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### PART I: SECTION (I)—GENERAL

#### Government Notifications

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#### THE ARMY ACT

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REGULATIONS made by the President under section 155 of the Army Act (Chapter 357) read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

R. PREMADASA,  
President.

Colombo, 08th October, 1992

#### REGULATIONS

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Army Officers Service Regulations (Regular Force) 1992.

#### Part I

#### GENERAL

2. (1) (a) All military appointments, including acting appointments, transfers, resignations, revisions of seniority, suspensions from the exercise of office, removals, secondments, promotions including the rank of Major and above, on the approval of the President, shall be published in the Gazette. All recommendations for the purpose shall be forwarded through the usual military channels to the Army Commander who will forward them to the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Defence for the approval of the President.

(b) Promotions up to and including the rank of Captain shall be made by the Commander of the Army and published in the Gazette by him.

(c) All appointments of officers other than those referred to at paragraphs (a) and (b) above, and acting appointments carrying similar or higher rank in respect of any period shall be made by the Commander of the Army, and such appointments will not require the approval of the President and may not be published in the Gazette.

(2) All recommendations for the above purpose shall be forwarded through the usual military channels to the Secretary for the approval of the President.

(3) All Officers of the Army, including Quartermasters shall take rank with each other in the order specified hereunder except that Quartermaster will rank junior to that of his counterpart in the same rank :—

- (a) General ;
- (b) Lieutenant General ;
- (c) Major General ;
- (d) Brigadier ;
- (e) Colonel ;
- (f) Lieutenant Colonel ;
- (g) Major ;
- (h) Captain ;
- (i) Lieutenant ; and
- (j) Second Lieutenant.

(4) The rates of pay and allowances of all officers holding the rank specified in paragraph (3) above, shall be as prescribed in the Army pay Code for the time being in force.

(5) On retirement of officers, holding the ranks specified in sub-paragraph (3) above whether it be substantive or temporary pensions and gratuities shall be as prescribed in the Army Pensions and Gratuities Code for the time being in force.



3. (a) There shall be one or more Preliminary Selection Boards and a Final Selection Board for the purpose of selecting persons, including soldiers, for appointments to first commissions as Officers in the Army and for the selection of Cadets.
- (b) A Preliminary Selection Board shall select candidates for interview by the Final Selection Board and shall consist of—
  - (i) An officer not below the rank of Colonel nominated by the Commander of the Army, who shall be the Chairman of the Board.
  - (ii) One or more officers not below the rank of Lieutenant Colonel nominated by the Commander of the Army and
  - (iii) A representative of the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Defence.
- (c) The Final Selection Board shall select and recommend suitable candidates for Commissions or suitable cadets for training from those selected by the Preliminary Selection Board and shall consist of—
  - (i) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Defence or his nominee who shall be the Chairman of the Board;
  - (ii) the Commander of the Army or his nominee; and
  - (iii) at least one other person nominated by the Minister.

## Part II

### COMMISSIONS AND APPOINTMENTS—FIRST COMMISSIONS

#### *Second Lieutenants*

4. A Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army may be issued—
  - (1) to a Cadet who possesses such educational qualifications and who has successfully completed such courses of instruction as may be determined by the Commander of the Army; or
  - (2) to any person who possesses such qualifications as may be determined by the Commander of the Army and who has been selected by the Final Selection Board; or
  - (3) to a soldier of the Regular Force who is not above the age of 30 years and who has passed the Junior School Certificate Examination or such other equivalent examination as may be determined by the Final Selection Board.

