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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

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THE PILGRIMAGES ORDINANCE.

REGULATIONS made by the Governor under section 2 of the Pilgrimages Ordinance (Chapter 133), in anticipation of the customary pilgrimage to Kataragama for the Ilmaha Kachchi Festival commencing 9th December, 1943.

A. MAHADEVA,

Colombo, 7 December, 1943. Minister for Home Affairs.

Regulations.

1. In these regulations "camp area" includes:—

- (a) the area within a radius of half a mile of the Maha Devale at Kataragama; and
- (b) the area within a radius of a quarter of a mile of the Pillayar Kovil at Kataragama.

2. (a) The duration of the Kataragama Ilmaha Kachchi Festival, 1943, and of the stay of pilgrims at Kataragama, shall be limited to three days, namely, December 9 to 11, inclusive.

(b) No pilgrim shall arrive before December 9 or stay after December 11 in the camp area.

3. The camp area shall be under the general control of the Government Agent of the Province of Uva, and under the immediate supervision of an officer designated the "Supervising Officer" who shall be assisted by the Medical Officer and by the Chief Officer of Police in charge of the camp.

4. (1) The Supervising Officer shall have power, on the line of march to and from Kataragama, and at Kataragama—

- (a) to appoint particular places to be exclusively used by the pilgrims for washing and bathing, for drawing water for drinking, and for natural offices;
- (b) to appoint places for the occupation of each class of pilgrims;
- (c) to prescribe routes for the journey of any body of pilgrims;
- (d) to regulate the distribution of all food given to pilgrims;
- (e) to fix separate places of abode for pilgrims who fall ill, to prohibit communication with them and to detain them if unfit to travel.

(2) No person shall disobey any lawful order given by the Supervising Officer for any of the purposes specified in paragraph (1).

5 No person shall ease himself within the camp area, except at a place provided for that purpose by, or with the approval of, the Government Agent

6 No person shall deposit any refuse, whether liquid or solid, within the camp area except in a place or receptacle provided for that purpose by, or with the approval of, the Government Agent

7 No person shall bathe in or enter the river within the camp area above the spot appointed by the Supervising Officer

8 No person shall bring any cattle or cart bulls within one quarter of a mile of the camp area without a permit from the Supervising Officer or any person authorised by him to issue such permits

9 Every permit issued under regulation 8 shall be subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Supervising Officer for the purpose of enforcing the sanitation and maintaining the health of the camp and regulating traffic within the camp area

10 No person shall establish or maintain any bakery, aerated water manufactory, tea or coffee boutique, eating house or gala within the camp area unless he has obtained a licence in that behalf from the Government Agent. The licence shall be issued free of charge

11 (1) No person shall expose any commodity of any description for sale within the camp area in any place not appointed for the purpose by the Supervising Officer

(2) No person shall sell food which has been condemned as unwholesome by the Supervising Officer or by the Medical Officer, or in their absence, by the Chief Officer of Police

(3) It shall be lawful for any police officer or any Sanitary Assistant to seize and destroy any food condemned as unwholesome by the Supervising Officer, or by the Medical Officer, or in their absence, by the Chief Officer of Police

12 (1) All eating houses and tea and coffee boutiques shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition

(2) All cakes, sweet meats, and other cooked food exposed for sale shall be kept in properly constructed fly-proof glass cases

(3) No waste tea, coffee, or milk, or remnants of food, cooking waste or other refuse shall be thrown on the ground. All such refuse shall be collected in a receptacle hereinafter prescribed and be kept at all times ready for removal by the Sanitary authorities

(4) Every building, structure, or place used for the purpose of any trade or business shall be provided with a metal or wooden dust bin not less than 4½ cubic feet in capacity. All refuse collected in such building, structure or place shall be deposited in such bin, and except when refuse is being deposited in or taken from the bin, it shall at all times be covered with a metal or wooden cover

13 No person shall bring any person suffering from any infectious or contagious disease into the camp area or aid or abet any such person in entering the camp area

14 In the event of an epidemic breaking out in the camp area during the festival, it shall be lawful for the Government Agent to direct the pilgrims to leave the camp area and to prescribe the route and the conveyance by which or manner in which the pilgrims shall depart

15 Every person within the camp area who contracts an infectious or a contagious disease, and every person who resides with any other person knowing that such person has contracted an infectious or contagious disease, shall report the case to the Medical Officer in charge of the camp

16 No person shall, without the previous sanction of the Government Agent, construct any booth, or extend any building so as to encroach on any land used or set apart for use as a street within the camp area