

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.

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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 ; ’ ;

(I) 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 T A T E L A N D

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 ;

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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 prep-j 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

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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
==av, to

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
c o n s t i t u t e d i n h i s
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 c h a r g e a t t h e d i s t r i c t 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
S T A T E L A N D

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

p e a s a n t c l a s s m a y b e 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 -

(a) dispose of a divided

portion, or a

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 :-

(a) where the Land

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

Notification

of Land

Kachcheri.

Applications

for land ; when

and how

received and

considered.

satisfied 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 no land

exceeding eight acres **The persons to**

in extent shall be whom state

alienated under this '~~~~~.be

paragraph ; and

(b) where the Minister so directs in any 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

Power of Land

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.

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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
s u b s e c t i o n (2) o f s e c t i o n 1 9 ,
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.

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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 anv
~\$&\$~~~ 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.

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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

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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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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) \!:>127 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]
L.D-0. 46/88

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 inafter 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 ICommissioner 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 Replacement 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 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.

" Notice to

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 ". **enactment.**

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