

Complaints received from January to December 2009

Complaints Summary List (CSL) for January 2009

PCCSL/01/01/2008: Mr. Sunanda Deshapriya vs Dinamina: He called and complained against an article published. Complainant withdrew complaint. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/02/01/2008: Mr. Shane Fernando vs Sunday Leader: “Shane refuses to budge.” Called and delivered Complaint Form to him. He has been removed from the job and requested that the complaint be withdrawn. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/03/01/2008: Mr. Shane Fernando vs Sunday Times: “SLC Media Manager asked to pull his socks up.” “Shane refuses to budge.” Called and delivered Complaint Form. He has been removed from the job and requested that the complaint be withdrawn. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/04/01/2008: Mr. Vasantha Fernando vs Divaina: “vishramagath police sarayan masa 10 kata pasu yalith policiyata ringala.” A court ruling was given seven years after he filed the original case clearing him. The complainant wants the earlier newspaper report carried seven years ago corrected. The PCCSL Secretariat explained that complaints against published articles within a period of two-years can be considered according to the Rule and Procedures of the Dispute Resolution Council of the Press Complaints Commission of Sri Lanka. The complaint was taken up before the DRC meeting in January. The DRC ruled that the PCCSL Secretariat should follow the rules and procedures when resolving complaints and therefore dismissed it. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/05/01/2008: SSP Ranjith Gunasekera, Media Spokesman vs Lakhbima: “okkampitiye nava deneku kappa kota nara damathi.” Copy of “Right of reply” sent to PCCSL Secretariat. PCCSL Secretariat called editor. Newspaper published clarification. **RESOLVED**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 05

RESOLVED: 01

COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 03

OUT OF MANDATE: 01

NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 00

SUB-JUDICE: 00

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 03

Tamil: 00

English: 02

Complaints Summary List (CSL) for February 2009

PCCSL/01/02/2008: Mr. Krishan Jeewaka Jayaruk vs Dinamina: “thihagoda tharuniyak dushyakirima: naduva labana 3 data kalyayi.” The complainant informed the PCCSL Secretariat that the complaint is before Courts. The complainant was informed over the telephone that since the complaint is before courts the PCCSL Secretariat is unable to proceed with his complaint. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/02/02/2008: Ms. U. R. T. R. Abeyawardene vs Irida Lankadeepa: “pradeshhiya lekam karyalaya jevathva sitina vishramekayek marala.” Complaints forwarded to editor and the “Right of reply” was published. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/03/02/2008: DIG Nimal Lewke vs Daily Mirror: “No obstacle for Kandy ruggerites” and “Pros and cons of the untimely resignation of Lewke.” Complaint forwarded to editor and followed up with an e-mail. Await editor’s response to complaint. DIG Lewke writes to PCCSL satisfied with the action taken. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/04/02/2008: Equal Ground Organisation vs Engal Thesam: “Alluring sexual joviality by the agents of Judas.” Complaint forwarded to editor. Await editor’s response. Newspaper sent reply which was forwarded to complainant. Await response from complainant to continue. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/05/02/2008: Mr. A. Illanko vs Uthayan (Jaffna): *"Pallali Teacher Training College: Request to hand over responsibilities of principal to deputy principal, Ministry of Education informed."* Complainant sends letter of demand to editor. Explained process to complainant. He withdraws letter of demand and decides to seek redress through the PCCSL process. Contacted editor April 02 who said that he will look into the matter. Editor writes to PCCSL Secretariat on May 12 explaining their position. Letter forwarded to complainant May 13. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/06/02/2008: Mr. Peter Arendtsz vs The Sunday Times: *"Another fraud by small master."* Complaint Form sent to complainant on February 20. "Right of reply" carried on page17 (Sports Page) of February 22 issue. Complainant calls and informs PCCSL Secretariat that he is satisfied. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/07/02/2008: Mr. Thaha M. Muzammil vs Dinamina: *"meheyum gena boru kiyanna maadhyavedeen etherata."* Sent Complaint Form and request "Right of Reply" in Sinhala on February 26. Received documents on March 23. "Right of Reply" sent to editor March 26. "Right of Reply" published on April 03, 2009. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/08/02/2008: DIG Nimal Lewke vs Sunday Leader: *"APC purchase under bribery probe."* Complaint forwarded to editor on March 11. "Right of Reply" published March 08, 2009. **RESOLVED**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 08
RESOLVED: 05
COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 02
OUT OF MANDATE: 01
NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 00
SUB-JUDICE: 00

