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AN ACT TO AMEND THE CITIZENSHIP ACT

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, No. 43 of 1993. Short title.

2. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 13 of the Citizenship Act, (hereinafter referred to as "the principal enactment") and shall have effect as section 13A of that Act:— Insertion of new section 13A in Chapter 349.

"Registration as citizens of persons registered in a Resident Guest Scheme.

13A. (1) A person who has been granted a visa or endorsement under Part III of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act valid for a period of five years and has been registered in a Resident Guest Scheme approved by the Government for foreign investors and professionals may, on his making application in that behalf to the Minister, in the prescribed manner, be registered as a citizen of Sri Lanka if the Minister is satisfied—

(a) that—

(i) he has made a substantial contribution to the economic development of the country; or

(ii) he has made a significant contribution to the social and cultural life of the country in the fields of science, education, medicine, archaeology, music, literature, agriculture or entertainment; and

(b) that he has been resident in Sri Lanka for the prescribed period and is, or intends to continue to be, ordinarily resident in Sri Lanka.

(2) The number of persons registered as citizens of Sri Lanka under this section shall not exceed two hundred in any year and one thousand in the aggregate.

(3) The fact that a person is registered under a Resident Guest Scheme approved by the Government for foreign investors and professionals shall not be construed as conferring a right on such person to be registered as a citizen of Sri Lanka under this section.

(4) The Minister's refusal under this section to allow the application of any person for registration as a citizen of Sri Lanka shall be final and shall not be contested in any court."

**Amendment
of section
17 of the
principal
enactment.**

3. Section 17 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words and figures "section 13 and, where", of the words "and figures "section 13 or section 13A and, where".

**Sinhala
text to
prevail
in case of
incon-
sistency.**

4. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.