the alienation of land or a person is in occupation of any land as a permit-holder, the Land Commissioner may, within one year after the date on

which such selection was notified or such person has been in occupation of such land, vary by way of revision the decision of the Government Agent, if in the opinion of the Land Commissioner the selection has not been made in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

24. (1) The date on which a person is selected to receive a permit or a grant of State land shall be the material date for the purpose of ascertaining whether such person is duly qualified to receive such permit or grant.

(2) Where land alienated to a person on a permit is subsequently alienated to the same person on a grant, the material date for the purpose of ascertaining whether such person is duly qualified to receive such land on a grant shall be the date on which such person was selected by the Government Agent to receive the same land upon a permit. “.

Repeal of 4. Section 38 of the principal enactment section 38 of

the principal is hereby repealed. enactment.

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5. Sections 41,49,68,72, 105 and 172 of the principal enactment are hereby amended by the substitution, for the expression “paying an annual sum by virtue of the provisions of subsection (3) of section 19A “, of the expression u paying an annual instalment by virtue of the provisions of section 19 -.

6. Section 43 of the-principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution, for paragraph (b) of that section, of the following paragraph :-“(b) shall not mortgage such holding to any person other than the State Mortgage and Investment Bank, the People’s Bank, the Bank of Ceylon, the Development Finance Corporation of Ceylon, the National Development Bank of Sri Lanka, the National Housing

Development Authority, the Commissioner for National Housing, any registered society or other prescribed institution. *.

Amendment of sections 41,49, 68,72,105 and 172 of the principal enactment.

[# \$27 of 1981.]

Amendment of section 43 of the principal enactment.

7. Section 48A of the principal **Amendment of** enactment is hereby amended by the ~‘\$“\$‘f substitution, for subsection (1) of that **enactment**. section, of the following subsection :- [§7,27 of 1981.1

ti (1) Upon the death of a permit-holder who at the time of his or her death was required to pay any annual instalments by virtue of the provisions of subsection (2) of section 19, notwithstanding default in the payment of such instalments, the spouse of that permit-holder, whether he or she has or has not been nominated as successor by that permit-holder, shall be entitled to succeed to the land alienated to that permit-holder on the permit and the terms and conditions of that permit shall be applicable to that spouse. “.

8. Sections 84 and 85 of the principal **Amendment of** enactment are hereby amended by the r5f’ze84md substitution, for the expression u paying rent principal under subsection (2) of section 19A “, of the ;;rg”F expression “ p a y i n g a m u d i n s t d m e n t s 1981.1 under section 19 “.

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Insertion of new section 112~ in the principal enactment.
[# 9,27 of 1981.1

9. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 112 of the principal enactment and shall have effect as section 112A of that enactment :-u

Instahnents 112A. (1) Where any ~\$&\$~~ permit is’ ’ cancelled unde; cancellation. subsection (1) of section 109 or subsection (1) of section 110, the Government Agent shall return to the permit-holder

the instalments already paid on such permit.

(2) The Government Agent shall deduct from such amount paid as instalments a sum calculated at such rate as may be prescribed for the period during which the land was occupied under such permit. “.

Amendment of section 156 of

10. Section 156 of the principal

the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :-enactment.

[# 10,27 of

1981.1 (a) by the substitution in paragraph (c) of that section for the figures and

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word U 5,000 feet “, the words “ one thousand and six hundred metres n ;

(6) by the substitution for paragraph (k) of that section of the following paragraph :-u(

k) the return of the annual instalments paid by the permit-holder who had paid such

instalments under section 19

and whose permit was cancelled ; n ; and

(c) by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (k) of that section, of the following new paragraph :-U

(kk) the manner in which the cost of improvements to any land alienated to any person under subsection (5) of section 19 may be recovered ; and “.

11. The following new sections are hereby inserted immediately after section 159 of the principal enactment and shall have effect as sections 159A and 159B of that

enactment :-u

Alienees

under this

Ordinance.

Special

provisions to

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respect of land

acquired under

the Land

Redemption

Ordinance and

obtained by

way of grant or

permit issued

under this

Ordinance.

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159A. (1) Every person to whom any land was alienated under this Ordinance, shall have the right to purchase such land within such time as may be prescribed and obtain a grant of that land under subsection (4) of section 19.
(2) The amount to be paid by such person shall be determined by the Land Commissioner having regard to the value of the land.

159B. The following provisions shall apply in respect of the issue of a grant for alienation of land under section 159 where such land has been acquired under the provisions of the Land Redemption Ordinance, No. 61 of 1942, and was held on a permit or grant issued under this Ordinance-(

u) the grant shall be in the prescribed form ;

(b) Chapter VII of this Ordinance shall not apply to the land held on such grant ; and

(c) the grant shall have effect as if it were an absolute grant of land under section 2 of

286.1 the State Lands Ordinance and the provisions of that Ordinance shall apply to the right, title and interest of the alienee of the land under such grant. “.

Insertion of new sections

159A and 159B in the principal enactment.

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1981.1

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Replacement 12. Section 166 of the principal of section 166

of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the enactment following section substituted therefor :-[§ 12,27 of

1981.1

” Protection of

public officers.

