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## Provincial Councils Notifications

### CENTRAL PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

#### Central Province Year 2015 Rural Development Statute No. 02

WE hereby publish the above statute which was passed by the Central Provincial Council of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 17th November 2015 and approved by the Hon. Governor of the Central Province on 4th December, 2015 to inform all.

HON. PREMITHA BANDARA TENNAKOON,  
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Rural Development and Industries.  
Central Province.

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#### Rural Development Statute No. 02 of 2015 of the Central Provincial Council

A Statute to provide for the establishment of a Rural Development, Department and registration and maintenance of Rural Development Societies and establishment, registration and maintenance of Rural Development Divisional Authorities, Provincial Authorities, establishment, maintenance and regularization of Women Development Centers and make consequential provisions for Rural Development in the Central Province and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

**Be it passed by the Provincial Council of the Central Province of the Democratic, Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:**

Name in brief  
and date of  
implementation.

1. This Statute may be cited as the Rural Development Department Statute No. 02 of 2015 of the Provincial Council and shall come into operation from the date of receiving the assent of the Governor of the Central Province.

#### PART - I

#### Establishment of the Central Provincial Council Rural Development Department

Establishment of  
Rural  
Development  
Department.

2. There shall be established a Department called and known as the Department of Rural Development of the Central Province (hereinafter referred to as the Department) for the purpose of carrying out the objects and functions connected with the subject of Rural Development in the Central Province.

Central Province  
Rural  
Development  
Director.

3. There shall be appointed a Provincial Director to the Department for the purpose of performing and giving effect to the powers and functions vested by this statute. He shall be the Head of the Department and shall be appointed by the Governor of the Central Province.

Appointment of  
other officers  
required for the  
Department.

4. There shall be appointed of other officers and staff that may be necessary to assist the Provincial Director of Rural Development, according to provisions of the Provincial Council Act, No. 42 of 1987 for the purpose of carrying out powers, duties and functions under this Statute.
5. There shall be appointed District Officers in Kandy, Matale and Nuwara-Eliya by the Secretary to the Ministry, with the approval of the Minister in charge of the subject, if he think, when it is necessary.

Delegation of  
Power.

6. The powers and functions of the provincial Director may be delegated to the officers appointed under Section 4 above for the Divisional Secretaries.

Objectives of the  
Department.

7. Objectives of the Department.
  - a. Establishment, maintenance and activating the Rural Development Societies, and Authorities for the purpose of implementing rural development projects with the rural community participation.

- b.* Development of essential infrastructural facility projects identified by the rural community making use of the community contributions.
- c.* Implementing rural development projects and rural economy generating projects required for the sustainable rural economic development.
- d.* Development of capabilities of rural community and encouraging the Department officers contributing for this process through training and aware programmes which are necessary for development of rural leadership.
8. The Department shall have under mentioned powers for the performance of its functions. Powers and function of the Dept.
- a.* Establishment, registration, administration, supervision, dissolution and auditing of Rural Development Societies, Rural Development Divisional Authorities and Rural Development Provincial Authorities.
- b.* Establishment, administration, management, maintenance and supervision of Rural Women Development Centers.
- c.* Take action to provide vocational training for beneficiaries of Rural Women Development Centers and thereby encouraging self oriented business among them.
- d.* Planning, implementation, Supervision and management of Programmes Rural Development Societies and Authorities.
- e.* Entertain assistance of eminent individuals of the Government, Provincial Council, Ministries, Departments and other institutions, Local Government Institution or Government or Provincial Council legal boards.
- f.* Implementing maintaining and developing infrastructure facility programmes that promote the living conditions of the people.
- g.* Conducting training programmes for the development of the capacity of the rural mass and as well as the officers of the Department.
- h.* Maintaining co-ordination with Government, non Government Organizations and Local Government Institutions that make contributions for rural development.
- i.* Implementing social, economical and cultural programmes identified for rural development.
- j.* Custody and possession of any movable and immovable property to be vested by transfer, donation, grant, gifts, testimony or by any other manner, according to the No. 42 of the Local Government Act, of 1987 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Constitution of 1978.
- k.* Take action in respect of the objectives and functions specially determined in this Statute or all matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
- l.* Making to audit finance and accounts reports forwarded by the Rural Development Societies, Divisional Authorities and Provincial Authority and taking legal action on finance frauds revealed therein.

## PART - II

### Rural Development Societies

9. Rural Development Societies may be established for each Grama Niladari Division or for a part of Grama Niladari Division or for several Grama Niladari Divisions as may be specifically determined by the Director of Rural Development. Rural Development Societies.
10. The objectives of a Rural Development Society shall be - Objectives of Rural Development Societies.
- a.* Improving cultural systems that pave the way for attitudinal changes and continuously manage them preserving the indigenous identity.
- b.* Creation of a leadership that can lead the united co-existing and self-relying rural community, that is the basis of rural development.