#### *Lieutenants, Captains and Majors*

5. (1) A Commission as a Lieutenant may be issued after selection by the Final Selection Board—
  - (a) to a warrant officer or non-commissioned officer who is not below 35 years of age and who has passed the Junior School Certificate Examination or such other equivalent examination as may be determined by the Commander of the Army on appointment as Quartermaster or;
  - (b) to an officer who is not above the age of 29 years, on the active list of the Volunteer Force and who has not less than three years efficient commissioned service in the rank not below that of Lieutenant and has such educational qualifications as may be determined by the Commander of the Army; or
  - (c) to persons who possess such professional or technical qualifications as may, in the opinion of the Commander of the Army, make such person suitable for commissioning in the rank of Lieutenant or Lieutenant Quartermaster who will not be less than 37 years of age.
- (2) A Commission as Captain may be issued after selection by the Final Selection Board to a person who possesses such professional or technical qualifications as may, in the opinion of the Commander of the Army, make such person suitable for commissioning in the rank of Captain.
- (3) A Commission as a Major may be issued after selection by the Final Selection Board to a person who possesses such professional or technical qualifications as may, in the opinion of the Commander of the Army, make such person suitable for commissioning in the rank of Major.
6. (1) All new entrant officers commissioned into the Army on or after 29th September, 1956 shall be subject to the condition that they may be required to acquire the degree of proficiency in the official language to enable them to carry out their official duties within the prescribed period of time or within the extended period of time.
- (2) All new entrant officers commissioned into the Army after 16th July, 1956, shall be subject to the condition that they will conform to the requirements of the Official Language Act, No. 33 of 1956, and any regulations in force for the time being made for or such other regulations as may be made in the future on keep up with the Language policy of the Government.

### EXTRA REGIMENTAL EMPLOYMENT

7. (1) An appointment to extra regimental employment in the rank of Major and below shall be made by the Commander of the Army who shall appoint a Board of Officers to recommend to him a suitable officer for such employment. No such Board, however, need be appointed in the case of an appointment in the Commanders Secretariat or Aide-De-Camp or an extra Aide-De-Camp or an adjutant of a Volunteer Force Unit, who has a counterpart in the Regular Force, except the Sri Lanka Army Medical Corps (Volunteers).
- (2) The period of service of an officer in an appointment to extra regimental employment shall not exceed two years in the case of Captains and below at any one time, and three years in the case of Majors and above :  
Provided the Commander of the Army may extend each period in the interest of the service.
8. No officer shall be qualified to hold an appointment at Army or any Formation Headquarters until he has completed 4 years in the Army : Provided, however, that the Commander of the Army, if the exigencies of service so warrant, waive this requirement.
9. No officer shall be qualified to be appointed as adjutant of a Unit, other than his own, until he has completed not less than 3 years commissioned service in the Army and has passed the promotion examination for Lieutenant to Captain :  
Provided that the Commander of the Army may waive these requirements.



#### SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

10. (1) No officer shall be appointed an Aide-De-Camp or extra Aide-De-Camp unless he has completed three years Commissioned service.

(2) The period of service of an officer appointed Aide-De-Camp or extra Aide-De-Camp shall not exceed three years : Provided however that this regulation shall not apply to an Officer appointed Aide-De-Camp or extra Aide-De-Camp to the President

(3) After such term of service no officer shall be eligible for re-appointment till after a lapse of two years.

(4) A Medical Officer of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or of any higher rank may be appointed Honorary Physician or Honorary Surgeon to the President.

#### *Promotion to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel*

11. (1) Promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel shall be from a selected Majors' list. The Selected Majors' list will be maintained by the Commander of the Army. The names which will be included in the Selected Majors' list will be recommended by a Board of Senior Officers and will be from those officers who have completed at least two years service in the substantive rank of Major and will be from those Officers recommended for promotions by respective commanding officers during the three years immediately proceeding.

(2) If the appointment on promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel is to command a particular Unit, then the officer should be from the Regiment or Corps that the Unit belongs to in the first instance. If there is no suitable officer within the Regiment or Corps concerned, the Commander of the Army shall select a suitable officer from any other Regiment or Corps and appoint such officer as provided for under regulation 31.

(3) If on promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel the appointment is to a vacancy other than the Commanding Officer of a Unit, such appointee shall be the Officer considered suitable for such vacancy according to seniority.

#### *Promotion to the Rank of Colonel and above*

12. (1) Promotion to the rank of Colonel and above shall be by selection. In the case of promotion to the rank of Colonel, such promotion shall be given only to such substantive Lieutenant Colonel as is considered best qualified for such rank and appointment. In the case of promotion to the rank of Brigadier, such promotion shall be given only to such substantive Colonel as he is considered best qualified for such rank and appointment.

(2) In the case of every such selection—

(a) the officer's past record of service; and

(b) the question whether his promotion is clearly in the best interest of the Army.

shall be considered.