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 03
Tamil: 02
English: 03

Complaints Summary List (CSL) for March 2009

PCCSL/01/03/2008: Ms. Gothamie Weerakoon vs Sunday Observer: Publication of a photograph taken by her for a Master's thesis in an article titled *'Wathurana Fresh Water Wetland.'* Complaint forwarded to editor March 03. Correction carried on March 08, 2009 but with no reference to the PCCSL. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/02/03/2008: DIG Nimal Lewke vs Daily Mirror: *"Ex-rugby administration comes under bribery probe."* Sent observations to complainant, the article quotes Sports Minister Gamini Lokuge and includes a comment made by the complainant. Called for complainant's observations. Not a valid complaint. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/03/03/2008: Mr. T. M. N. Hameed vs Daily Mirror: *"Sri Lanka comes under international probe."* Partially filled Complaint Form sent to complainant to complete and return. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 03
RESOLVED: 02
COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 01
OUT OF MANDATE: 00
NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 00
SUB-JUDICE: 00
RECEIVED: 00

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 00
Tamil: 00
English: 03

Complaints Summary List (CSL) for April 2009

PCCSL/01/04/2008: Ms. Chulie de Silva vs *Sunday Times*: Use of photograph without by-line. Complained against the use of a photograph of "Sri Lanka's Tara Devi statue at the British Museum" taken by her and reproduced in an article titled "Lost treasures to be brought home" omitting her by-line for the photograph. Complaint was entertained on the grounds that a similar complaint against a photograph taken by a research student appeared in an article without her by-line in the *Sunday Observer*. In that instance the newspaper obliged by carrying the photograph and the complainant's by-line (PCCSL/01/03/2009). In this complaint, await Complaint Form to proceed. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/02/004/2008: Mr. A. E. Goonasintha vs *Sunday Leader*. An article written by Mr. Gamini Weerakoon in his column called Serendipity appearing in the *Sunday Leader* being defamatory of the complainant's father. Complaint forwarded to Mr. Gamini Weerakoon in the absence of Mr. Lasantha Wickramatunga. No progress made. Complainant re-complained in April. Complaint forwarded to new Editor Ms. Fredrica Jansz April 23. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/03/04/2008: SSP Ranjith Gunasekera, Police spokesman vs Divaina: Complaint forwarded direct to newspaper with copy to PCCSL Secretariat. Spoke to editor and he said that he will look into the matter. "Right of Reply" published April 29. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/04/04/2008: Internews vs *Divaina*: "internews sanvidanaya lova pura boru vapuriy." Await receipt of formal complaint since complaint was made over telephone. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 04
RESOLVED: 01
COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 02
OUT OF MANDATE: 00
NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 01
SUB-JUDICE: 00

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 02
Tamil: 00
English: 02

Complaints Summary List (CSL) for May 2009

PCCSL/01/05/2008: Mr. P. A. R. Wasantha Perera vs Dinamina: "parisaraya adhikariye avadanayata R. I. eken ena import dum." Received Complaint Form on May 14 and forwarded to editor the same day. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/02/05/2008: Mr. B. V. Liyanage vs Silumina: Incorrect information given in advertisement. The complaint concerns wrong information given in an advertisement. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/03/05/2008: Mr. G. Samarasinghe vs Divaina weekly: "leasing nogevana vahana ussana car ceaserla." Written to complainant to get more information. Await receipt of completed Complaint Form. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 03
RESOLVED: 00
COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 01
OUT OF MANDATE: 01
NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 01
SUB-JUDICE: 00

