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To All High Court Judges & Judicial Officers

Sub-committees Appointed under the Ministry of Justice to Speed up the Legal Reforms of the Government in order to Strengthen the Process of Administration of Justice

Having considered a letter numbered MOJ/P/PMO/7 dated 18.10.2020 sent by Mr.M.M.P.K.Mayadunne, Secretary, Ministry of Justice on the above subject, Judicial Service Commission directed me to publish the same on the website of the Judicial Service Commission Secretariat, for your information.

Under the command of the Judicial Service Commission

H.S.Somaratne
Secretary

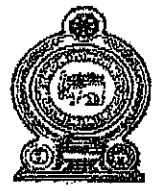
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Colombo 12

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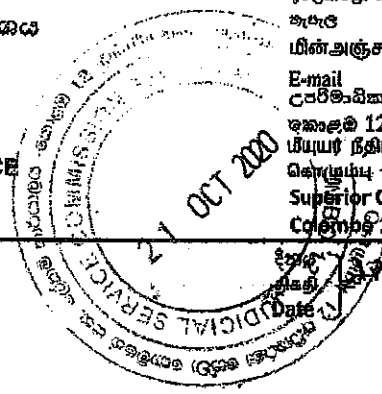
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Mr. H.S. Somaratne
 Secretary
 Judicial Service Commission Secretariat

Dear Mr. Somaratne

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The Cabinet of Ministers has approved the proposal submitted by the Hon. Minister of Justice on 14.09.2020 to set up a Special Unit under the Ministry of Justice to speed up the legal reforms of the Government.

02. Accordingly, five sub-committees have been appointed for a period of two years from 07.10.2020 and the composition of the proposed committees are given below.

Sub-committees	Chief Legal Advisors	Legal Consultants
Infrastructure Development	Mr. U.R. De Silva, President's Counsel, Former President of the BASL	Mr. Shamith Fernando, Attorney-at-Law, Executive Member of the Colombo Law Society
Digitization and Court Automation	Mr. Navin Marapana, President's Counsel	Mr. Ruwantha Cooray, Attorney-at-Law
Criminal Law Reforms	Mr. Shavindra Fernando, President's Counsel, Deputy President of the BASL	Mr. Sanjith Senanayake, Attorney-at-Law
Civil Law Reforms	Mr. Lasitha Kanuwanarachchi, Attorney-at-Law, Executive Member of the BASL	Mr. Sanjewa Dassanayake, Attorney-at-Law
Commercial Law Reforms	Mr. Kaushalya Nawaratna, Attorney-at-Law, Former Secretary of the BASL	Mr. Shehan Gunawardane, Attorney-at-Law

03. These sub-committees are functioning as an extension of this ministry and each sub-committee is expected to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the existing system and identify and recommend the measures in order to address the issues.

04. Members of the above Sub-committees expect to liaise effectively and closely with all the stakeholders to obtain their expertise assistance to make this task a success.

05. In view of the above, I shall be much thankful, if you could kindly take necessary action to make aware the respective officials under your purview regarding the above initiative.

06. Your cooperation in this regard is much appreciated.

Thank you


M.M.P.K Mayadunne

Secretary

Ministry of Justice

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