#### *Promotion of Quartermasters*

13. (1) A Quartermaster may be promoted to the substantive rank of Captain, Major or Lieutenant Colonel upon completion of the periods of Commissioned Service referred to in paragraph (2) of this regulation if he has—

(a) passed such examination, for that Rank, as may be determined by the Commander of the Army. and

(b) been recommended by his Commanding Officer as being suitable for promotion :

Provided, however that the Commander of the Army in exceptional circumstances, with the approval of the President, exempt from such examination any officer who has shown conspicuous ability or gallantry on active service.

#### *Periods of Service for Promotion*

(2) For promotion to the rank of Captain and Quartermaster, the period of service shall be 6 years Commissioned Service and for promotion to the rank of Major and Quartermaster, the period of service shall be 12 years Commissioned Service.

(3) Promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and Quartermaster on the completion of 18 years commissioned service shall be by selection. Such promotion shall be given only for distinguished service in the field or meritorious or distinguished service other than in the field provided that no officer shall be so promoted until he is at least 52 years of age.

(4) The expression "Commissioned Service" in the preceding paragraphs of this regulation shall include—

(a) all commissioned service on full pay in the Sri Lanka Army; and

(b) all previous commissioned embodied service in the Armed Forces of the British Commonwealth.

#### *Posthumous Promotions*

14. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other regulation, and subject to the recommendations of the Commander of the Army, any officer whose death occurs as a result of terrorist activity may be posthumously promoted with effect from the date of his death.

15. No promotion of any new-entrant officer to any rank shall be made unless he had previously passed the prescribed proficiency test in the Official Language.

#### *Promotion of Army Medical and Dental Officers*

16. The promotion of Army Medical or Dental Officers shall be governed by the Army Medical and Dental Officers Regulations 1961, as amended from time to time.

#### *Temporary Promotions and acting appointments*

17. (1) An officer of the rank of Lieutenant may be given promotion to the Rank of Temporary Captain if :

(a) he has qualified in such appropriate examination for that rank as may be determined by the Commander of the Army;

(b) he has served 03 years in the rank of Lieutenant; and

(c) he has been recommended by his commanding officer as being fit for promotion.

(2) An officer who is so promoted to the temporary rank of Captain may be confirmed in the substantive rank of Captain if he has been recommended by his Commanding Officer as being fit and suitable in all respects for promotion.



(3) An officer of the rank of substantive Captain may be given a temporary promotion to the rank of Major in the following cases—

- (a) Where he is prevented by such circumstances beyond his control, as determined by the Commander of the Army, from qualifying at the prescribed examination for promotion, pending his qualifying at the first available opportunity. In the event of his failing to qualify at the first available opportunity, he will revert to his previous substantive rank but he shall be required on that account to forfeit any proportion of his pay and allowances for the period during which he held the higher rank ; or
- (b) Where he is appointed to extra regimental employment carrying a higher rank than that which he holds and for so long as he is holding the appointment ; or
- (c) Where a vacancy in any appointment carrying a higher rank exists on the establishment of his unit and for so long as he is holding that appointment.

(4) In the case of temporary promotions referred to in sub paragraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph (3), no officer shall be promoted to the next higher temporary rank unless he has qualified at the appropriate examination for promotion and is within 4 years of his due date for promotion to the substantive rank of Major.

(5) An Officer of the substantive rank of Major may be promoted to the temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel, if he is selected for an extra regimental employment carrying such rank.

(6) An Officer who falls ill while holding a temporary rank shall be permitted to retain such temporary rank for a period of two months from the date of the commencement of his illness. At the end of such period of two months from the date of the commencement of his illness and if he has not recovered, a Medical Board shall be convened to determine his standard of Medical fitness. Depending on the report of such Medical Board, the Officer shall be reverted to his substantive rank or the period of retention of temporary rank may be extended, as the case may be.

18. Acting pay shall be payable to an officer, who has been Appointed by the Commander of the Army, to act in an appointment in a higher rank in respect of any period during which there is no substantive holder of the post or the substantive holder of the post is absent, provided such officer has so acted in such post for a minimum continuous period of two months. Provided where such appointment is in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel or in any other higher rank the approval of the President should be obtained before such appointment is made.

19. (1) An officer who is overlooked for promotion may be superseded temporarily or permanently. If permanently superseded he shall be so informed.