- c.* Creation of a resource management that will be a basis for rural development giving priority for environment equalization and for ascertaining unidentified rural energetic forces.
- d.* Development of infrastructure facilities required for rural population.
- e.* Strengthening the family unit, creation of unity and co-existence, and also women and child care development.
- Powers and functions of Rural Development Society.
11. The powers and functions of a Rural Development Society, subject to directions and supervision of the development shall be;
- a.* Lawfully obtaining lands, funds, goods and instruments as gifts for requirements of development.
- b.* Purchasing take on lease and rent out land/ property and entering into contracts in respect of same.
- c.* Leasing, renting and vesting of land or property for requirements of development and entering into contracts in respect of same.
- d.* Procure contracts from Government and non-Governmental institutions according to Finance circulars for the purpose of performing development services and entering into contracts regarding same.
- e.* Other powers related to implement the targets of the Rural Development Societies.
- f.* Every Rural Development Society shall submit the reports, mentioning the finance situation for the previous year, before the end of 31<sup>st</sup> March of the current year.
- Constitution of a Rural Development Society.
12. *a.* The Secretary to the Ministry with the recommendation of the Provincial Director shall from time to time approve other provisions that shall contain regarding the contents, fund and maintenance of the Rural Development Societies in the constitution of every Rural Development Society.
- b.* A Society shall have the right to draft a constitution to its own, subject to the general provisions, mentioned in the Statute.
- R. D. S. Fund
13. A Rural development society shall maintain a Fund subject to provisions shown in a constitution of a Rural Development Society, and the said fund shall be maintained in a State Bank.
- PART - III
- Rural Development Divisional Authorities**
- Divisional Rural Development Authority.
14. There shall be single Divisional Rural Development Authority for every Divisional Secretary area of the Central Province with the combination of all Rural Development Societies functioning within a Divisional Secretary area. The Divisional Authority shall consist of selected members representing registered Rural Development Societies in the Divisional Secretary area. For this purpose one representative from every registered Rural Development Society shall be nominated.
- Objectives of Divisional R.D Authority.
15. The objectives of a Divisional Rural Development Authority shall be -
- a.* Obtaining the active-participation of civil society for provincial development.
- b.* Promotion of inter-relationship among community organizations at rural level.
- c.* By the request of one or more Rural Development Societies of the Division,
- (i)* Planning a Co-ordinated development programme for the Divisional Authority area.
- (ii)* Maintaining social welfare services.
- d.* Maintaining social welfare services by the Authority.
- e.* Building up funds for capital and other requirements of the member societies.

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| <p>16. Functions of a Divisional Rural Development Authority shall be -</p> <p><i>a.</i> Provide necessary instructions for the member societies to build up and maintain their activities.</p> <p><i>b.</i> Build up funds to meet the capital and financial requirements of member societies.</p> <p><i>c.</i> Provide low interest loan and credit assistance for member societies.</p> <p><i>d.</i> Assisting to establish new rural development societies and to reorganize- societies and to initiate action according to the constitution.</p> <p><i>e.</i> Extension of women and child care activities within the Divisional Secretary area and maintain social and welfare services.</p> <p><i>f.</i> Every Divisonal Authority shall submit the reports, mentioning the finance situation for the previous year, before the end of 31<sup>st</sup> March of the current year.</p> <p><i>g.</i> Take any other actions necessary and relevant for the purpose of achieving above objectives mentioned in the Section No. 15 of the Statute.</p> | <p>Powers and functions of a Rural Development Authority.</p>                 |
| <p>17. The District Rural Development Officer or the officer authorized by him shall tender meetings and make supervisions of the Divisional Rural Development Authorities.</p>   | <p>Tender and inspection</p>  |
| <p>18. <i>a.</i> Other provisions required for maintaining a Rural Development Divisional Authority shall be subject to provisions of the constitution of the Rural Development Divisional Authority as determined time to time by the Secretary to the Ministry, by the recommendation of the Provincial Director.</p> <p><i>b.</i> Rural Development Divisional Authority shall have the rights to draft a constitution to its own for the requirements of the Division, subject to the general provisions of the Statute.</p>  | <p>Constitution and provisions of Rural Development Divisional Authority.</p> |
| <p>19. Subject to the provisions of the Rural Development Divisional Authority have the rights to maintain a fund. The fund shall be maintained in a State Bank.</p>  | <p>Rural Development Divisional Authority fund</p>                            |
- PART - IV**
- Rural Development Provincial Authority**
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| <p>20. A Rural Development Provincial Authority shall be established for the Central Province.</p>  | <p>Establishment Rural Development Provincial Authority.</p> |
| <p>21. Every Divisional Authority shall be a member of the Provincial Authority and such authority shall be composed of one representative from each Divisional Authority.</p>  | <p>Composition of the Provincial Authority.</p>              |
| <p>22. The objectives of the Provincial Authority shall be –</p> <p><i>a.</i> Providing necessary leadership and assistance for planning development programmes to fulfill the goals prescribed in the constitution of Rural Development Regional Authority and Rural Development Society Statute.</p> <p><i>b.</i> Supervising, Monitoring and Evaluating rural development programmes implemented in the Central Province.</p> <p><i>c.</i> Conforming the co-operation of the Government and non Governmental organizations relating the rural development in Central Province.</p> <p><i>d.</i> Coordinating the programmes of Rural Development Divisional Authorities in the Central Province.</p> <p><i>e.</i> Coordinating and assisting for the development of Rural Women Development Centers, established in the Central Province.</p> | <p>Objective of the Provincial Authority.</p>                |

