

1. **Detention**

There are persistent complaints pertaining to persons being held in detention for long periods without charges.

In this regard the Commission recommends that -

- a) A special mechanism be created to examine such cases on a case by case basis and recommend a course of action in regard to disposal of each case, as appropriate. Further, to support this process the establishment of a focal point in the Attorney General's Department is also recommended.
- b) A major concern raised before the Commission was the fact that many people did not know the whereabouts of family members in detention as they were constantly being shifted from camp to camp.

Accordingly, the Commission recommends an independent unit being established e.g. in the Ministry of Justice, to address the following issues –

- 1. Publishing a list of names of those in detention.
- 2. When a person is discharged a certificate be issued so that the same person is not taken into custody again, unless new evidence is discovered against him for being linked with the LTTE.
- 3. To look into the general issue of laws delays (to expedite prosecution or discharge detainees).

2. **Land Issues**

In order to address certain apprehensions among the people in the affected districts on land issues, the Commission recommends that a clear statement of policy be issued by the government that private lands would not be utilized for settlements by any Government agency.

3. **Law and Order**

It was brought to the attention of the Commission that despite the end of the conflict significant issues of law and order still remain. There is apprehension in the minds of people due to continuing acts of extortion, abduction and other criminal acts by armed groups.

The Commission recommends that specific measures be introduced to ensure the maintenance of law and order in these areas, particularly the

disarming of any illegal armed groups. The Commission regards this as a matter of the highest priority.

4. **Administration and Language Issues**

Many of the people who gave evidence before the Commission expressed grave concern that they were expected to communicate with public officials or perfect documents in a language which they did not understand. In the light of the concerns expressed by members of the public, the Commission is of the view that immediate steps be taken administratively to rectify this problem. To achieve this objective, the Commission is of the view that interpreters could be used in public offices as appropriate to facilitate communication until long term programmes are put in place.

5. **Socio Economic/Livelihood Issues**

- a) Encourage free movement of persons on A9 to ensure greater participation in the economic, social and cultural activities.
- b) Greater coordination and communication should be maintained between the GAs and security authorities in normalizing civilian administration.

Assuring your Excellency of our highest consideration,

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