



Cabinet Decisions taken at the Cabinet Meeting held on 24-08-2026

01. Establishment of National Business Facility Center

Domestic investments have encountered significant challenges due to the fragmented approval process across various state institutions, isolated functioning of these institutions, which often operate with minimal communication, overlapping powers, and administrative inefficiencies. The primary obstacle to initiating local investment lies in the division of approval processes for a single investment function across multiple government entities. As a consequence, it has been identified that there has been continuous delay in functions such as allocation of land for project development, environmental approval and obtaining regulatory permits, obtaining electricity connection, water supply and obtaining bank financial facilities and thereby the investors encounter immense difficulties and as a result they are discouraged. Therefore, necessity of establishment of one coordination institution to guide the entrepreneurs in the country has been identified to create an investment friendly environment to start businesses. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President to establish a National Business Facility under the President Secretariat Center and to implement the aforementioned center with high authority to optimize the policies in the industry sector, removing the administrative obstacles for the investment.

02. Strategic Framework for the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Sector 2026-2035 and Skill Development System Transformation Program

Technical and vocational education and training have been identified as a strategic pillar under the National Policy Framework to create a skilled workforce that meets the demands of the national and international labour market. Although a large number of government technical and vocational education and training institutions are operating, various challenging situations have emerged in the sector due to the mismatch between the content of training programmes and the needs of the labour market. In order to overcome these challenges, the Strategic Framework for the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Sector 2026-2035 has been formulated with the technical support of the Asian Development Bank as a prime guideline to achieve long-term development in the technical and vocational education sector.

Further, in line with this strategic framework, it has been planned to implement the Skill Development System Transformation Program. Through the aforementioned program, it has been planned to strengthen the advanced-level vocational education scheme, streamline the vocational education administrative structure, enhance the quality and relevance of technical and vocational programs, expand equal access to education, develop training infrastructure facilities, improve industry sector participation, carry out digital transformation, and promote skill development, as well as to introduce a sustainable financial mechanism for skill development. It is expected to obtain the support of the development partners in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, the Cabinet of

Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. Prime Minister in her capacity as the Minister of Education, Higher Education, and Vocational Education to accept the Strategic Framework for the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Sector 2026-2035 as a national strategic guideline in the technical and vocational education and training sector and to implement the 'Skill Development System Transformation Program' during the period 2027-2031 for this strategic framework.

03. Conducting World Health Organization Recommended Universal Health and Preparedness Review in Sri Lanka

The World Health Organization commenced a new voluntary review process, initiated by the country under review and peer-reviewed by other countries with the objective of improving the capacity of its member states for the identification, prevention, and response to health emergencies. This review, called "Universal Health and Preparedness," will be conducted according to the concepts of 'Whole of Government' and 'Whole of Society,' with the assistance of the highest level of government commitment and political leadership. The invitation made by the Director-General of the World Health Organization has been accepted by the Sri Lankan Government to conduct the review. Through this review, it will be possible to strengthen the intersectoral coordination process, build an optimal administrative structure, and ensure financial commitment going beyond the previous national and international health evaluation processes related to health security that were performed earlier in this country. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to conduct the 'Universal Health and Preparedness Review' in Sri Lanka, further ensuring Sri Lanka's commitment to strengthening health security.

04. Implementation of 'Janaridma (SL-PULSE)' Project to Strengthen for Citizen-Centered Administration and Public Service Delivery through Divisional Administration

Sri Lanka's divisional administrative structure consists of 25 District Secretariats and 341 Divisional Secretariats. The aforementioned institutional structure performs a range of essential public services, including community development, social security, state land administration, disaster management, civil registration, services related to pensions, and other citizen-centric administrative functions. At present, there is no national mechanism in place to systematically obtain and evaluate the feedback and experience of citizens regarding access, quality, and efficiency of services. Therefore, taking into account the necessity of establishing such a mechanism, it has been planned to implement the 'Janaridma (SL-PULSE)' project under the financial and technical assistance provided by the United Nations Development Program to conduct the first Public Service Citizen Feedback Survey in Sri Lanka. The relevant survey is scheduled to be conducted island-wide with the participation of 13,000 to 15,000 citizens covering seven sectors, i.e., citizen participation, accountability to citizens, minimization of corruption, public administration procedural rules, public services, environment, and digitalization under the levels of open public participation, community-based surveys, and random surveys. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Council, and Local Government to implement Janaridma (SL-PULSE)' project in such a manner enabling to be implemented the necessary

reforms to improve the efficiency and transferability of providing relevant public services by analyzing the data obtained.

