



SUGGESTIONS FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION:

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- **Polonnaruwa**
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Polonnaruwa Programme



Mr. Gamini Ranjith Perera.

1. Constitutional education should be included in the school education system.
2. Regardless of the position, law enforcement should be made equal to all the citizens, through the new constitution.

Mr. Ananda Edirisinghe, Elahera.

- 1) A proper irrigation system and a mechanism to manage water resource system should be created by the constitution.
- 2) An accountable system to tackle the purchasing price of paddy by various paddy mill owners.
- 3) The new constitution should re-establish the outdated law of the lands.



Mr. Alexander Perera, Polonnaruwa.

- 1) Citizenship councils should be created without being biased to any political party.
- 2) Fringe benefits and the powers of Ministers should be made limited through the new constitution.

Mr. Dharmathilake, Kawdulla (President of the Farmer's association, Kawdulla)

- 1) Law of the lands should be re-established, in a manner that the land rights of farmers are protected.
- 2) A proper mechanism on the irrigation system should be created, from which farmers get water during the needy times of the year.



- 1) Sinhalese community should understand the rights of Tamil community in Sri Lanka and Sinhalese should come forward and ask for those rights on behalf of the Tamil community.
 - 2) A legal power should be given to all the farmers, in order to sue against any deaths and injuries caused by the usage of pesticides and other chemical materials, which are produced by local and international factories.
 - 3) A dual electoral system should be created from which voters are allowed to vote for the party they prefer and to a preferred candidate from another party.
- Powers of the independent commissions should be strengthened and a proper legal system should be created by the new constitution in order to effectively monitor and to practice the decisions made by the independent commissions.

Fr. Lasantha, Higurakkgoda Parish.

1. A brief introduction to the constitution and its key areas should be included in school textbooks.
2. The concept of state official religion should be removed from the new constitution.
3. Power sharing should be practiced by the new constitution.



Mr. Dayarathne, Pelwatte.

1. A legal mechanism to account and monitor the usage of government treasuries.
2. A legal system to barricade the development of extremist religious and ethnic groups such as 'Singha-Le'.

Ms. M.D Punchimenika, Higurakkgoda. (Retired Government Servant).

1. New factories should be created to efficiently produce new products using other cultivations.
2. Self-employment opportunities should be created for those who migrate to Middle East countries in search of jobs (Especially for Mothers).
3. Role of the leaders and the representation of the Citizenship councils should be properly examined.
4. A mechanism to identify the inefficiencies of government servants and to develop their efficiency and productivity.
5. Anyone who is above the age of 60 should be retired from the government service.



Kanthale Programme



- Constitution should be included in the educational system.
- Legal system to re-establish the ownership of lands and the transfer process.

Mr. Lalith Deshapriya.

1. All religious ministries should be made under the ministry of Cultural affairs.
2. Civil officers should be appointed in all police stations in order to co-ordinate people and police stations.



- Secretaries to the ministries and other high level government officials should undergo all the necessary examinations and other qualifications in their respective areas.

Mr. Pathirana (J.P),

1. Power sharing should be necessarily included in the new constitution, representing all the communities.
2. Political promises and politics based on promises should be completely abolished.
3. Agreements among political parties and individuals should be publicized.



Mr. H.A Siriwardane(Sri Lanka Transport Board).

1. A fixed price for paddy harvest.
2. A legal system to examine and monitor the behavior of media.



Mr. Walter Silva (J.P).

- A legal system which prohibits the development of extremist groups such as BBS and Singha- le should be created from the new constitution.

Ms. Sandya Mendis.

- Job appointments should not be based on politics.



Mr. Jayasundara Appuhami. (Sugar Factory, Kanthale)

- Sinhala, Tamil and English languages should be made compulsory from the primary level of the schools.

Hatton Programme.



Mr. C. Kanawadhimurthi.

1. A deputy Prime Minister should be appointed.
2. There should no separation on the basis of religions and ethnicities.
3. Representation of Women should be given when appointing public representatives from the national list.



Mr. T. Krishnan.

1. Estate community should be recognized as a national community.
2. The new constitution should identify a method to protect the well-being of elderly people who are above the age of 60.
3. Shiva-Shasthri agreement should be abolished and all the citizens should be recognized as one.
4. Schools and educational systems should be equally provided to all the children.
5. National forests should be protected.
6. An independent commission should be established to examine salaries and wage rates.



7. A new delimitation process is necessary prior to any amendments to the electoral system.
8. Estates which spread across both Nuwara-Eliya and Kandy such as Alliwatte, Galpotta and Palakwatte should be allocated into one district.
9. Public opinion should be taken, when adding any amendments to the constitution.

Mr. Vinayagamurthi.

1. 29th section of the Soulbury constitution should be strengthened.
2. The new constitution should recognize different ethnicities and religions separately.
3. Transgender community should be recognized by the new constitution.
4. Law should be equally enforced to all the government officials.
5. Fundamental rights of the private sector should be legally protected.
6. A constitutional court should be established by the new constitution.

Mr. A. Lawrence.

