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Secretaries to Ministries

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Heads of State Corporations/ Statutory Boards

Using Standardized Geographical Names

Around 500,000 geographical names including names of places, natural geographical entities, roads and water bodies etc. have been included on the website www.geonames.gov.lk after standardization by the committee appointed for the standardization of geographical names of Sri Lanka as per the decision made at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on 17.12.2014.

02. Administrative and communication activities can be performed more effectively and efficiently by way of using standardized unique geographical names included on the website, by all the Public Institutions henceforth in performing their official duties. Further, action should be taken to obtain relevant names from the above website for using the geographical names when required since it provides the basis required for making the location based services efficient and promoting the same.

03. If an issue arises with regard to geographical names when using the data base of the standardized geographical names, such issues can be forwarded through the website www.geonames.gov.lk and further information can be obtained by calling the following telephone numbers.

Superintendent of Surveys (Geographical names) - 011-2368599

Senior Superintendent of Surveys (Mapping and Geographical names) - 011-2581960

Senior Deputy Surveyor General (Mapping and Geographical names) - 011-2369586

04. This circular is issued on the concurrence of the Ministry of Lands and Land Development as per the decision made at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on 04.09.2018.

Sgd/ S. Hettiarachchi

Secretary

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