

Proposal Submitted by Plantation Civil Society

Electoral Changes and Delimitations of Local Authority Boundaries

We have pleasure to refer to your advertisement in the Daily News of 29th April 2010 calling for recommendations and suggestions on the above. We had organized a discussion on 12.05.2010 at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute for which we had invited representatives of civil society organizations, trade unions, political parties and academics, intellectuals and other concerned individuals of the Indian Origin Community.

We, submit here below the suggestions, based on the consensus reached at in the workshop. In the first instance, the Indian origin Tamil people are densely populated in the Uva, Central and Sabaragamuwa Provinces, while there are also these people residing in the other provinces.

We trust that you may be aware that a vast majority of the Indian origin community are resident and workers in the plantations. From the very period of the colonial era, their settlements had been excluded from the local government purview and never been recognized as Grama Wasam under the Grama Niladari Division. In the various delimitation exercises too there had been no serious attempt to vest the plantation settlement in the Local Authority.

Declare each estate as a Grama Wasama

The report of select committee of Parliament on electoral reforms under the Chairmanship of Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena emphasizes (2007) "... to increase the participation of the community and community organizations and to facilitate the management and diversification of development and economic needs of the area and ensure a democratic representation of minorities and communities."

Taking into consideration the above recommendation and the imperative need of the Indian Origin Community, we submit the following for your consideration.

There are 450 large plantations coming under Regional Plantation Companies, and SLSPC/JEDB. Apart from them, there are another 200 fairly large plantations coming under private companies. Further, there are hundreds of small plantations consisting of 25 –100 families.

The larger estates consist of more than three divisions. Each division consists of 50 to 250 families and the total population ranges between 1500 and 3000. The small plantations consist of 300 to 500 population.

Taking into consideration the population, we recommend that you declare all these larger plantations (450) as new Grama Wasamas.

Wherever the community lives in the smaller plantations close to the villages or larger plantations then those plantations either be placed under the proposed new Grama Wasama or an existing Grama Wasama and declared as **villages**.

Increase of Grama Niladari Division

According to the accepted criteria where there are 1500 eligible voters, such plantations be declared as a new **Grama Niladari Division**. Where there are, in a plantation, more than 2500 eligible voters such plantations be divided into two Grama Sevaka Units.

Increase of Divisional Secretariat Divisions

At present it is believed that a Divisional Secretariat should covers 20,000 – 30,000 on the basis of the growth of the population and access to development and administrative facilities. We are of the view that if a unit covers a community of less than 25,000, it will have greater access to development. We suggest the following new Divisional Secretariats;

District	Existing DSD	Total Population	Tamil Population	Number of prevailing DSD	Additionally Proposed DSD	Total
Nuwara eliya	Ambagamuwa	202,432	152,826	01	03	04
	Nuwara eliya	206,944	156,820	01	03	04
	Walapane	106,850	37,870	01	03	04
	Hanguranketa	87,577	12,858	01	01	02
Kandy	Kotmale	96,280	40,447	01	01	02
	Pasbage korale	65,934	22,568	01	01	02
	Udawalpala	86,136	16,938	01	01	02
	Deltota	29,719	14,780	01	01	02
Matale	Rattota	49,395	11,387	01	01	02
Badulla	Hali Ela	87,081	28,190	01		
	Ella	42,615	12,221	01	02	05
	Bandarwela	60,063	13,122	01		
	Badulla	69,971	14,104	01	01	
	Pasara	48,783	19,689	01		03
	Lunugala	32,791	17,836	01		01
	Haldumulla	37,668	17,501	01	01	03
Ratnapura	Haputala	50,295	19,544	01		
	Balangoda	77,026	10,589	01	01	03
	Imbulpe	55,228	8,502	01		
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	Pelmadulla	84,450	11,975	01	01	03
	Kahawatta	42,083	8,761	01		
	Godakawela	69,763	13,092	01	01	03
	Kollonna	43,303	4,339	01		

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Kalutara	Matugama	72,872	6,815	01	01	03
	Dodangoda	54,290	6,756	01		
	Bulathsinhala	59,218	6,934	01	01	03
	Ingiriya	45,553	4,263	01		
Kegalla	Yatiantota	59,835	12,415	01	01	03
	Bulathkohupitiya	45,260	8,260	01		
	Dehiovita	59,003	10,490	01	01	03
	Deraniyagala	44,370	10,214			
Colombo	Colombo	377,346	125,456	01	03	04
	Thimbinigasyaya	264,767	74,184	01	03	04

N.B. Prepared based on 2001 censuses, Department of Censuses & Statistics)

Increase of Sub-Divisional Secretariats

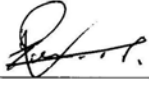

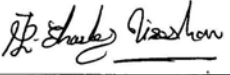


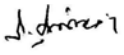
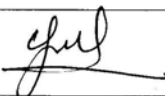
Taking into consideration the geographical locations of the hill country, we recommend creating of sub-divisional secretariats. The increase of sub-divisional secretariats will reduce the burden of the ordinary citizens and increase the efficiency of administration. Therefore, we request the sub-divisional secretariats be increased where necessary.

Increase of Tamil staff in the Divisional Secretariats and appointing of Tamil Grama Niladaries

Government has gazetted a number of Divisional Secretariats as dual language secretariats. However, yet the Tamil speaking people are unable to obtain the basic services of these offices due to absence of Tamil or Tamil proficient staff. Further, due to inadequate Tamil Grama Niladaries the Indian Origin Tamil community faces a number of problem such as in obtaining birth certificates, identity cards and registering their names in the electoral list. Therefore we request the commission to give due consideration to this burning issue by recommending increase of Tamil staff in the Divisional Secretariat and appointing of Tamil Grama Niladaries.

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