AN ACT TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS ORDINANCE

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

Amendment of section 40 of Chapter 252.

2. Section 40 of the Municipal Councils Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment") is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section as follows:

(a) by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (k) of that subsection, of the following paragraph:

(kk) to exercise, perform and discharge, any power, duty or function delegated to it by the Development Council constituted for the administrative district within the limits of which the municipality is situated; and to implement any work or scheme assigned to it for implementation by such Development Council; ";

(b) by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (r) of that subsection, of the following paragraphs:

"(rr) to organize employment programmes for the inhabitants of the municipality;

(rrr) to-

(i) prepare and submit to the appropriate authority, a programme for the provision of educational facilities such as buildings, furniture, playground, hostels, teachers' quarters, sports materials and library facilities, within the municipality;

(ii) recommend to the appropriate authority, the opening, closing, amalgamation, naming and upgrading: of, schools within the municipality;".

Amendment of section 188 of the principal enactment.

3. Section 188 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section as follows:

(a) by the repeal of paragraph (j) of that subsection, and the substitution of the following paragraph therefor:

"(j) all expenses incurred, by the Council in the establishment and maintenance of maternity and child welfare service , the provision of health education, the maintenance, of primary health care centres and community development projects, the training of midwives for the purposes of any
maternity service established by the Council, and charities or measures for the relief of distress caused by the rain, floods, fire, earthquake, gales; famine or epidemics; ";

(b) by the insertion immediately after paragraph (j)'of that subsection, of the following paragraph:

"(jj) all contributions voted by the council for the promotion of religion and culture, including contributions made towards the cost of organization of religious ceremonies and festivals. the maintenance of Dhamma schools and Sasana Rakshaka Mandalayas, the establishment of cultural centres, the organization of literary and cultural festivals, the publication of books of literary and cultural value and the award of prizes to artists, authors and craftsmen; "; and

(c) by the substitution, in paragraph (k) of that subsection, for the words "the relief of the poor or the support", of the words "the relief of the poor, the rehabilitation and care of, destitute persons or physically, mentally or socially handicapped persons or the support".

4. Section 272 of the principal of enactment is hereby amended as follows;

(a) by the repeal of paragraph (11) of that section, and the substitution, of the following paragraph there for:

"(11) the maintenance and regulation of quarantine stations for cattle, the levying of fees for the occupation thereof, the provision of facilities for the vaccination and immunization of livestock and dogs; ";

(b) by the substitution, in paragraph (29) of that section, for the words "refuse and sewage", of the words "refuse and sewage and removal of obstruction to coastal fishing"; and

(c) by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (30A) of that section, of the following paragraph:

"(30B) the regulation and control of industrial waste "

Amendment of section 272 of the principal enactment.