

05th March 2023.

The Chairman and Members of the Elections Commission
Elections Secretariat
Rajagiriya.

Urgent action and request for an urgent meeting

We write consequent to the order of the Supreme Court made on 3rd March 2023, in SC FR 69/2023 restraining the Minister of Finance, the Secretary to the Treasury and others from withholding necessary funds for the conduct of the Local Government Elections that was scheduled to be held on 9th March 2023. The Court has also made a further order to the Government Printer in respect to the printing of ballot papers.

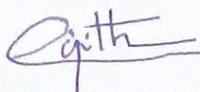
You gave an undertaking in SC Writ 6/2023 and SC Writ 7/2023 that you will hold the said elections according to law. You are aware that according to law, the said elections should be held on or before 19th March 2023. When the Secretary to the Treasury and the Government Printer did not cooperate with you, you filed a Motion in the aforesaid two cases seeking court's direction on them.

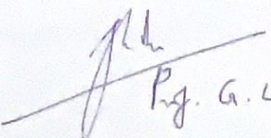
Now that the Supreme Court has removed the only impediment to holding the elections according to law, it is your imperative duty to conduct the said elections on or before 19th March 2023. We do not see any reason why you should consult the Secretary to the Treasury or anyone else, now that they are bound to comply with the interim order issued by the Supreme Court as aforesaid.

We therefore request you to re-fix the date of the Local Government Elections on a date before 20th March 2023 as required by law or the earliest possible date without any further delay. You should not prevaricate on the pretext of consultation with anyone.

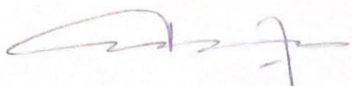
In addition to the above we wish to meet with your Commission at 9.00 am on 07th March 2023 at the Elections Secretariat

Yours Faithfully

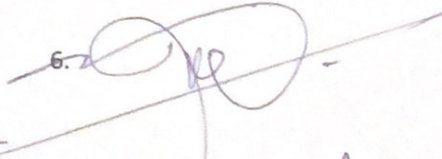
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PS: We are releasing this letter to the media in the greater public interest.