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 03
Tamil: 00
English: 00

Complaints Summary List (CSL) for June 2009

PCCSL/01/06/2009: Mr. Sunanda Deshapriya vs Rivira: Complainant's facts misquoted in article. After following PCCSL process, complainant decides to withdraw complaint. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/02/06/2009: Mr. R. Anura Piyatissa vs Budusarana: Require completed Complaint Form and more details of complaint. Complaint does not fall within PCCSL process. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/03/06/2009: Mr. Ananda Senarathne Liyanage vs Heladiva: "*sahakara police adhikariwaraya koti pahananin eliya balai.*" Complaint Form received June 09. Complaint wants monetary compensation. Explained PCCSL complaint-resolving process to complainant, complainant informed that he will not proceed. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/04/06/2009: Mr. Uvindu Kurukulasuriya vs The Nation: "*Poddala attack, scribes woes and TNA's change of stance.*" Complaint forwarded direct to editor with copy to PCCSL Secretariat. Called editor who said he could not recall receiving the e-mail. Complaint re-forwarded. Clarification carried on August 16, 2009. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/05/06/2009: Mr. Poddala Gamage Jayalath vs Divaina weekly: "*paudgalika vaidiya vidyalaya epa.*" Complained that article sent to media was published only by the Divaina weekly newspaper and requested PCCSL Secretariat to intervene and get his article published in the other newspapers. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/06/06/2009: Mr. Mohamed Faizal Hassim vs The Sunday Times: "*Kurunegala resident claims his land taken fraudulently.*" Complaint Form together with letter calling for more details sent to complainant on June 15. Editor calls for clarification whether conciliation or arbitration. Written to complainant to seek clarification, await reply. Complainant not satisfied with "Right of Reply" wants to go for arbitration. Wrote to complainant requesting his "Right of Reply" before going for arbitration await reply. Arbitration held on September 29, 2009. Statement of three DRC members (Dr. Devanesan Nesiah, Mr. Lucille Wijewardene and Mr. Daya Lankapura) published on October 04, 2009. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/07/06/2009: Dr. L. T. Gamlath vs Daily Mirror: "*No OT payments: Staff walkout.*" Completed Complaint Form received June 19. Requested "Right of Reply" from complainant, sent June 22 and forwarded to editor June 22. Clarification published on June 27, 2009, Page 12. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/08/06/2009: SSP Ranjith Gunasekera vs Divaina: "*kotti rahas rasak heli karana prabhage dina pothak gaman mallakin soya gane.*" Complaint forwarded direct to editor with copy to PCCSL Secretariat. Complainant completes Complaint Form and forwards to PCCSL Secretariat with request to pursue complaint. Complaint forwarded to editor June 30. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/09/06/2009: Ms. Hafza Kansul vs Navamani: Complainant is a prize winner in a quiz competition conducted by the newspaper. She complained that she has still not received the prize. Complaint is outside of PCCSL mandate nevertheless PCCSL Secretariat spoke to editor who said that he will make arrangements to give the prize. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/10/06/2009: Mr. M. Hussaion Mubarak vs Thinakkural: "*HNDA pattadarikalukku arasa tholil niyamanam peradi niri amacharudan pechu nadaththa eeiipadu. (Government appointment for HNDA Graduates negotiation with Deputy Finance Minister)*" Complained received over the telephone from Sainthamaruthu against inaccurate article published about Trade Union of Higher National Diploma in Accountancy in Sri Lanka. Complaint process explained and dispatched a letter with Complaint Form. Received on July 07. There is no violation of the Code. Complainant accepts position. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/11/06/2009: Mr. S. Punchinilame vs Lanka: "*Jathika godanagili nidhan kollakai.*" Complaint forwarded to editor on July 01. Newspaper carries "Right of Reply." **RESOLVED**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 11

RESOLVED: 06

COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 01

OUT OF MANDATE: 04

NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 00

SUB-JUDICE: 00

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 06

Tamil: 02

English: 03

Complaints Summary List (CSL) for July 2009

PCCSL/01/07/2009: Mr. Ranjith D. A. Gunasekera vs Sirasa TV: Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL since it deals with a TV Station. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/02/07/2009: Mr. M. Hussaion Mubarak vs Virakesari: "*veleyatra pattharikal arasa tholilkalei matume nampyrakkak kudathu*" (*Unemployed Graduates should not trust only government employment*). Complaint received July 07 and explained to the complainant that there is no violation of the Code. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/03/07/2009: Mr. Ranjith D. A. Gunasekera vs Divaina: "*Paliyagoda OIC Vavuniyawata*." Complaint Form forwarded to complainant await receipt of documents. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/04/07/2009: Mr. Harendra Jayalal vs Swarnavahini TV: Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL since it deals with a complaint against a TV Station. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/05/07/2009: Mr. Jayasinghe A. Dharmadasa vs Divaina: "*asuvi mishra ahara alavekota dhada kathi*." And Mr. Ranatunga A. Somasiri vs Divaina: "*asuvi mishra ahara alavekota dhada kathi*." Complainant informed that there is no ground for a "Right of Reply" since the Court has found the complainant guilty. **SUB-JUDICE**

PCCSL/06/07/2009: Mr. Ranatunga A. Somasiri vs Divaina: "*asuvi mishra ahara alavekota dhada kathi*." Complainant informed that there is no ground for a "Right of Reply" since the Court has found the complainant guilty. **SUB-JUDICE**

PCCSL/07/07/2009: Mr. Hirantha Jayawickrema vs Daily Mirror: "*Black mark for Jithmie*." Wrote to complainant to send complaint in English since it concerns an English newspaper and to fill the Complaint Form as well. Complaint forwarded to editor July 29. "Right of Reply" published on August 07, 2009. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/08/07/2009: Mr. Ranjith D. A. Gunasekera vs Divaina: "*Pathale kalliya soya giya Jeep riyata Paliyagoda nelligahawattedi praharanyak*." Complaint Form forwarded to complainant await receipt of documents. Complaint forwarded to editor July 23. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/09/07/2009: Mr. M. Ramasamy vs Thinakkural: "*aruvadu varudakalamaha malaiyaha samuhaththai adimeykalaka veythiruntha tholitchangankali oramkatta vendum - Neglect trade unions that keep people as slaves for the last 60-years*." The story is accurate and there is no violations, informed complainant. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/10/07/2009: Mr. K. Sikkander vs The Sunday Times: "*Crisis at Muslim Peace Secretariat*." Complaint filled Complaint Form and sent to editor July 24. Editor responds October 09 with edited version of complainant's "Right of Reply." Registered post to complainant "Right of Reply" on October 13, await response from complainant to publish. Complainant replied November 09 that "Right of Reply" is accepted by Board of Directors of the Muslim Peace Secretariat. Sent approved "Right of Reply" to editor November 10 and published in newspaper November 15. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/11/07/2009: Ms. Nitha Perera vs Lankadeepa: Complaint is against an advertisement appearing in the newspaper. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL since it deals with a TV Station. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/12/07/2009: Ms. Niluka Priyadarshani vs Lankadeepa: "*Piliyandala pathala nayake hanuma mathkudu samaga athadanguwata*." The complaint is being heard before Courts and complainant informed that the PCCSL Secretariat is unable to proceed. **SUB-JUDICE**

PCCSL/13/07/2009: Mr. Somarathna Godakumbura vs un-named newspaper: Complainant wants a job as a journalist in a newspaper. Complainant informed that complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL process. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/14/07/2009: Ven. Sivasri Bala Ravisankara Sivachariyar vs Virakesari weekly: *"pamara makkal munsendru vatha vivatham seiyvadu veen kulapaththei ethpaduthum."* Complaint Form forwarded to complainant await reply. Clarification published on August 02. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/15/07/2009: Mr. T. A. N. Sally vs Daily Mirror: Complained against articles sent by him are not published in newspaper. Complained against unpublished article wrote to him stating that the editors' discretion is final in respect of articles forwarded to newspapers. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL process. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/16/07/2009: Mr. Ranjith Dissanayake vs Lankadeepa: *"Lakgala Idigolla desheya boga govipalak."* Spoke to complainant and called for further details. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/17/07/2009: Mr. S. K. Sujith Ranjan Fernando vs Irida Lankadeepa: Complaint complained that he has written articles for the newspaper and those have been published and payment not made to him. Complaint forwarded to editor for necessary action. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/18/07/2009: Ms. G. C. Pullsarani vs Irida Lankadeepa: Complainant complained on behalf of her child who had entered a quiz competition and had won and was placed second. She is still to receive the prize. Complaint forwarded to editor for necessary action. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/19/07/2009: Mr. Rohana Deera, Land Reform Commission vs Swarnavahini Live at 8: Complained against inaccurate reporting. Complaint forwarded to Swarnavahini Live at 8 Producer. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/20/07/2009: Mrs. S. de Silva vs Daily Mirror: Complained against stopping of publishing "The Word Game" in the Life Section of the newspaper. Request to re-commence publication, forwarded to editor for necessary action. **OUT OF MANDATE**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 20

RESOLVED: 05

COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 02

OUT OF MANDATE: 09

NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 01

SUB-JUDICE: 03

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 13

Tamil: 03

English: 04

Complaints Summary List (CSL) for August 2009

PCCSL/01/08/2009: Mr. H. M. Gunaratne vs Lakkima: *"guru nivasayata horen jalaya ganimen darudarian 800yak jala hingakayeka."* Complaint along with clarification forwarded to editor August 20. Editor and Complainant exchanged correspondents. The newspaper stands by the story. Complainant satisfied with explanation of Editor. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/02/08/2009: Mr. H. M. Guneratne vs Divaina: *"Bentota Kumara viduhale guruvariyaage ayatha jala paribojanayata virodaya."* Complaint with clarification forwarded to Editor August 20, published August 25. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/03/08/2009: Mr. T. Bandara vs Ravaya: Some stories were published against Central Transport Board. Complaint form handed over August 10. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/04/08/2009: Ms. Gayani Lakmali. Complained about arrest of father under false charges, asks for advice. Complainant does not concern any newspaper. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/05/08/2009: Mr. S. Amirthalingam, Secretary to the Governor Eastern Province vs Virakesari: *"adhikarapottinal pathippukalai sandikkum kilakku mahanasabai."* Complaint and "Right of Reply" forwarded to Editor by complainant with copy to PCCSL. "Right of Reply" published August 18. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/06/08/2009: Mr. D. Tilan Jeyaruwan vs Divamina: *"prajapallice kamitu sabapathita paharadun sakakaru June 04tek remand."* The story is before Courts. **SUB-JUDICE**

PCCSL/07/08/2009: Ms. G. Charithri Pulsarani vs Lankadeepa: Won a prize for a quiz carried in the newspaper and still not received prize. Complaint forwarded to editor for necessary action. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/08/08/2009: Mr. Cyril K. Rambanda vs Lankadeepa. He wants to write stories for the newspaper and has written to them and has still not heard from them. Forwarded to editor for necessary action. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/09/08/2009: Mr. H. M. Seneviratne vs Sinhala print media. Commented on misleading and irregular advertisements in newspapers. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/10/08/2009: Mr. S. PUNCHILAME vs The Sunday Times: Complaint received in Sinhala. Requested complainant to forward it in English since it is against an English newspaper. Complaint received and forwarded to editor October 22. Editor did not respond. Reminder sent November 10. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/11/08/2009: Teachers' Group Gampaha. Complained about irregularities concerning salaries, increments and promotions. Complainant does not concern any newspaper. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/12/08/2009: Mr. Sunil Wijeratne vs Lankadeepa: *"viyadama laksha 300yak basnahira sabhawe manthrinta China savari."* Complaint forwarded to Editor August 24. "Right of Reply" published September 01. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/13/08/2009: Mr. Sunil Wijeratne vs The Sunday Times: 101 WPC members on joy ride to China. Complaint received in Sinhala. Requested complainant to forward it in English since it is against an English newspaper. Complainant responds September 10, wrote to editor who replied on September 16 stating that they cannot carry special announcement but can carry a statement connected with the news item. Complainant informed September 17 requests time after October 10 to send "Right of Reply." Statement has not been received, sent reminder to complainant on November 13. Complainant did not proceed reminder sent on November 13. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/14/08/2009: Mr. Shantha Ranaweera vs Sinhala print media: Complaint against misleading advertisements. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/15/08/2009: Mr. P. D. C. Nirosh vs Divaina: *"Dharganagaraya ledakarana mihiripanne kasalagoda."* Complaint Form forwarded to complainant. Complaint received October 01 and forwarded to editor October 02. No response from Editor. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/16/08/2009: Ms. Chandrika Priyanthi vs Lankadeepa: Advertisement concerning change of name inaccurately published. Complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/17/08/2009: Mr. G. M. Flavin Croos vs Tamil newspapers in general. Request that newspapers should give more publicity about news from Mannar. **OUT OF MANDATE**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 17

RESOLVED: 04

COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 02

OUT OF MANDATE: 08 (Not concerning media-03)

NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 02

SUB-JUDICE: 01

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 11

Tamil: 01

English: 02
Not concerning media-03

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PCCSL/01/09/2009: Mr. Damith Suraweera vs Lankadeepa weekly: Complained against advertisement appearing in newspaper. Complaint does not fall within purview of the PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/02/09/2009: Dr. N. W. Abeysiriwardene vs Divaina: "*senasudara dinawala thangalle rohale vaidiya parikshana katauthu adalaya.*" Complaint with all relevant documents received September 22. Complaint forwarded to editor September 22. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/03/09/2009: Mr. C. U. Ranaweera vs Lankadeepa, Divaina and Lake House newspapers: A number of newspapers are publishing stories that could affect the Water's Edge Case that is before the Supreme Court. Informed complainant that since the story refers to a case pending in court, the Secretariat cannot proceed with the complaint. **SUB-JUDICE**

PCCSL/04/09/2009: Mr. J. I. A. Wijayakulasuriya vs Daily Mirror: "*Open warrant on Yasmin Mohamed.*" The case refers to two foreign accounts maintained by Chairman of Seylan Bank. The case is also before courts, wrote to complainant explaining position. **SUB-JUDICE**

PCCSL/05/09/2009: Ven Akuretiye Nanda thera vs Sinhala Bauddiya. "*Mahabodhi aramudalata vide kawarek da?*" Complaint is pending in courts. **SUB-JUDICE**

PCCSL/06/09/2009: Mr. D. Wijayananda Soysa vs Irudina: Says he has information pertaining to a Southern Provincial Councillor that could be published. Informed editor, complaint does not fall within purview of the PCCSL process. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/07/09/2009: Mr. M. I. M. Haniffa vs Daily Mirror: "*Religion: Sheikh Nazim to conduct prayers.*" Complaint made against religious leader. Request more information, Complaint Form sent to complainant on September 17 await return of documents. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/08/09/2009: Mr. R. D. Sunil vs Sinhala language newspapers. Complained about misguiding advertisements appearing in the Sinhala newspapers, complaint does not fall within purview of the PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/09/09/2009: Mr. V. S. Abeywickreme vs Lake House (Sinhala) newspapers. He was retained by Lake House as a correspondent but since of late his stories are not been published nor is he getting paid. Complainant informed that complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/10/09/2009: Mr. Piyal Perera vs not against any particular newspaper: Complaint was against bribing of officials of ECO Vehicle Emission. Informed complainant that complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/11/09/2009: Mrs. Vasanth Suppaiah vs Virakesari daily: The complaint is about articles sent be her regarding her position as a Trustee of a Kovil not been published in the newspaper. Informed complainant that complaint does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/12/09/2009: Mr. M. U. S. Silva vs The Island: Lankan woman sold to brothel. Consulate-General in Cyprus H. E. Doros Jeropoulos sends signed statement forwarded to Editor October 05. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/13/09/2009: Mr. D. L. Liyanasuriya vs The Sunday Leader: The Complaint deals with not replying to his letter requesting transfer of subscription for "Morning Leader" to "The Sunday Leader." Informed editor of lapse and wrote to complainant that complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/14/09/2009: Mr. G. D. Siriman vs The Nation: The Complaint deals with delays in payment of prize money for puzzles conducted by *The Nation*. Informed editor of lapse and wrote to complainant that complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/15/09/2009: Mr. G. D. Siriman vs The Sunday Times: The Complaint deals with delays in payment of prize money for puzzles conducted by *The Sunday Times*. Informed editor of lapse and wrote to complainant that complaint does not fall within purview of PCCSL. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/16/09/2009: Mr. H. M. Gunerathna vs Divaina: "*kumara viduhale guruvariya kage ayatha jala palibojanaya gana thavama appa parikchanakare na.*" Sent Complaint Form to complainant September 30. Complaint Form and related documents received October 16. On investigation found that there is no room for a complaint. Informed complainant accordingly. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/17/09/2009: Mr. T. Warapitiya vs Irida lankadeepa: "*muruthalawa gamata butha karadarayak.*" Complaint received September 30. Since the complaint is a criticism of a news story, it was forwarded to the Editor. **OUT OF MANDATE**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 17