(2) An officer shall be permanently superseded if he does not qualify for promotion before the expiry of the appropriate period referred to in Regulations 11 and 15 : Provided that he shall not be permanently superseded where his failure to pass the appropriate examination is due to causes beyond his control, as determined by the Commander of the Army.

#### Command Precedence and Seniority Command

20. (1) Command of a formation or other similar group of units in the Army shall be exercised by an officer appointed for the purpose. In the absence of such officer the next senior officer of that formation or group of units shall exercise Command provided he belongs to a combatant Arm.

(2) Command of a Regiment or a Battalion or equivalent unit in the Army shall be exercised by an Officer appointed for that purpose. An Officer appointed to be second-in-Command of such a unit shall exercise command over all other officers serving therein except the officer appointed to Command that unit. In the absence of the Officer appointed to Command such a unit and the Officer appointed second in Command of that unit, the Senior Officer of that unit present, who is not a Quartermaster and except in the circumstances set out in paragraph (3) of this regulation, shall exercise command over all other officers serving therein.

(3) The rules laid down in paragraph (2) of this regulation shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to command in sub-units.

(4) Non Combatant Officers shall normally exercise command only over non combatant officers junior to them and over all soldiers but in exceptional cases a non combatant officer may, where in his opinion or in that of the Commander of the Army it is essential for the safe conduct of Military operations, exercise command over all other officers junior to him, provided that Medical and Dental officers shall exercise command over all other officers while they are under their professional care.

(5) Quartermasters shall normally exercise command only over quartermasters junior to them and over all soldiers.

(6) For purpose of this regulation combatant officers means officers of all units other than those of the Sri Lanka Army Medical Corps and the Sri Lanka Army Womens' Corps.

21. When units or establishments of different Corps are employed together on any duty, each unit or detachment shall, subject to the orders of the Commanding Officer of the whole body as referred to in regulation 20 (1) act under the immediate authority of its own Commander in matters of a purely regimental nature.

#### PRECEDENCE

22. The relative precedence of substantive and temporary rank shall be as follows :—

- (i) Officers holding substantive rank shall take precedence over all officers holding temporary rank of the same grade.
- (ii) Officers holding temporary rank shall take precedence over all Officers holding substantive rank of any lower grade whatever may be their relative seniority in such substantive rank.
- (iii) Officers holding temporary rank shall take precedence respectively among themselves according to their substantive rank.
- (iv) Notwithstanding the provisions in paragraphs (i) to (iii) of this regulation, the holder of any particular appointment may be assigned a special precedence by the Commander of the Army while holding such appointment.

23. Officers of the Regular Force shall take precedence over officers of the same rank of the Volunteer Force.

24. Officers of the Regular Reserve who are called out for service in the Army shall rank junior to officers of their rank in the Corps to which they are posted and shall be distinguished as "Reserve Officers". Provided, however, that in any particular case the President may assign a special precedence.



#### SENIORITY

##### *Seniority of officers commissioned prior to the publication of these regulations*

25. Seniority of officers commissioned prior to the date on which these regulations are published shall be determined by the current officers' seniority list published at the beginning of each succeeding year.

##### *Seniority of officers commissioned after the publication of the Regulations*

26. (1) Seniority of officers on being commissioned after the date on which these regulations are published shall be determined, unless the President otherwise directs by the date of their respective commissions as published in the Gazette.

(2) Seniority of soldiers other than Quartermasters commissioned on the same day shall be determined in accordance with the order of their passing out from the training institutions where they underwent their training courses.

(3) Seniority of Cadets commissioned on the same day shall be determined in accordance with the order of their passing out from the training institutions in which they underwent their Cadet course :  
Provided that where Cadets commissioned on the same day have passed out from different training institutions, their relative seniority shall be as determined by the President.

(4) Seniority of persons, other than soldiers and cadets, commissioned on the same day shall be as determined by the President on the recommendations of the Commander of the Army.

(5) Where soldiers, cadets and persons other than soldiers and Cadets are commissioned in the same rank on the same day, their relative seniority shall be in the order of passing out after their course of training.

(6) Where an officer is promoted to any rank on the same day as that on which another soldier, cadet or other person is commissioned in that rank, the officer who is promoted shall be considered senior to the Officer commissioned.