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| Other Provisions of the R. D. Provincial Authority.  | 23. Powers and Functions of the Rural Development Provincial Authority shall be, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Carry out studies in respect of rural development programmes and projects in the Central Province.</li> <li>b. Maintain co-ordination with other Government and non Government organizations for obtaining necessary assistance in implementing any rural development programmes.</li> <li>c. Considering and directing the proposals and suggestions to the Department submitted to implement the rural development programmes efficiently by the Rural Development Divisional Authorities in Central Province.</li> <li>d. Tendering progress review meetings thrice in a year and preparation of feed back reports.</li> <li>e. Every Provincial Authority shall submit the reports, mentioning the finance situation for the previous year, before the end of 31<sup>st</sup> March of the current year.</li> </ol> |
| Constitution of the R.D. Provincial Authority  | 24. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There shall be a constitution for Rural Development Provincial Authority, its composition, fund and activities make other provisions to implement them and the Secretary to the Ministry, with the recommendation of the Provincial Director shall form them time to time.</li> <li>b. The Rural Development Provincial Authority have the rights to draft a constitution, subject to the general provisions of the Statute.</li> </ol>  |
| Fund of the R.D. Provincial Authority  | 25. A fund shall be maintained for the Rural Development Provincial Authority, subject to the directions and provisions of the constitution of the Rural Development Provincial Authority . The said fund shall be maintained in a State Bank.   |
| Calling meetings and supervision   | 26. The Provincial Director or the Deputy Director or the Assistant Director, authorized by the Director shall tender Rural Development Provincial Authority meetings and do inspections.  |
| <b>PART- V</b>   |  |
| <b>Registration of Rural Development Societies and Authorities.</b>                            |  |
| Registration of Rural Development Societies authorities  | 27. Every Rural Development Society and every Divisional, District and Provincial Authority shall be registered with the Provincial Director.  |
| Registration, Regulations  | 28. Regulations under Section 27, required for the purpose of registration shall be determined by the Minister.  |
| Forwarding of Application for Registration   | 29. Applications for registration shall be forwarded to the Provincial Director by the Divisional and Provincial Authorities according to provisions mentioned under Section 28.   |
| Issuing Registration Certificates  | 30. If the Provincial Director is satisfied, that the applications forwarded by Rural Development Society, Divisional, and Provincial Authorities for registration have fulfilled the registration requirements, such Society or Authority may be registered.  |
| Rejection of Registration  | 31. Where the Provincial Director is not satisfied, as to the applications for registration forwarded by a Rural Development Society, Divisional and Provincial Authority have not fulfilled the requirements, then such registration may be refused. The reason for the refusal of registration shall be notified in a written form to the respective Society within 14 days of refusal.  |
| Powers for Appeal  | 32. An appeal may be forwarded within 30 days of refusal of the registration, to the Secretary to the Ministry, and the decision of the Secretary to the Ministry is final.  |
| Corporate Bodies Rural Development Societies and Authorities Registered should be Corporations | 33. A Rural Development Society or an Authority by the reason of registration and by the name assigned to it be a body corporate, and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, hold property and enter into agreements and may sue and be sued in such name.   |

PART - VI

**Establishment of Rural Women Development Centers**

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| 34. | There shall be established a Rural Women Development Centers at Divisional Secretary area level for the purpose of improving the economic conditions and capabilities of rural women living within the Central Province. These centers shall be supervised by the Department. | Establishment Rural Women Development centers.  |
| 35. | Provide vocational training and competencies in sewing and handicrafts for rural women through Rural Women Development Centers and training courses may also be conducted required for the progress of rural women folk.  | Vocational Training                             |
| 36. | Provincial Director or the officer authorized by him, will be able to select trainees for Women Development Centers and decide on the training courses to be conducted at these centers.  | Selection of Trainees and selecting programmes. |