166. No suit shall lie against any public officer for anything done or omitted to be done by him in good faith under this Ordinance. “.

Repeal of the 13. The Sale of State Lands (Special

Sale of State

Lands (Special Provisions) Law, No. 43 of 1973,* is hereby Provisions~ repealed.

Law, No. 43 of 1973.

[# 13,27 of 1981.1

14. (1) Notwithstanding the repeal of Savings.

the Sale of State Lands (Special Provisions) \!:>I27 Of

Law, No. 43 of 1973*, where any person is a ’

permit-holder under that Law and such

permit has not been cancelled under section

27 of that Law, such person shall be deemed

to be in possession of the land so alienated

and he shall be deemed to be a permit-holder

under the provisions of the principal

enactment.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the

Sale of State Lands (Special Provisions)

Law, No. 43 of 1973*, where any person is

the holder of a grant under that Law, he

shall be deemed to be in possession of the

land so alienated and he shall be deemed to

be a holder of a grant under the provisions

of the principal enactment.

*** See List of Enactments omitted from the Revised Edition.**

(S) I/ 185. Land Development (Amendment)

Act, No. 22 of 1993

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[Certified on 31st March, 1993]

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT 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 Land Development Short title.

(Amendment) Act, No. 22 of 1993.

f 2. Section 2 of the Land Development Ordinance (here- Amenc\$nen6 inaftter referred to as the “ principal enactment “) is hereby ~fo\$\$\$~er amended by the insertion immediately after the definition 484.

of “ holding “, of the following new definition :-‘

“ Housing Development Finance Corporation of Sri Lanka Limited ” means the Corporation established under the National Housing Act (Chapter 401) ; ‘.

3. The following new section is hereby inserted oy;;g immediately after section 23~ of the principal enactment section 23B and shall have effect as section 23~ of that enactment :- in the principal “ Power of 23~. The Land Commissioner may, within enactment.

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Commissioner to one year from the date of notification of set aside selection of a person for alienation of state selections of persons. land, set aside such selection if in the opinion of the Land Commissioner, such person has failed or neglected to develop such land or failed to take up residence on such land.“.

*. 4. Section 39 of the principal enactment is hereby Replaced repealed and the following section substituted therefor : -- of section 39 of the principal

“ Land enactment. alienated 39. No land alienated on a permit or grant on grant shall be seized or sold in execution of the and yhv&d decree of any court: may be seized on Provided that the preceding provisions of court order. this section shall not apply to the seizure and sale of land alienated on a grant in the

x ? enforcement of a mortgage on that land

.‘. which is permitted by this Ordinance:*Land Development- (Amendment) Act, No, 22 of 1993*

Insertion of new section 41A in the principal enactment.

Amendment of section 43 of the principal enactment.

Provided further that where any land alienated on a grant has been accepted as bail for the release of any person accused of an offence before any court and where such .., person does not appear as required by such court, such land may be seized and sold for the recovery of such amount as may be fixed as bail by such court.“.

5. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 41 of the principal enactment and F shall have effect as section 414 of that enactment :-;

Insaeiz: by Banks and prescribed institutions.

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41~. Nothing in the preceding provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed to prohibit the **seizure** and sale, by the People’s Bank, the State Mortgage and Investment Bank, the Bank of Ceylon, the Development Finance Corporation of Ceylon, the National Development Bank of Sri Lanka, the National Housing Development Authority, the Housing Development Finance Corporation of Sri Lanka Limited or a registered society or other prescribed institution in accordance with the provisions of the law providing for the establishment of such Bank, Corporation, Authority, society or institution, of any land alienated on a grant, for the enforcement of a mortgage on that land executed in favour of such Bank, Corporation, Authority, society or institution, as the case may be “.

6. Section 43 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution, for paragraph (b) of that section, of the following paragraph :- *>

“(b) shall not mortgage such holding to any person

other than the State Mortgage and Investment Bank, the People's Bank, the Bank of Ceylon, the Development Finance Corporation of Ceylon, the National Development Bank of Sri Lanka, the National Housing Development Authority, the Housing Development Finance Corporation of Sri Lanka Limited, any registered society or other prescribed institution.“.

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7. Sections 106 and 107 of the principal enactment are hereby repealed and the following sections substituted 1~ and **107 of the therefor : 2 principal**

106. If it appears to the Government enactment* Agent that a permit-holder has failed to observe a condition of the permit, the Government Agent may issue a notice in the prescribed form intimating to such permit holder that his permit will be cancelled unless sufficient cause to the contrary is shown to the Government Agent on a date and place specified in such notice.

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i%E where there has been a breach of the condition of the permit.

Period

allowed for showing

107. The date specified in a notice issued under section 106 shall not be less than thirty days from the date of the issue of such notice on the permit-holder.“.

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8. Section 118~ of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words and figures 118~ of the “ under section 23~ varies “, of the words and figures **principal** “ under seeCons 23~ and 23~ varies “. **enactinent.**

9. In the event of any inconsistency between the English Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. **in case of inconsisl- tency.**