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(AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 5 OF 2009**

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE GRANT OF CITIZENSHIP TO STATELESS PERSONS
(SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, NO. 39 OF 1988

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Grant of Citizenship to Stateless Persons (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Act, No. 5 of 2009.

Short title.

2. Grant of Citizenship to Stateless Persons (Special Provisions) Act, No. 39 of 1988 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after section 2 of that Act, of the following new section which shall have effect as section 2A of that enactment:—

Insertion of section 2A in Act, No. 39 of 1988.

“Grant of Citizenship to certain persons.

2A. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2, any person who was a permanent resident of Sri Lanka with Indian Origin as at October 30, 1964, but who due to circumstances beyond the control of such person—

(a) was compelled to leave Sri Lanka; and

(b) thereupon took up residence in India,

and who consequently had, as at the day immediately preceding the date of the coming into operation of this Act, been unable to comply with the requirements of paragraph (a) of section 2, shall, if such person satisfies the requirements of paragraphs (b) and (c) of that section or is able to submit proof that such person is a

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descendant of a person who was a permanent resident of Sri Lanka with Indian Origin, have the status of a citizen of Sri Lanka with effect from the date of commencement of this Act and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges to which a citizens of Sri Lanka is entitled to by law.”.

Amendment of section 4 of the principal enactment.

3. Section 4 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) thereof—

- (1) by the substitution for the words and figures “by reason of the provisions of section 2”, of the words and figures “by reason of the provisions of section 2 or 2A”; and
- (2) by the substitution for the words “substantially in the Form set out in Schedule B to this Act.”, of the words and figures “substantially in the Form set out in Schedule B to this Act:

Provided however, any person who is entitled to the status of a citizen of Sri Lanka under the provision of section 2A, shall apply for a Certificate of Citizenship under this Act, only upon his arrival in Sri Lanka with the intention of permanently residing in Sri Lanka.”.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

4. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and the Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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