05. Procurement of Security Service for the National Savings Bank

Security services for the head office of the National Savings Bank and island wide branches of the National Savings Bank are obtained by the external service providers and bids have been invited following the National Competitive Bidding Procedure for the procurement of those services. Fourteen (14) bids have been received for that purpose. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to award the contract for obtaining Security services for the National savings based on the recommendations of the higher level Procurement Committee after the appraisal of the aforementioned bidders Bank for the period of two (2) years commencing from 01-10-2026 in the following manner.

Name of the Institution	Lot No.	Total Value for the Lot Rupees millions (Excluding VAT)
Brave Guard Security & Investigation Services (Pvt) Ltd	Lot 1	209.11
	Lot 2	
Gajashakthi Security Services (Pvt) Ltd	Lot 3	115.45
X Force Security Services (Pvt) Ltd	Lot No 4	187,69
	Lot No. 12	
Secure Security & Investigation Services (Pvt) Ltd and Invest	Lot No.05	166.98
	Lot No. 11	
Crown Royal Security Services (Pvt) Ltd	Lot 06	193.54
	Lot No.09	
Dilco Security and Investigation (Pvt) Ltd	Lot 7	78.31
REDFORCE Security Services (Pvt) Ltd	Lot 8	165.74
	Lot 10	

06. Development of Connecting Roads for Section I, III and IV of the Central Expressway

The Central Expressway project is to be completed in four sections, and it is proposed to develop connecting roads to link the road with the existing road network in the Western, Central, and Northwestern provinces. This is expected to improve efficient connectivity, accessibility, and traffic flow between the road networks. Accordingly, a 117.68 km long connecting road is planned for Section I of the Central Expressway. It has been planned to develop 12 connecting roads with a length of 117.68 km for Section I, 14 connecting roads with a length of 83.98 km

for Section III, and 9 connecting roads with a length of 81.36 km for Section IV. The temporary estimated total cost for this is Rs. 104.9 billion. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution submitted by the Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development to implement the development of the connecting roads project for Sections I, III, and IV of the Central Expressway during the period 2026-2030.

07. Project to Rehabilitate 14 Bridges Damaged by Cyclone ‘Ditwa’

The People's Republic of China has agreed to provide financial assistance for the implementation of a project to rehabilitate 14 bridges in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, Northwestern, North Central, and Eastern provinces that were damaged by Cyclone 'Ditwa.' It has been planned to implement the aforementioned project under two (2) phases, and 9 bridges are to be rehabilitated over a period of 18 months under the first phase. The People's Republic of China is set to provide a grant of RMB 79 million for the relevant rehabilitation work. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development to sign the agreement between the Ministry of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development and the People's Republic of China for the implementation of the aforementioned project and to declare this project a specific project of the government of Sri Lanka.

08. Awarding the Procurements for the Operation of Travel Service Counter in the Arrival Lobby of Bandaranayake International Airport, Katunayaka

Bids have been invited following the National Competitive Bidding Procedure to select suitable institutions for the operation of 06 travel service counters in the Arrival Lobby of the Bandaranayake International Airport, Katunayaka. Ten (10) Bids have been received for that purpose. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation to award the aforementioned procurements for the period of 03 years based on the Higher Level Standing Procurement Committee after evaluation of the aforementioned bids.

Travel Service Counter Number	Recommended Bidder	Contract Value Rupees Millions (Excluding Tax)
10	M/s Casons Travel (Private) Ltd	251.03
11	M/s J.N.W. Lanka Tours	209.67
12	M/s Awavia Tours (Private) Ltd	189.66
13	M/s Ceylon Arrivals (Private) Ltd	183.60
14	M/s Ayubowan Tours & Travels (Private) Ltd	171.53
15	M/s Explore Vacations and Travels (Private) Ltd	234.73

09. Construction of New Cardiology Building Unit at the Trincomallee District Hospital and Construction of new Cardiology and Cardiothoracic Surgery Complex building at the Anuradhapura Teaching Hospital

The Health and Medical Services improvement Project was initiated in the year 2018 under the financial facility of the Japan International Cooperation Agency. with the objective of strengthening the services for the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases. Under this project, it is expected to improve the cardiac treatment facilities at the Kandy National Hospital, the Teaching Hospitals of Anuradhapura, Kurunegala and Badulla and the Trincomalee District General hospital. Bids have been invited in compliance with the provisions of the loan agreement and JICA procurement guidelines to select contractors for constructing the new cardiology unit building at the District General Hospital, Trincomalee under Package 01 and the new cardiology and cardio-thoracic surgery complex building at the Teaching Hospital, Anuradhapura under Package 03.. Five (5) bids and 06 bids have been received for the package 1 and package 03 respectively. The Cabinet of Ministers has agreed the resolution furnished by the Minister of Health and Mass Media to award the aforementioned contracts to the M/s Maga Engineering (Pvt) Ltd based on the recommendations of the High Level Procurement Committee after the evaluation of the said bids.

