

**IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE**  
**DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**

In the matter of an application for Mandate in the nature of Writs of Certiorari, Prohibition and Mandamus under Article 140 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

1. Ranepurage Ravindra Jayaratne  
101/9A, Bandarawattha,  
Gampaha.

**Petitioner**

**C.A. Writ No.0213/2023**

**Vs**

1. Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka  
No. 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha,  
Colombo 1.
2. P. Nandalal Weerasinghe  
Governor,  
Central Bank of Sri Lanka  
Chairman, Monetary Board  
No. 30, Janadhipath Mawatha,  
Colombo 1.
3. K.M.M Siriwardena  
Secretary, Ministry of Finance  
and Ex-Officio Member,  
Monetary Board,  
Ministry of Finance,  
Secretariate Building,  
Colombo 1.
4. Ranee Jayamaha  
Appointed Member,  
Monetary Board  
Central Bank of Sri Lanka,  
No. 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha,  
Colombo 1.
5. Sanjeeva Jayawardena, PC  
Appointed Member,

Monetary Board,  
Central Bank of Sri Lanka,  
No. 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha,  
Colombo 1.

6. Nihal Fonseka  
Appointed Member,  
Monetary Board,  
Central Bank of Sri Lanka,  
No. 30, Janadhipathi Mawatha,  
Colombo 1.
7. K.N.N.M Bandara  
Secretary,  
Central Bank of Sri Lanka,  
No. 30, Janadhipath Mawatha,  
Colombo 1.
8. D.R.S Hapuarachchi  
Commisioner General  
Department of Inland Revenue,  
Sir Chitthampalam A. Gardinar  
Mawatha,  
Colombo 2.
9. Hon. Attorney General  
Attorney General's Department,  
Hulftsdorp,  
Colombo 12.

### **Respondents**

Before : **Hon. N. Bandula Karunarathna J.(P/CA)**

**Hon. M. Ashan R. Marikar, J,**

Counsel : J. de Silva for the Petitioner.

A. Gajadeera, SC for the State.

Both parties are represented by learned Counsel.

Written Submission: By Petitioner Filed on 16.06.2023

Argued on : 17.05.2023

Decided on : 05.07.2023

**M. Ahsan R. Marikar, J.**

J. de Silva AAL, heard in support of the application for notice and interim relief. State Counsel A Gajadeera objected for this application for any interim relief being granted and issuing of notice.

Considering the submissions and documents marked and produced by the Petitioners, we are of the view that there is an important matter to be decided in this case. In the circumstances the court is satisfied that there is a *prima facie* case to be looked into, by this court.

Accordingly, we direct the registrar of this court to issue notices on all the Respondents. The application for an interim relief is refused due to the fact that it is the final relief sort by the Petitioners which should be considered in the main argument.

Notice Returnable on the next date.

**Judge of the Court of Appeal**

**Bandula Karunarathna J. (P/CA)**

I agree

**President of the Court of Appeal**