

consideration for the population or land area. Further unelected 29 members were appointed as National List members to the Parliament of total members 225.

- b. The provisions of 1978 constitution with regard to the demarcation of Electoral Districts and the PR election system virtually eliminated the elected representatives for the Muslims outside the Northern and the Eastern Provinces from the legislature. Out of the 22 Electoral Districts, Muslims have been denied the opportunity to elect their own representation in 18 Electoral Districts.

8. Proposals

- a. The proposed reforms should consider all level of governance namely, Parliament, Provincial Councils and Local Bodies and the system devised should be uniform and simple.
- b. Electoral reforms should provide equal opportunities to all communities and reflect the true national ethnic composition.
- c. In view of maximum devolution to the Provincial Councils, the parliament need not be large. Present 225 members should be reduced to 220 members.
- d. The Parliament should be bicameral - House of representative with 220 members and the Senate with 50 members.
- e. One half of the members of Parliament 110 seats from territorial constituencies on First Past the post – FPP and the other half 110 seats on District Proportional Representation – DPR. – Annex II
- f. The 50 members to the Senate should be appointed on the basis of the votes on the District PR each Party/Group received in a General Election.
- g. Both House of Representatives and the Senate should be co-terminus.
- h. The total number of 220 seats of which 110 shall be elected from 90 territorial constituencies on FPP and the balance 110 on District PR.
- i. Two ballots – first to elect the 110 representatives from the territorial constituencies on FPP and the second to elect the other 110 representatives from the 22 Electoral Districts on PR.
- j. The 90 territorial constituencies will consist of 71 one member constituencies, 9 two member constituencies and 7 three member constituencies – Total 110.
- k. Preference votes, cut-off point and the nomination of unelected members on the National List to the Parliament should be abolished.
- l. Crossover should result in loosing the seat.

ELECTORAL REFORMS IN SRI LANKA

1. Legislators must clearly identify the aims and objectives of the proposed changes in the Present Electoral System. In the absence of specific direction to the Delimitation Commission, the electoral reforms could become a futile exercise.
2. It is also necessary to guard against the ruling political parties taking over national interest to continue to remain in power.
3. Stability of Government is paramount for the progress of the country. The main objective of introducing the Proportional Representation election system was to ensure a fair and just representation for a stable government.
4. Those who favour a change in the present election system prefer an equal Mixed system of First Past the Post - FPP and Proportional Representation - PR.
5. **Drawbacks in the Present Proportional Representation Election System**
 - a. No identified member represents an electorate to whom the voter can go to redress his/her grievances.
 - b. In the present PR system the district constituency is very large when compared with the smaller territorial Constituency of the FPP. A candidate who can afford to spend large sums of money for propaganda can accumulate more number of preferences from the existing large district electorates in the present PR system.
 - c. Voters do not have much choice because in the present PR system the party hierarchies' determination is final and conclusive.
6. **1976 (Third) Delimitation**
 - a. In demarcating territorial constituencies the 1976 Delimitation Commission was required to take into account the question of minority interests. Quite contrary to this, the Delimitation Commission had divided a minority village Akkaraipattu, one part in Pottuvil and the other part in Samanthurai electorates and made the People of Akkaraipattu politically insignificant.
 - b. The general rule of each electorate having as possible an equal number of voters was subject to exemption with regard to the representation of minority interests only. But the 1976 Delimitation Commission had created constituencies with less than half the average number of voters in predominant Sinhala areas- Mahanuwera, Teldeniya, Wiyaluwa and Colombo West.
 - c. The 1976 Delimitation Commission had given the 71% Sinhalese an undue advantage to elect more than 82% of the membership in the Parliament while the minorities - 12% Tamils had the opportunity to elect 7% members, 8% Muslims to elect 5% members and the 6% Indian Tamils to elect 3% members.
7. **1981 (Fourth) delimitation**
 - a. 1981 delimitation retained the 160 territorial constituencies determined by the 1976 delimitation. 36 seats added for the 9 provinces-4 seats each without any