RESOLVED: 01

COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 01

OUT OF MANDATE: 10 (Not concerning media-01)

NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 02

SUB-JUDICE: 03

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 09

Tamil: 01

English: 06

Not concerning media: 01

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PCCSL/01/10/2009: Mr. W.M.Gunaratne Bandara vs Irida Lankadeepa: "*vanniye sarasaviya alokayen andurata.*" Received Complaint Form October 07. Forwarded to editor October 08. Spoke to editor November 11. Editor replied November 20. Reply forwarded to complainant 23. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/02/10/2009: Mr. Dulan Abeyratne vs Daily Mirror: Online Complaint (October 03, 2009). Publication of photograph without permission, Called for more details about photograph from complainant, await receipt of documents. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/03/10/2009: Mr. Upali S. Jayasekera vs Lakkima: "*thapale thissa laksha panas dahasak vancha kala niladarin dedenek nedale.*" Complainant's observations on published article on August 24 have not been published. Correction forwarded by complainant to editor on August 31 also not published. Editor informed Oct 15. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/04/10/2009: Mr. Premalal Abeysekera vs Lankadeepa: "*cadjugaswatta para concrete karaddi pradeshiya sabha manthri avith amudravaya gene gihin.*" Complaint Form sent to complainant on October 09. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/05/10/2009: Ms. Mahika Chandrasena vs Daily Mirror: "*Hotel accountant arrested.*" Complaint forwarded to editor. Correction published on October 17. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/06/10/2009: Mr. N. Abeygunasekera vs Lankadeepa: "*loka guru deniyedi balika viduhalaka guru wara guru wariyo jodu damma yasata natala.*" Right of Reply published Oct 10. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/07/10/2009: Mr. Sarath Fernando vs Irida Divaina: "*madayi oingiya evunath cinemawa.*" Complaint forwarded to editor Oct 21. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/08/10/2009: Mr. Prasad Ratnayake vs Lankadeepa: "*puttalama – halawatta viduliya bindu wattum kiyannakenek na.*" Complaint Form faxed to complainant Oct 21, spoke to him, await receipt of Complaint Form. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/09/10/2009: Mr. A. Thangathurai vs Tamil newspapers. Complained about the use of far too many advertisements in the newspaper. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/10/10/2009: Mr. G. A. Asoka Siripala vs Lankadeepa: Complaint is pending in Courts. Complaint does not fall within purview of the PCCSL. ***SUB-JUDICE***

PCCSL/11/10/2009: Mr. G. A. Asoka Siripala vs Divaina: Complaint is pending in courts. Complaint does not fall within purview of the PCCSL. ***SUB-JUDICE***

