



PRESS RELEASE

Department of Labour

We wish to inform that although the Labour offices belong to the Department of Labour presently remain close to the public due to travel restrictions and health guidelines issued by the health authorities in order to control the spread of COVID-19 virus, the public has been facilitated with the remote communication mediums (e-mails/whatsapp/viber) indicated under “contact us” on the official web site of the Department of Labour (<http://www.labourdept.gov.lk>) to forward any written complaint or written inquiry related to Labour Laws, to the Labour Offices of the area where the workplace of respective employee is located.

In addition, office and mobile phone numbers of all the executive officers in the Head office and Divisional offices have been published under “Contact us” on the web site and the official Facebook account of the Department of Labour (<https://www.facebook.com/labourdepts/>) and the twitter account (<https://twitter.com/labourdepts>) as well. Accordingly, further inform that the public has been provided the opportunity to forward their issues pertaining to the Department of Labour over the telephone and that all the necessary measures will be taken to give prompt solutions on such issues.

The tripartite COVID-19 taskforce Committee meeting was held through the zoom technology under the chairmanship of the Hon. Minister of Labour on 02.06.2021, where the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka was informed to conduct a survey on the attendance of employees in the Free Trade zones.

Moreover, at this meeting it was discussed to extend the relief granted to the private sector regarding the payment of wages up to December 31,2021, depending on the future situation. Likewise, it was decided to grant that relief upon the request of each factory/institution with the sanction of the Commissioner General of Labour. Therefore, Heads of the factories/ Institutions are hereby informed to forward such requests to the Department of Labour.

Commissioner General of Labour

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