9. A New Delimitation Commission

- a. A Delimitation commission should be established immediately.
- b. In the demarcation of constituencies, reduced electoral strength should be utilized by the delimitation commission in order to give adequate representation to the minorities according to their national ethnic ratio.
- c. The delimitation commission should have the power to create multi-member constituencies in appropriate areas in order to render possible the representation of minority communities in the legislature according to their ethnic proportion.
- d. The said 90 territorial Constituencies can be achieved by retaining the boundaries and areas of the present 160 territorial constituencies provided by the 1976 (Third) Delimitation with the adjacent constituencies joined as far as possible.
- e. The 220 seats in Parliament should be allocated as follows: Annex II

Ethnic Groups		Seats/FPP	Seats/DPR	Total
Sinhalese	71%	78	78	156
Tamils	12%	13	13	26
Muslims	10%	11	11	22
Indian Tamils	7%	8	8	16
Upcountry Total	100%	110	110	220

- f. Minority Constituencies where the Tamils, Muslims and Upcountry Tamils could elect their legitimate representatives to the Parliament – Annex III.
- g. The Commissioner of election will determine the total entitlement of seats in Parliament of individual parties/groups based on the composition of the 1st and 2nd ballots.

SRI LANKA ELECTORAL DISTRICTS 1976 (Third) Delimitation

ANNEX - I

- COLOMBO DISTRICT**
 1. COLOMBO NORTH
 2. COLOMBO CENTRAL (3)
 3. BORELLA
 4. COLOMBO EAST
 5. COLOMBO WEST
 6. DEHIWALA
 7. RATMALANA
 28. MORATUWA
 21. KOLONNAWA
 22. KOTTE
 23. KADUWELA
 24. AVISSAWELLA
 25. HOMAGAMA
 26. MAHARAGAMA
 27. KESBEWA

- GAMPAHA DISTRICT**
 8. WATTALA
 9. NEGOMBO
 10. KATANA
 11. DIVULAPITIYA
 12. MIRIGAMA
 13. MINUWANGODA
 14. ATTANAGALLA
 15. GAMPAHA
 16. JA-ELA
 17. MAHARA
 18. DOMPE
 19. BITAGAMA
 20. KELANIYA

- KALUTARA DISTRICT**
 30. BANDARAGAMA
 31. HORANA
 32. BULATHSINHALA
 36. AGALAWATTA
 33. MATUGAMA
 34. KALUTARA
 35. BERUWALA (2)
 29. PANADURA

- MATALE DISTRICT**
 37. DAMBULLA
 38. LAGGALA
 39. MATALE
 40. RATTOTA

- KANDY DISTRICT**
 41. GALAGEDERA
 42. HARISPATTUWA (2)
 43. PATA DUMBARA
 44. UDA DUMBARA
 45. TELDENIYA
 46. KUNDASALE
 47. HENAHETA
 48. SENKADAGALA
 49. MAHANUWARA
 80. YATINUWARA
 81. UDUNUWARA
 52. GAMPOLA
 53. NAWALAPITIYA

- NIUWARA ELIYA DISTRICT**
 64. NIUWARA ELIYA - MASKELIYA (3)
 85. KOTMALE
 56. HANGURANKETA
 57. WALAPANE

- GALLE DISTRICT**
 58. BALAPITIYA
 59. AMBALANGODA
 60. KARANDENIYA
 61. BENTARA-ELPITIYA
 62. HINIDUMA
 63. BADDEGAMA
 64. RATGAMA
 85. GALLE
 86. AKHEEMANA
 67. HABARADUWA

- MATARA DISTRICT**
 68. DENIYA
 69. HAKMANA
 70. AKURESSA
 71. KAMBURUPITIYA
 72. DEVINUWARA
 73. MAYARA
 74. WELIGAMA

- HAMBANTOTA DISTRICT**
 75. MULLIRIGALA
 76. BELIATTA
 77. TANGALLA
 78. TISSANAHARAMA

- JAFFNA DISTRICT**
 79. KAYTS
 80. VADUKODDAI
 81. KANKESANTURAI
 82. MANIPAY
 83. KOPAY
 84. UDUPIDDY
 85. POINT PEDRO
 86. CHAVAKACHCHERI
 87. HALLUR
 88. JAFFNA
 89. KILINOCHCHI

- MANNAR DISTRICT**
 89. MANNAR
VAVUNIYA DISTRICT
 81. MULLAITIVU
 92. VAVUNIYA

- TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT**
 93. SERUWILA
 94. TRINCOMALEE
 95. MUTUR

- BATTICALOA DISTRICT**
 96. KALKUDAH
 97. BATTICALOA (2)
 98. PADDIRUPPU

- AMPARA DISTRICT**
 99. AMPARA
 100. SAMMANTURAI
 101. KALMUMAI
 102. POTTUWIL (2)

- PUTTALAM DISTRICT**
 103. PUTTALAM
 104. ANAMADUWA
 105. CHILAW
 106. NATTANDIYA
 107. WENNAPUWA

- KURUNEGALA DISTRICT**
 108. GALGAMUWA
 109. NIKAWERATIYA
 110. YAPAHUWA
 111. HIRIYALA
 112. WARIYAPOLA
 113. PANDUWASNUWARA
 114. BINGIRIYA
 115. KATUGAMPOLA
 116. KULIYAPITIYA
 117. DAMBADENIYA
 118. POLGAHAWELA
 119. KURUNEGALA
 120. MAWATNAGAMA
 121. DODANGASLANDA

- ANURADHAPURA DISTRICT**
 122. MEDAWACHCHRYA
 123. HOROWPOTANA
 124. ANURADHAPURA EAST
 126. ANURADHAPURA WEST
 126. KALAWEA
 127. MIHINTALE
 128. KEKIRAKMA

