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## Press Release

In accordance with the authority vested in me as the Commissioner-General of Essential Services, appointed under the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2464/31 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, dated 28.11.2025, urgent steps have been initiated to restore public utility services.

Under this directive, all Provincial Chief Secretaries were instructed to estimate the damages caused to the infrastructure in their respective provinces and inform me immediately. They were also instructed to identify issues related to food and other essential services and to take remedial action to address them.

Specifically, I have delegated the necessary authority to the Provincial Chief Secretaries to allow the equipment and human resources of a Local Government Institution (LGI) under one Provincial Council to be provided to LGIs under another Provincial Council that have been affected by the disaster.

In addition, issues regarding the expeditious provision of disaster relief services to the relevant affected communities have been discussed with the District Secretaries, and instructions have been given to prepare plans for immediate remedial action.

Furthermore, today, an LP Gas vessel carrying 3955 metric tons, which could not be unloaded at the Port of Colombo, was approved for unloading at the Port of Hambantota.

Authority was also granted to the District Secretary of Puttalam to open the Lanka Sathosa warehouse in Chilaw and provide the food items stored there to the affected population.

I also wish to inform you that state officials are working with maximum dedication to provide food, beverages, and all other essential services to the affected population during this grave disaster, and all necessary arrangements have been made to provide them with the required support to restore public life.

I extend my respectful gratitude to the entire Sri Lankan population for their understanding and cooperation during this difficult time.

**B.K. Prabath Chandrakeerthi**  
**Commissioner-General of Essential Services**