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A LAW TO AMEND THE MAHAWELI DEVELOPMENT BOARD
ACT, NO. 14 OF 1970.

BE it enacted by the National State Assembly of the
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Mahaweli
Development Board (Amendment) Law, No. 3 of 1976.

Short title.

2. Section 3 of the Mahaweli Development Board
Act, No. 14 of 1970, (hereinafter referred to as the
“principal enactment”) is hereby amended as
follows:—

Amendment
of section 3
of Act
No. 14 of
1970.

(1) in subsection (1) of that section—

(a) by the substitution, for paragraphs (a)
and (b) of that subsection, of the
following new paragraphs:—

“ (a) three members appointed by the
Minister from persons who have
had experience and shown
capacity in engineering, agri-
culture, science, commerce,
administration or accountancy,
hereinafter referred to as
'appointed members'; and

(b) eight *ex officio* members being—

(i) one representative member
being an officer of the
Ministry of Planning
and Economic Affairs
appointed by the
Minister in charge of
that Ministry;

(ii) one representative member
being an officer of the
Ministry of Irrigation,
Power and Highways
appointed by the
Minister in charge of
that Ministry;

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- (iii) one representative member being an officer of the Ministry of Finance appointed by the Minister in charge of that Ministry;
 - (iv) one representative member being an officer of the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands appointed by the Minister in charge of that Ministry;
 - (v) one representative member being an officer of the Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs appointed by the Minister in charge of that Ministry;
 - (vi) the person for the time being holding the office of Director of Irrigation;
 - (vii) the person for the time being holding the office of Director of Agriculture;
 - (viii) the person for the time being holding the office of Land Commissioner,";
- and

(b) by the omission of paragraph (c) of that subsection; and

(2) by the omission of subsection (13) of that section.

Amendment of section 5 of the principal enactment.

3. Section 5 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (5) of that section, by the insertion, at the end of that subsection, of the following proviso:—

“ Provided, however, that his term of office may be extended thereafter by the Board with the prior approval of the Minister.”.

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4. Section 16 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following new section substituted therefor:—

Replacement of section 16 of the principal enactment.

“ Special powers in respect of special areas.

16. The written laws for the time being specified in the Schedule to this Act and the written laws for the time being specified by the Minister by Order published in the *Gazette* shall have effect in every special area subject to the modification that it shall be lawful for the Board to exercise and discharge in such area any of the powers or functions vested by any such written law in any officer or person in like manner as though the reference in any such written law to the authority, officer or person empowered to exercise or discharge such powers or functions included a reference to the Board:

Provided that no Order made under this section shall come into operation until such Order has been approved by the National State Assembly and such approval is published in the *Gazette*.”

5. The Schedule to the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following new Schedule substituted therefor:—

Replacement of the Schedule to the principal enactment.

“ SCHEDULE

Forest Ordinance.

Irrigation Ordinance.

Land Development Ordinance.

Agricultural Lands Law, No. 42 of 1973.

Agricultural Productivity Law, No. 2 of 1972.

Sale of State Lands (Special Provisions) Law, No. 43 of 1973.

Written Law enacted under any of the aforesaid enactments.”