(27) (1) Quartermasters shall rank junior to any other officers of the Regular and Volunteer Forces holding similar substantive Army rank.

(2) Seniority of Quartermasters on each rank shall be determined by the period of commissioned service they are entitled to count towards promotion. Where two or more quartermasters of the same rank have equal periods of commissioned service, the older shall be deemed to be the senior.

##### *Seniority of Officers on Promotions*

28. (1) Seniority of an officer on promotion shall be determined by the date of such promotion, provided, that two or more officers are promoted to the same rank on the same date, they shall rank for seniority as they did in the lower rank from which they were promoted.

(2) Officers holding substantive rank shall be senior to all officers holding temporary rank of the same grade.

(3) Officers holding temporary rank shall be senior to all Officers holding substantive rank of any lower grade, whatever may be their relative seniority in such substantive rank.

(4) Officers holding temporary rank shall take seniority respectively among themselves according to their substantive rank.

(5) Where a Major promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel he may, in the special circumstances of the case, be placed senior to any other Lieutenant Colonel who was junior to him when both officers were holding the rank of Major.

#### SENIORITY OF OFFICERS ON BEING POSTED TO THE REGULAR FORCE FROM THE REGULAR RESERVE

29. An Officer posted to the Regular Force from the Regular Reserve shall rank junior to all officers of the same rank in the Regular Force :

Provided, however that in a particular case, the President may assign a special seniority.

#### Part IV

##### POSTING, TRANSFERS AND SECONDMENTS

30. No officer shall have any claims to serve in any particular unit of his Corps. Officers shall be posted as the requirement of the service warrant.

31. Applications for transfers to another Unit must be made to the Commander of the Army through the Officers's Commanding officer who in forwarding the application, shall report on—

(i) the fitness of the Officer ;

(ii) his record of service ;

(iii) the Officer's aptitude as a regimental officer, and the likely-hood of his proving efficient and successful on transfer ;  
and

(iv) any other matter upon which the commanding officer may deem it fit for necessary to report.

32. The Commander of the Army may transfer any Officer from one Corps to any other Corps, if in his opinion, such transfer is in the interests of the Army. Such transfers will be made in terms of Regulation 2(1) of these regulations.

33. (i) An Officer may be seconded for temporary employment in any Government Sponsored Board or Corporation or similar institution under Government control or to an Office in service of the Government, provided that each secondment for temporary employment is authorised by the President. Such temporary employment will be reckonable for Pension.

(ii) An officer of the Volunteer Force may be seconded for service in the Regular Reserve.

#### Part V

##### CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

34. (1) Confidential reports on every officer on the prescribed forms shall be furnished annually to Army Headquarters. Confidential report of officers of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and above shall be furnished annually to the Secretary. All confidential reports shall be considered privileged and shall in no case be made public.

(2) An interim confidential report may be furnished at any time it considered appropriate as directed by the Commander of the Army.

(3) A special confidential report on the prescribed form will be submitted when it is desired to recommend, on grounds of inefficiency or unsuitability, an officer's removal from his Unit or appointment or from the service or at such other time as directed by the Commander of the Army.



## Part VI

## RETIREMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND REMOVALS

35. (1) An officer who applies for permission to retire, or to resign his commission will remain on the strength of his Regiment or Corps until his retirement or resignation is accepted by the President and published in the Gazette. An Officer subject to compulsory retirement shall not be retained on duty after the day preceding the date of such retirement.

(2) Applications to resign must be accompanied by a written undertaking from the officer that he will not enter the service of a foreign power within 5 years of his resignation without first obtaining the permission of the Secretary.

36. (1) An old entrant officer who is unable to work in the official language may, on written application to that effect, be allowed to apply for retirement and if permission to retire is granted by the Secretary retire on the grounds that he is unable to work in the official language.

