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CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

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No. 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka

RTI 04

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Decision to Provide Information

Registration Number of the Request: 0218/2025

Date Request Received: 24.12.2025

Name of the public authority: Central Bank of Sri Lanka

This is to inform you that in accordance with section 25 (1) of the Right to Information Act, No. 12 of 2016 (RTI Act), we have decided to provide you with the information for the request with the registration number of RTI 0218/2025 and such information is attached at 'Annex A' hereto.

Your request for information under Question 1 is rejected in terms of Section 5(1)(h) of the RTI Act, as the disclosure of such information would cause grave prejudice to the prevention or detection of any crime.

If you are not satisfied with the information provided above, you may prefer an Appeal to the Designated Officer within two weeks by RTI 10 form. The name and the address of the Designated Officer are given below.

Designated Officer: -

Name: Dr. P. Nandalal Weerasinghe

Designation: Governor

Address: Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01.

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Yours faithfully,

Information Officer

Name: K.M.A.N. Daulagala

Designation: Senior Deputy Governor

Date: 21.01.2026

Information requested under the RTI Application

- 1) I request a 200dpi or higher scanned image of both sides of the 1979-01-01 Rs2 note, which has not been properly documented in the Numismatic Literature.**

The reproduction and use of images of currency notes are subject to restrictions under Section 55 of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Act, No. 16 of 2023, and the Guidelines on the Reproduction of Sri Lanka Currency Notes approved by the Governing Board. Weblink: <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/notes-coins/damaged-notes-and-counterfeits/using-bank-notes-images>

Accordingly, the request for a high-resolution scanned image of the Rs. 2 note dated 1979.01.01 is rejected in terms of Section 5(1)(h) of the Right to Information Act, No. 12 of 2016, as the disclosure of such information would cause grave prejudice to the prevention or detection of any crime.

- 2) Were any of the Rs2 notes with date 1979-01-01 and signature of Governor Herbert Tennakoon ever issued to public circulation as stated in book?**

As per the records maintained in the Currency Department of CBSL, the Rs. 2 currency note issued under the theme i.e., the Fauna and Flora Series (1979) has been recorded as issued under the date 1979.03.26, bearing the signatures of Mr. Ronnie de Mel (Minister of Finance) and Mr. Warnasena Rasaputram (Governor of CBSL).

Accordingly, the said note dated 1979.01.01 bearing the signature of Governor Mr. H.E. Tennakoon is not recorded as an issued currency note.

- 3) Is an English version of this excellent book "නොසැලෙන පහන් වැඹ" going to be published in the near Future?**

The English Version of the book is not scheduled for publication in the near future.