PART - VII

**General Provisions**

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| 37 . | The Minister has the power to,<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Implement necessary regulations under Section 8 and,</li> <li>b. Implement necessary regulations for the purpose of carrying out regulations and directions for achieving the objectives under Section 20 of the above Statute;</li> </ul>  | Imposing regulations relevant to draft statute.                     |
| 38.  | The Director shall also have the powers to take legal action on any financial misdeed or fraud revealed by such auditing process. The certificate issued by the Director on such misdeeds, shall be treated as an important witness on the amount charged from such persons.  | Auditing societies and authorities                                  |
| 39.  | Every regulation to be formed under Sections 37 shall published in the <i>Gazette</i> by the Minister and shall be adopted by the Provincial Council, within 03 months duration.  |   |
| 40.  | Establishment , registration, and auditing of the Rural Development Societies within the Divisional Secretary area shall come under the Rural Development Officer with the recommendation of Divisional Secretary.  | Recommendation of Divisional Secretary on registration and auditing |
| 41.  | If any misdeed or fraud revealed when performing matters of Rural Development Societies and Divisional Authorities within the Divisional Secretary area, the Minister shall have the power to dissolve such Societies and Authorities, with the recommendation of the Provincial Director of the Rural Development.   | Auditing Societies and Authorities                                  |
| 42.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Any person who acts in contravening and violating provisions of any rural or regulation enforced under this statute or any provision of this Statute shall be guilty of an offence under this Statute and shall be subject to trial in a Court of Law and subject to a penalty not exceeding Rupees two thousand five hundred or an imprisonment not exceeding 06 month or liable to the two penalties.</li> <li>(b) If any finance fraud or less utilized money matters performed by any Rural Development Society, Divisional Authority or a Provincial Authority, reported to a Court of Law, such financial fraud and less utilized amount of money shall be treated as penalty, imposed on such Rural Development Societies, Divisional Authorities and Provincial Authority and the amount charged as penalty shall be credited to the accounts of the Rural Development Societies/Divisional Authorities and the Provincial Authority. All amount imposed as penalties under this Statute, shall be credited to the Central Provincial Fund.</li> </ul> | Guilty of an offense and punishments.                               |

**Interim Provisions**

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| 43. | The person who are serving as Provincial Director before the determined date shall be treated as the Director appointed under Section 3 and the officers who was serving before the determined date shall be treated as the officers appointed under Section 4 of the said Statute.                                   | Post holding Directors and officers.    |
| 44. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. All assets, liabilities, loan bonds, legal matters of the Department and entered agreements with the Department before the determined date shall be treated as the assets, liabilities, loan bonds, legal matters and agreements entered under the said Statute.</li> </ul> | Assets, liabilities, bonds maintenance. |

- b. All assets, liabilities, loan bonds, legal matters and entered agreements on contracts by Rural Development Societies and Divisional Authorities, before the determined date shall be treated as the assets, liabilities, loan bonds, legal matters and agreements entered by the Rural Development Societies and Divisional Authorities, established under the said Statute.

### Interpretation

- Interpretation. 45. The “Governor” means the Governor of the Central Province.
- “Minister” means the Minister in charge of the subject of rural development in the Central Provincial Council.
- “Secretary to the Ministry” means the Secretary of the ministry in charge of the subject of Rural Development in the Central Provincial Council.
- “Divisional Secretary” means the Secretary in charge of a Divisional Secretary Division in the Central Province.
- “Provincial Director” means the Director of the Rural Development in the Central Province.
- “District Officer of Rural Development” means the officer authorized by the Provincial Director of Rural Development in Central Province, to implement the rural Development activities in relevant District.
- “Rural Development Officer” means the officer authorized by the Director of Rural Development of Central Province implement rural development activities in the relevant division of Divisional Secretary.
- “Societies” means a Rural Development Societies functioning within the Central Province.
- “Authority” means the rural Development Divisional Authorities and the Rural Development Provincial Authority functioning within the Central Province.
- “Property” means are property such as books, documents and records; cash in hand and in bank, furniture and equipments, land and buildings, projects and immovable and immovable property own by the rural developments societies, or Rural Development Authorities.
- “Constitution” means constitutions drawn up for Rural Development Societies, Rural Development Divisional Authorities, the Rural Development Provincial Authority and approved by the Board of Ministers of the central provincial council.
- “State Bank” means the state bank established under Finance Regulation Act.
- “Non Government Organizations” mean the voluntary organizations registered under Voluntary and Social Institutions (Registration and Supervision) Act.
- “Provincial Finance Regulations” mean the Finance Regulations imposed by the Hon. Governor of Central Province under Sections 19 (5) and 23 of the Provincial Councils Act, No. 42 of 1987, with effect from 01st of January, 2008.
- “Determined Date” means the effective date of this Statute.
- “Women Development Center” means the training centers established for activate rural women to provide vocational competencies.
- Prevailing Sinhala Texts 46. In the event of any inconsistency between Sinhala, Tamil and English texts of this Statute, the Sinhala texts shall prevail.

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