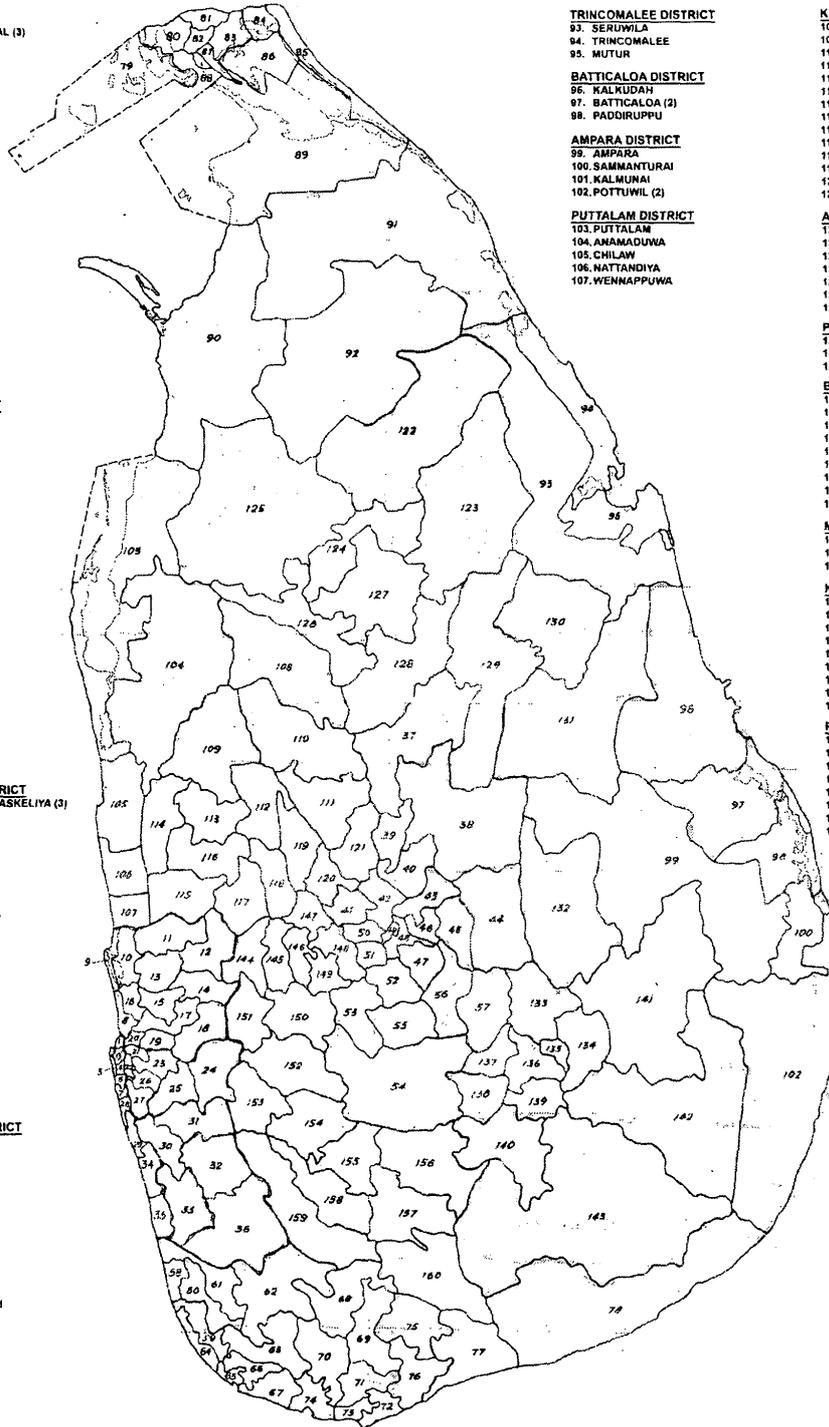
- POLONNARUWA DISTRICT**
 129. MIHNERIYA
 130. MEDIRIGIRIYA
 131. POLONNARUWA

- BADULLA DISTRICT**
 132. MAHIYANGANA
 133. WIYALUWA
 134. PASSARA
 135. SADULLA
 136. HALI'ELA
 137. UVA-PARANAGAMA
 138. WELIMADA
 139. BANDARAWELA
 140. HAPUTALE

- MONERAGALA DISTRICT**
 141. BIBILE
 142. MONERAGALA
 143. WELLAWAYA

- KEGALLE DISTRICT**
 144. DEGIGAMA
 145. GALIGAMUWA
 146. KEGALLE
 147. RAMBUKKANA
 148. MAWANELLA
 149. ARANAYAKE
 150. YATIYAHOTTA
 151. RUWAWELLA
 152. DERANIYAGALA

- RATNAPURA DISTRICT**
 153. EHELIYAGODA
 154. RATNAPURA
 155. PELMADULLA
 156. BALANGODA
 157. RAKWANA
 158. HINTIGALA
 159. KALAWANA
 160. KOLONNA



110 TERRITORIAL CONSTITUENCIES FOR THE FIRST PAST THE POST – FPP**AND****110 DISTRICT PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION - DPR**

