

Elections in Sri Lanka

Department of Elections was established on the 1st October, 1955 amalgamating the Department of Parliamentary Elections and Department of Local Authorities Elections. It was headed by the Commissioner of Elections.

Officials who conducted the elections before the establishment of the Department of Elections

Edwin Ronald Sudbury
P. O. Fernando
G.G. Thambiah
Victor Lloyd Weerasinghe



Mr. A. Arulpragasam
1955.10.01 – 1957.03.06



Mr. E.F. Dias Abeyasinghe
1957.03.07 – 1978.03.15



Mr. M. A. Piyasekera
1978.03.16 – 1982.01.31



Mr. R.K. Chandrananda de Silva
1982.05.04 – 1995.02.18



Mr. Dayananda Dissanayake
1995.02.18 – 2011.03.26



Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya
2011.03.26- 2015.11.16

Acting Election Commissioners appointed time to time

L.A.G. Jayasekara	Election Commissioner (Acting) - 1982
S.L. Marikkar	Election Commissioner (Acting) - 1982
M.C. Arunthavachelvam	Election Commissioner (Acting) - 1999
D.M.C.B. Dassanayake	Election Commissioner (Acting) - 1999

The following officials directed the Department of Elections for a short period at times when the Commissioners of the Election Department were out of the country.

- Mr. Bandula Kulathunga
- Mr. A.D. De Silva
- Mr. P.M. Siriwardana

Election Commission of Sri Lanka



Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya
Chairman



Mr. N.J. Abeysekere (PC)
Member



Prof. S. Ratnajeewan H. Hoole
Member

The Election Commission of Sri Lanka (ECSL) was established on 13th November 2015 and Commissioners of ECSL commenced duties on 17th November 2015.

Director Generals - Election Commission of Sri Lanka



Mr. U. Amaradasa
2016.01.12 to 2017.02.08



Mr. R.M.A.L. Rathnayake
2017.02.08 to 2018.02.01

Commissioner Generals - Election Commission of Sri Lanka



Mr. R.M.A.L. Rathnayake
2018.02.03 to 2018.08.22



Mr. M.A.P.C. Perera
2018.08.23 to 2018.11.29



Mr. M.M. Mohamed
2018.11.29 to 2019.03.10



Mr. M.K.S.S. Rathnayake
2019.03.10 Up to Now

