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Report of the
Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection
on
Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) bill
referred to Sectoral Oversight Committee on
Governance, Justice and Civil Protection

Presented to Parliament by

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika, M.P.

Chair of the Sectoral Oversight Committee on
Governance, Justice and Civil Protection

Thursday, 22 May 2025

Report of the Committee

The Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection, at its meeting held on 20 May 2025 in Parliament, considered the following Bill:

- **Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) bill**
(Presented to the Parliament on 8th April 2025 and referred to the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection)

Committee Members Participated

Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika, M.P.(Chair)
Hon. M.K.M. Aslam, M.P.
Hon. (Mrs.) Thushari Jayasinghe, Attorney-at-Law, M.P.
Hon. Darmapriya Wijesinghe, M.P.
Hon. Chandana Sooriyaarachchi, M.P.
Hon. Major General (Rtd) G.D.Sooriyabandara, M.P.

Non-Committee Members in attendance: (With the approval of the Hon. Chairman of the Committee)

Hon. Ajith P. Perera, M.P.
Hon. (Dr.) Ramanathan Archchuna, M.P.
Hon. (Mrs.) Anushka Thilakarathne, Attorney-at-Law, M.P.
Hon. (Dr.) Elayathamby Sirinath, M.P.

Secretary to the Committee

Mrs. Chula Herath, Assistant Director (Administration)

Officials Participated

Ministry of Justice and National Integration

Ms.Piyumanthi Peiris, Additional Secretary (Legal)
Ms. Jalashi Lokunarangoda, Assistant Secretary (Legal)
Mr. B.M.U.G.A.K. Basnayake, Commissioner of Prison (Administration)

Attorney General's Department

Mr. Sudarshana De Silva, Senior Deputy Solicitor General
Dr. (Ms.) Avanthi Perera, Deputy Solicitor General

Legal Draftsman's Department

Mrs. D.M.K.D.K. Dissanayake, Assistant Legal Draftsman

Introduction

The recommended amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure Act can be considered as a timely solution to the prevailing problems affecting the criminal justice adjudication system in Sri Lanka, and it has been proposed through these amendments to use the modern electronic technology for the benefit of all relevant parties, particularly in the transportation of prisoners to court, for the prevention of violent acts including unfortunate killings in court, and enhancement of the efficiency of the functions of criminal courts.

The proposed amendments include proposals to introduce to the law several progressive steps such as to make provisions to empower the Magistrate or the Judge of the High Court to dispense the personal attendance of a suspect or an accused, to empower the Magistrate or the Judge of the High Court to record remote testimony of a witness by contemporaneous audio-visual linkage during the inquiry or trial in court, empower the Magistrate or the Judge of the High Court in appropriate instances to direct the Registrar of the relevant Court to forward summons to the experts in the state sector, i.e. to the experts in the Department of Government Analyst and to Judicial Medical Officers, and if the parties to the case do not insist on the personal attendance of such expert witness and the

presiding judge deems it appropriate, to assume that the facts contained in a report submitted through electronic means shall be admissible in evidence of such facts without calling for evidence of such expert.

Observations of the Committee

1. That, only the witnesses are covered under the measures taken by the proposed amendments to verify that the summons are served through a contemporaneous audio-visual linkage.
2. Also, in terms of the existing provisions of this Act, in an e-mail message sent to an expert witnesses living abroad, a verification shall be made for the receipt of the summons, and that the judge will commence the examination of evidence only after verifying that all parties have received the summons.
3. That this will facilitate obtaining of evidence from witnesses living abroad and will enable the obtaining of evidence from parties willing to cooperate in the delivery of justice in a case.

In addition, the officials of the Ministry of Justice and National Integration who attended the meeting of the Committee submitted to the Committee the proposals compiled by them for consideration at the Committee stage, and the Committee also paid their attention to the said proposals and agreed that they were of positive nature.

Decision of the Committee

After deliberation, the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Governance, Justice and Civil Protection agreed to the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill and decided that the Report of the Committee thereon be presented to Parliament by the Hon. (Dr.) Najith Indika, Chair of the Committee, on Thursday, 22 May 2025.