(2) The provision of paragraph (1) of this regulation shall not apply to the following old entrant officers :

- (a) any officer in respect of whose appointment proficiency in the official language was an essential qualification :
- (b) any officer who has qualified for appointment or who has been recruited to the Army through an examination taken by him in the official language ;
- (c) any officer who is engaged in work, deemed by the Commander of the Army with the concurrence of the Secretary, to be a professional technical nature ;
- (d) any officer who has been paid a bonus for proficiency in the official language in terms of Treasury Circular No. 379 of 23 May 1967 ;
- (e) an officer who has entered into a bond or agreement to serve in the Army on completion of a training for a specified period of time, which has not expired, or has not been discharged from the bond or agreement in accordance with the principles outlined in Treasury Circular No. 298 of 23 February, 1956 or any amendments thereto ; and
- (f) any officer who has not entered into a bond or agreement to serve in the Army for a specified period of time, but who has at Government or Army expense proceeded overseas on a course of training or followed a course of Military or Academic Training in Sri Lanka for such period as may be determined by the Commander of the Army.

(3) A new entrant, who has not passed such proficiency tests in the official language and within such periods as are prescribed by the Commander of the Army, with the concurrence of the Secretary, and who is not exempted from such test by reason of his possessing such qualifications in the official language as are deemed sufficient by the Commander of the Army, may be called upon to resign his commission by the President. If he fails to resign his commission with such period as may be indicated by the President's direction, his Commission shall be withdrawn by His Excellency the President.

37. No authority other than the President shall require, persuade, or induce an officer to retire or resign his commission

38. In forwarding an application from an officer to retire or resign his commission, a commanding officer shall, when such application, is the result of misconduct or any thing affecting the officer's honour or character as a gentleman, state all circumstances and particulars of the case, the Commander of the Army shall ensure that the statement contains a complete account of the case before forwarding it to the Secretary.

39. An officer may be called upon to retire or resign his commission for misconduct or in any circumstances which in the opinion of the President, require such action. An officer so called upon to retire or to resign his commission may request an interview with the Secretary, in order that he may be given an opportunity of stating his case.

*Invaliding out/retirement of Officers on Medical Grounds*

40. (1)(a) Where the state of health of any officer in the opinion of the Director, Army Medical Services is such that he should be examined by a Medical Board, the Director, Army Medical Services shall :—

- (i) notify the Commander of the Army to that effect, and
- (ii) request the commanding officer of such officer's unit to forward to him all documents relating to such officer that are available with him.
- (b) The Commander of the Army shall thereupon authorize the Director, Army Medical Services, to convene a Medical Board to examine and report on the officer in question.
- (c) After having considered the findings of the said Medical Board, if the Commander of the Army concurs with the opinion thereof, the said officer should be invalided out, and the Commander shall recommend to the President that the commission of that officer be terminated on Medical grounds, meaning that he retires on account of being medically unfit for Army Service.

(2) In the event of an officer being invalided out under the several provisions of the preceding paragraph, the termination of his service shall be effective as from the day immediately after the day on which he was examined by the Medical Board. The officer concerned shall be entitled to full pay and allowances during this period.

41. (i) When forwarding the application of an officer to resign, or to retire with gratuity or pension the Commanding Officer shall state whether :—

- (a) all regimental claims have been paid ;
- (b) he is aware of any outstanding public claims ;
- (c) there is no objection to the resignation or retirement being sanctioned ; and
- (d) there are disciplinary proceedings pending.

(ii) A certificate as regards any claim must also be obtained from the Army Paymaster and be transmitted to the Secretary, together with the application.

(iii) The full amount of all claims must be reported to the Secretary, as soon as practicable for a decision as to the amount to be retained from any pension or gratuity payable.

42. Officers resigning their commission will not retain any rank in the service except with His Excellency the President's permission.

43. In these regulations,—

"Cadet" means a person provisionally selected for a Commission in the Army, enlisted and undergoing training;

"Unit" means a body of men organised in accordance with an organised establishment;

"sub-unit" means a component part of an unit;

"Minister", "Officer", "Non-Commissioned Officer", "Soldier", "Regular Force", "Regular Reserve", "Volunteer Force", "Volunteer Reserve", "Army", and "Military Training" shall have the same meaning respectively as in the Army Act.

"Old Entrants Officer" shall have the same meaning as in the Army Pensions and Gratuities Code, 1981;

"President" means the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka; and

"Secretary" means the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Defence.

#### Part VII

44. The Regulations for Officers published in the *Gazette* No. 10,028 of October 10, 1949 as amended from time to time are hereby rescinded.

45. An Officer retired from service may retain his rank provided he has held the substantive rank of Capt & above and provided he indicates by use of the abbreviation (Rtd) immediately after his name to indicate that he is a retired Officer.

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