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To: All Secretaries of Ministries
and Heads of Departments.

Absence of a distinction between citizens
by descent and registration in the
Constitution of the Democratic Socialist
Republic of Sri Lanka

Article 26(2) and 26(3) of Chapter V of the
Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri
Lanka are as follows:-

" 26. (2) A citizen of Sri Lanka shall for all
purposes be described only as a "citizen of
Sri Lanka," whether such person became entitled
to citizenship by descent or by virtue of
registration in accordance with the law relating
to citizenship.

26.(3) No distinction shall be drawn between
citizens of Sri Lanka for any purpose by reference
to the mode of acquisition of such status, as to
whether acquired by descent or by virtue of
registration".

02. Please note, therefore, that in calling for
applications to fill posts in the Public Service, inquiry should
not be made as to whether citizenship of applicant is by descent
or by registration.

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