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Government Notifications

PRISONS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 54)

STANDING Orders made by the Commissioner of Prisons with the approval of the Minister of Justice and National Integration, for the administrative control of all prisons in Sri Lanka under subsections (2) and (3) of Section 6 of the Prisons Ordinance (Chapter 54).

R. PRASAD HEMANTHA KUMARA,

Commissioner General of Prisons (Cov. Up)

Colombo,
19th October, 2026.

Standing Orders

Standing Orders of the Department of Prisons are hereby amended as follows:-

- (1) by the insertion of the following new Standing Order immediately after Standing Order 356:-

“356A. Where a Buddhist monk is imprisoned, the Commissioner of Prisons shall consult the Department of Buddhist Affairs regarding the removal of the robes worn by such monk at the time of imprisonment and the Department of Buddhist Affairs shall inform the relevant Nikhaya or Chapter of the same, and shall notify of the actions of the Nikhaya or Chapter regarding the removal of such robes to the Commissioner of Prisons within ten days. Where no response regarding the actions to be taken is so informed, the Commissioner of Prisons may take necessary action in accordance with the relevant provisions:

Provided that, the preceding provisions shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to the imprisonment of any priest of any other religion.”; and



- (2) In standing order 550, by the substitution for the words “No marks of identification as Prison clothing should appear on clothing so issued”, of the following :-

“No marks of identification as Prison clothing should appear on clothing so issued :-

Provided that, where a Buddhist monk is taken out of prison in the capacity of a prisoner, such prisoner shall be allowed to wear the robes worn by him at the time of imprisonment:

Provided further, where the relevant Nikaya or Chapter to which such prisoner belongs has not permitted such prisoner to wear robes, the Commissioner of Prisons shall take necessary action in accordance with the relevant provisions:

Provided further, the Commissioner of Prisons shall within seven working days from the date of imprisonment of such prisoner, require the Department of Buddhist Affairs to seek the required approval from the relevant Nikhaya or Chapter:

Provided further, the preceding provisions shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to taking any priest of any other religion out of prison.”.

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