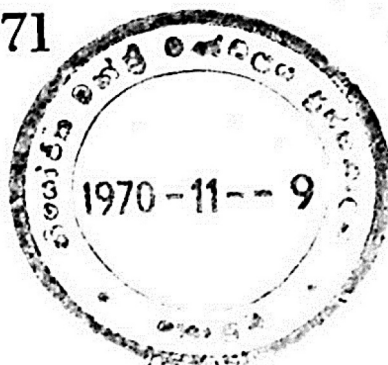


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AN ACT TO SECURE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF
TRADE UNIONS THE RIGHT TO ENTER ESTATES FOR THE
PURPOSE OF VISITING MEMBERS OF SUCH UNIONS OR
OF HOLDING OR ADDRESSING MEETINGS OF SUCH
MEMBERS.

[Date of Assent: October 20, 1970]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,
by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and
the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present
Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Trade Union
Representatives (Entry into Estates) Act, No. 25
of 1970.

Short title.

2. (1) An authorized representative of a trade
union shall, on producing a certificate of identity, if
so required, have the right to enter an estate at all
reasonable times—

Power of
authorized
represent-
atives of
trade unions
to enter
estates for
certain
purposes.

- (a) for the purpose of visiting members of such
union who are resident on such estate, and
- (b) for the purpose of holding or addressing
meetings of members of such union who are
employed on such estate:

Provided, however, that entry into an estate for
any purpose specified in paragraph (b) shall not be
demanded as of right by such authorized representa-
tive unless not less than one week's notice in writing
of the intended entry for such purpose has been given
to the person in charge of the estate.

(2) Any person who wilfully obstructs an authoriz-
ed representative of a trade union in the exercise of
any right under sub-section (1) shall be guilty of an
offence and shall on conviction after summary trial
before a Magistrate be liable to imprisonment of
either description for a term not exceeding three
months or to a fine not exceeding one thousand rupees
or to both such imprisonment and fine.

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Interpre-
tation.

3. In this Act—

“authorized representative”, when used with reference to a trade union, means any person who has been appointed by the President or the Secretary of that union to be a representative of that union for the purpose of this Act;

“certificate of identity”, when used with reference to any person who is an authorized representative of a trade union, means a document issued to such person by the President or the Secretary of that union and stating that for the purposes of this Act such person is a representative of that union;

“estate” means any land or group of lands—

(a) which forms a separate and distinct property;

(b) which belongs to or is held by one or several persons; and

(c) of which an extent of not less than fifty acres is under cultivation for any purpose other than the production of foodstuffs as defined in the Food Production (Estates) Act; and

“trade union” means any trade union registered under the Trade Unions Ordinance.

Cap. 443.

Cap. 133.