1. Delimitation and the amendments to the electoral process should be recognized at the same level in the constitution.
2. Estates should also be recognized in the provincial council Act.
3. Internal dual citizenship should be given when casting their votes.
4. G.S should be appointed proportionately based on the population level of each district and area.

Mr. Ganeshalingam.

1. Law of the lands and houses should be strengthened.
2. Decisions should be made based on policies.
3. The employment identity of the upcountry employees should be certified.
4. Line home system should be abolished.
5. Term 'Wathukaraya' should be abolished.
6. Right to life should be protected.
7. Constitution should strengthen laws in order to prevent the eruption of another ethnic or religious conflict.
8. Youth should be given more employment opportunities.
9. Women representation should be made certain at every level.
10. A national health system should be established.



Mrs. Krishnawenu.

1. Women should be provided a separate public transport service.
2. Special employment benefits should be given to Women.



Mr. E. Kadiragamanadan.

1. Estate service should also be recognized as same as government service.
2. Separate assistant police officers should appointed representing each and every minority group.

Mr. Selvi Sanmugawadiwu.

1. Pre-Schools should be nationalized.
2. Schools and educational institutes for disability community should be developed.
3. Tertiary education of the estate community should be developed
4. Proper laws should be created to govern foreign employments.
5. Samurdhi beneficiaries should be given houses.

Mr. Murugaiya.

1. Language rights should be protected.
2. A system should be identified to barricade religious leaders entering into political activities.



Mr. Mogan Subramaniam.

1. A federal system should be established in the Sri Lankan system.
2. A mechanism needs to be established in order to examine and monitor state activities.

Badulla Programme.



Rights of persons with disabilities in the reform of the Constitution.

1. Insurance facilities should be provided covering all the disabilities by every insurance firm including Sri Lanka insurance cooperation.
2. Special transport facilities should be provided to persons with disabilities in order to make them accessible to their day today activities and to engage in public events.
3. Special internet and telephone packages should be introduced to persons with disabilities.
4. Special benefits given to persons with disabilities should be equally distributed to all the necessary communities.
5. Centres should be established in order to look after persons with disabilities who lost parental care.
6. Scholarships should be provided in order to motivate persons with disabilities with exceptional skills and talents.



7. Right to own a land or a house should be given based on the needs of persons with disabilities.
8. Necessary infrastructure facilities should be provided.
9. A special unit should be established in order to receive legal support to persons with disabilities.
10. A proper system to encourage children with disabilities towards schools should be introduced by the new constitution.



Monaragala Programme



1st Group-

- Powers given to Provincial councils should be equally distributed among estates.
- Separate village level councils should be established in every estate and powers should be granted to those councils in order to administer matters within those villages.



2nd Group-

- State should practice religious impartiality and the constitution should not adopt any state religion.
- Necessary legal actions should be taken against any religious activity which breaches the religious harmony of the country.

- Incomes gained by any religious institution should be accounted and presented to the Inland Revenue department.
- A mechanism should be established in order to examine corruptions taking place in every religious institution and necessary actions should be taken against those activities.



3rd Group-

- Easy and accessible methods should be created in order to seek justice against any breach of fundamental rights.
- A commission should be established to monitor land rights.
- A legal framework should be created from the new constitution in order to take actions against the misuse of state resources.
- Every Child should get equal rights for education.
- Facilities such as health care and other fundamental needs should be provided by the Government to the people who are above the age of 60.

4th Group-

- Constitutional education should be included to the primary, secondary and tertiary education.
- An equal standard should be created to all the Pre-Schools in the country and it should be the responsibility of the state to examine and monitor education levels of Pre-Schools.
- A fixed quota system of 25% should be given to Women at each provincial and district level in the national list.

- 27th chapter should be strengthened and 29th Chapter should be completely removed from the new constitution.
- Every family should be entitled to a land slot of 10 perches as the minimum.
- Lands to the multinational companies should be only sold after a referendum passed at the relevant divisional secretariat with the participation of citizens at the particular division.
- Child age range should be made 1-18 in Sri Lanka by the new constitution.



Galle Programme.



- Necessary steps should be taken by the new constitution in order to barricade infringements faced by minority ethnic and religious groups.
- Quota systems should be introduced, when granting for state positions such as Teachers, Doctors and Engineers.
- Estate sector should also be considered under the local authorities in order to effectively carry development projects such as road constructions in each area and to protect the rights of estate sector citizens.
- Sri Lankan citizens should be granted the freedom to follow any religion as they please, without any political intervention.
- Necessary legal actions should be taken to stop the formation of groups with extremist religious and ethnic ideologies which is a threat to the religious harmony of the country.
- Trade unions should be established in a common ground without being partial to any political party.



- The combination of both deputy ministers and state ministers should not exceed 50 in any circumstance.
- A National electoral system should be introduced in order to hold all elections within one day.
- Impartial decision making power of all the Independent commissions in Sri Lanka should be strengthened by the new constitution.
- Violations and offences faced by estate sector citizens by estate owners should be addressed and necessary steps should be taken to protect and strengthen the rights of estate sector population.