<u>Prov</u> <u>-ince</u>	<u>Area</u> <u>Sq.Mls</u>	<u>Electoral</u> <u>District</u>	<u>Regd</u> <u>Votes</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>FPP</u> <u>Seats</u>	<u>PR</u> <u>Sts</u>	<u>1</u> <u>Sts</u>	<u>2</u> <u>Sts</u>	<u>3</u> <u>Sts</u>	<u>Sinhala</u> <u>Sts</u>	<u>Tamil</u> <u>Sts</u>	<u>Muslim</u> <u>Sts</u>	<u>Up</u> <u>Tamil</u> <u>Sts</u>
WP	1,432	Colombo	1,586,598	23	12	9	-	1	9	1	1	1
		Gampaha	1,637,537		6	6	-	-	6	-	-	-
		Kalutara	897,349		5	2	-	1	4	-	1	-
CP	2,158	Kandy	1,049,160	16	8	5	-	1	6	-	1	1
		Matale	379,675		2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
		N' Eliya	534,150		6	-	-	2	3	-	-	3
SP	2,146	Galle	819,666	12	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	-
		Matara	623,818		4	2	1	-	4	-	-	-
		H' tota	462,911		3	1	1	-	3	-	-	-
NP	3,429	Jaffna	529,239	8	5	5	-	-	-	5	-	-
		Vanni	253,058		3	-	-	1	-	2	1	-
EP	2,984	Batticaloa	365,167	14	5	1	2	-	-	3	2	-
		Digamadulla	465,757		6	3	-	1	2	1	3	-
		Trinco	256,852		3	3	-	-	1	1	1	-
NWP	3,016	Kurunegala	1,266,443	11	7	7	-	-	7	-	-	-
		Puttalam	553,009		4	2	1	-	3	-	1	-
NCP	4,140	A.pura	636,733	7	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	-
		P' naruwa	307,125		2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
UVA	4,131	Badulla	620,486	9	7	3	2	-	5	-	-	2
		M' gala	339,797		2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
SAB	1,892	Ratnapura	810,082	10	4	4	-	-	4	-	-	-
		Kegalla	649,878		6	4	1	-	5	-	-	1
Total:	25,328		15,044,490	110	110	71	9	7	78	13	11	8

MINORITY CONSTITUENCIES - TAMILS 13

Province	District	Old Constituencies			New Constituencies	
		No.	Name	Seats	Name	Seats
WP	Colombo	1	Colombo C.		Colombo C.	1
NP	Jaffna	79	Kayts	1	Vattukottai	1
		80	Vattukottai	1		
		81	K.K'thurai	1	K.K'thurai	1
		82	Manipay	1		
		83	Kopai	1		
		84	Udupitty	1	C'Kachcheri	1
		86	C'Kachcheri	1		
		87	Nallur	1		
		88	Jaffna	1	Jaffna	1
		85	Poind Pedro	1	Point Pedro	1
		89	Kilinochi	1		
		EP	Mannar	90	Mannar	1
M'thievu	91		M'thievu	1		
Vavunia	92		Vavunia	1		
EP	Trinco	94	Trinco	1	Trinco	1
	Batticaloa	97	Batticaloa	2	Batticaloa	2
		98	Paddiruppu	1	Paddiruppu	1
	Ampara	102	Pottuvil	2	Akkaraipattu	1
			<u>Total:</u>	<u>20</u>		<u>13</u>

MINORITY CONSTITUENCIES - MUSLIMS 11

WP	Colombo	1	Colombo C.	3	Colombo C.	1
CP	Kandy	42	Harispattuwa		Kalutara	1
					Harispattuwa	1
NP					Wanni	1
EP	Trinco	95	Muthur	1	Muthur	1
			Batticaloa	96	Kalkuda	1
	Ampara	100	Batticaloa	2	Batticaloa	1
			Sammanthurai	1	Sammanthurai	1
			Kalmunai	1	Kalmunai	1
			Pottuvil	2	Akkaraipattu	1
NWP	Puttalam	103	Puttalam	1	Puttalam	1
			<u>Total:</u>	<u>12</u>		<u>11</u>

MINORITY CONSTITUENCIES - UPCOUNTRY TAMILS 8

WP	Colombo	1	Colombo C.		Colombo C.	1
CP	N'Eliya	49	Kandy		Kandy	1
			N'El.+Mas.	3	N'Eliya	2
			Kotmale	1		
			Hanguranketa	1	Hanguranketa	1
			Walapane	1		
UVA	Badulla	134	Passara	1	Badulla	1
			Badulla	1		
			Hali Ela	1		
			Bandarawela	1		
			Haputale	1		
SAB	Kegalla	150	Yattiyantota	1	Deraniyagala	1
			152	Deraniyagala		
			<u>Total:</u>	<u>13</u>		<u>8</u>

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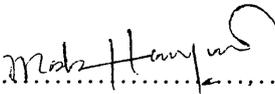
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