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25th Nov 2020

Mr. Thushara Upuldeniya
Commissioner General of Prison
Prison Head Quarters
Colombo 10

Re: Remandee G. S Abeysekera

The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka is deeply concerned by complaints received on above Remandee, G.S. Abeysekera (aka Shani Abeysekera, former head of the Crime Investigation Division of the Police).

These Complaints follow news reports that Mr. Abeysekera, currently remanded at the Mahara Prison, has been infected with the Covid-19 virus. There is also a high degree of concern that this may pose a threat to Mr. Abeysekera's life. We write to draw your immediate attention to this complaint and urge that strong preventive measures be taken to protect his life, which is in your custody. If Mr. Abeysekera has contracted the virus, we recommend you ensure he receives treatment at the nearest hospital treating people infected by the virus immediately.

As you aware, the Commission is specially mandated to ensure the welfare of those deprived of liberty (vide SS. 10 (b), 11 (d), 28(2) of HRCSL Act, No21 of 1996.

Please send us your observations on this matter and details of action taken in response, including preventive measures adopted before 30th November 2020.

This letter is sent under power vested in the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No 21 of 1996.

Ramani Muttettuwegama
Commissioner in charge of Investigations and Inquiries
Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka