

Code Of Criminal Procedure (Amendment)

Act No 4 of 1993

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT,  
No. 15 OF 1979

Be it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, No. 4 of 1993.

Amendment of section 403 of Act No. 15 of 1979. **2.** Section 403 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 is hereby amended as follows:

(1) by the repeal of subsection (1) of that section, and the substitution therefor, of the following subsection :

(1) A Magistrate or a Judge of the High Court,, at any stage of any inquiry or trial, as the case may be, may in his discretion release on bail any person accused of any non-bailable offence :

Provided that a person alleged to have committed or been concerned in committing or suspected to have committed or to have been concerned in committing, an offence punishable under section 114, 191 and 296 of the Penal Code shall not be released, at any stage of any inquiry or trial, except by a Judge of the High Court.";

(2) by the substitution, in subsection (3) of that section for the words "the Magistrate shall not release such person on bail without the sanction of the Attorney-General.", of the words "such person shall not be released on bail except by a Judge of the High Court."

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency. **3.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.