Package	Contract Value Rupees in Million (Excluding VAT)
01- The contract for the construction of the new cardiology unit at the Trincomalee District General Hospital	2,036.46
02- The contract for the construction of new Cardiology and Cardiothoracic Surgery Complex building at the Anuradhapura Teaching Hospital	3,004.88

10. Implementation of the Project to Install Smart Meters with a Time-of-Use (TOU) Billing System

Approval has been granted at the cabinet meeting held on 21-10-2024 to obtain US\$ 15 million loan amount through the minor expenditure financing facility of the Asian Development Bank for complementary projects to empower renewable energy efforts in the country. Approval was granted at the Cabinet meeting held on 2025-09-03 to utilize USD 2.5 million from that loan amount to prepare the detailed design and procurement documents for developing the Maha Oya pumped storage hydro power plant project. Utilizing the remaining provision of USD 12.5 million, it has been proposed to implement a project to install 300,000 proposed Smart Meters featuring a Time-of-Use (ToU) billing system as part of the primary initiative to modernize smart grids in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Energy for the project to be implemented by Electricity Distribution Lanka (Private) Limited over a 2-year period.

11. Preparation of ‘Tourism for Heritage, Resilience, Inclusion and Value – driven Employment (THRIVE) – Nature’ Project for World Bank Financial Support.

Although there is a high potential for nature based tourism in this country, it has been recognized that the revenue growth speed is at a low rate compared to the gradual growth of tourist arrival at present. The World Bank has given its concurrence to provide a grant of One Million United States Dollars for eighteen (18) months under Grant Facility for Project Preparation (GFPP) facility for preparation of grants for the project for a project named ‘Tourism for Heritage, Resilience, Inclusion and Value – driven Employment (THRIVE) – Nature’ for the enhancement of tourist destination residences and development of infrastructure facilities based on the nature. The proposed project will further strengthen the programmes developed under the ‘Eco Systems Conservation and Management Project’ that was implemented under the World Bank financial support. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Minister of Environment to receive the said grant, and to prepare the proposed project utilizing the said grants.

12. Submission of Regulations Related to the Beneficiary Rights Under the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted at their meeting held on 21.07.2025 to amend the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 including the legitimate requirements related to registering the beneficiary rights of Companies. Accordingly, the Companies (Amendment) Act No. 12 of 2025 has been passed in the Parliament. The Regulations of Companies (Beneficiary Rights) No. 01 of 2026 prepared as per the provisions of the said act has been published by the extraordinary gazette notification No. 2480/48 of 21.03.2026. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development to submit the said regulations to the Parliament for its concurrence.

13. Draft Bill of Civil Procedure Code (Amendment)

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted at their meeting held on 20.01.2025 to amend the provisions relevant to the Civil Procedure Code enacting power to the judiciary to direct the individuals for providing contemporary audio and video evidences from any place within or beyond Sri Lanka, upon a pleading forwarded in the sort of a self - forwarded or pleaded by a party or parties motion on a case that is being trialed before the court, with the consent of parties through evidences audio and video connection. Accordingly, clearance of the Attorney General has been granted to the draft bill of the Civil Procedure Code (Amendment). Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Justice and National Integration to publish the said draft bill in the government gazette notification and thereby submit the same to the Parliament for its concurrence.

14. Appointment to the Post of the Commissioner General of Motor Traffic

The Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development to appoint Air Wise Martial (Retired) Thushara Indunil Fernando to the post of the Commissioner General of Motor Traffic which is vacant at present.

15. Drafting a Service Minute Relevant to Establishment of a Service Category Named “Specialist Physicians’ and Specialist Dental Physicians’ Service” Within the Sri Lanka Health Service.

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted at their meeting held on 12.01.2026 to appoint an Officials’ Committee to forward recommendations on establishment of a service category for Specialist Physicians and Specialist Dental Physicians. Followed by a broad review the Officials’ Committee has submitted its report. Considering the recommendations of the said report, the Minister of Health and Mass Media submitted a resolution to establish a service category named “Specialist Physicians’ and Specialist Dental Physicians’ Service” and to appointed an Officials’ Committee headed by the Secretary to the Ministry of Health and Mass Media to draft a service minute applicable to the said service category and the Cabinet of Ministers granted their consent to the same.

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