PCCSL/12/10/2009: Mr. Gamage Gamini vs Divaina: Article refers to a mental patient and the story could lead to identification of the patient. Informed editor. Complainant asks for compensation and is not satisfied with the PCCSL process; he wants compensation from journalist who wrote the article. ***OUT OF MANDATE***

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 12

RESOLVED: 02

COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 04

OUT OF MANDATE: 03

NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 01

SUB-JUDICE: 02

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 09

Tamil: 01

English: 02

Not concerning media: 00

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PCCSL/01/11/2009: Dr. T. K. P. K. Kaluarachchi vs Daily Mirror (online): Complained about name being used in online articles by some unscrupulous person, requested more details in order to proceed with complaint. Spoke to editor; she assured that she will look into the matter. Web master Nov 12 writes to complainant apologies and assures him that it will not happen again. ***RESOLVED***

PCCSL/02/11/2009: Mr. Lalith Hettiarachchi vs The Island. "*Tea on the brink of disaster.*" Complaint Form sent to complainant Nov 05. Received completed Complaint Form Nov 09. Forwarded complaint to editor Nov 10. ***NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR***

PCCSL/03/11/2009: President, Student Union School of Agriculture, Angunakolapelessa vs Lankadeepa: Incomplete complaint in touch with complainant to complete brief. Further clarification called from Complainant Nov.11. Forwarded to editor January 20, 2010. Newspaper stands by report and publishers statement on January 25, 2010. ***RESOLVED***

PCCSL/04/11/2009: Mr. H. E. Hemantha Warnakulasuriya vs Lanka E-news (web newspaper): Wrong news item on November 06, 2009 Web Newspaper. Although complaint does not fall within purview of the PCCSL, the complaint was forwarded to Mr. Benette Rupasinghe, Editor November 09, 2009. ***OUT OF MANDATE***

PCCSL/05/11/2009: Mr. Bandula M. Abeywardene vs Sunday Island. The Complainant is a co-winner of Funny Caption No: 1413 and has still not received the prize. Although the complainant does not fall within the purview of the PCCSL, a copy of the complaint together with letter sent to Editor November 09, 2009. ***OUT OF MANDATE***

PCCSL/06/11/2009: Mr. Ananda Jayasinghe vs Dinamina: Sent Complaint Form and called for details of complaint on November 09. Complaint Form received. Complainant in touch with editor. "Right of Reply" published Nov.13. ***RESOLVED***

PCCSL/07/11/2009: Mr. K. V. Nihal Ranjan vs Lankadeepa: "dumriyata galgasa hamudaven berima: Bambilapiyede muhudatapaththa aya athurudahan," Complaint Form received November 10 and forwarded to Editor on Nov.13. Editor replied Nov.17 and forwarded to complainant on Nov.18. ***RESOLVED***

PCCSL/08/11/2009: Mr. D. Ranjith Peiris vs Newspapers in general: Not a complainant against any specific newspaper but required information about the Code of Professional Practice sent him a copy. ***OUT OF MANDATE***

PCCSL/09/11/2009: Mr. A. M. Manimaran vs Sooriya Gandhi (weekly magazine for upcountry people): Photograph of complainant's child used collecting fire wood improper. Complaint Form sent to complainant on November 13. Forwarded to editor December 04. Published apology on November 13. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/10/11/2009: Mr. J. Ratnayake vs Divaina: "*eh abirahasa viyanaella sangavanu nohaki viye.*" The complaint is pending in courts. **SUB-JUDICE**

PCCSL/11/11/2009: Mr. Attapattu Gunaratne vs Lakkima: "*ticket pariksha kirimata gia dumriya arakshaka niladharinta guti.*" Received Complaint Form Nov. 20 and forwarded to editor Nov.26 after alterations to their letter were made. Forwarded to editor November 26. Reminder sent to editor January 13. **PENDING** (checked February 18, 2010)

PCCSL/12/11/2009: Mr. Rukshan Bellana vs Dinamina: "*polonnaruwa rohalen bilindun athurudanvema.*" Complaint Form faxed on Nov.23. Incomplete Complaint Form received request further details Nov.25. Completed Complaint Form received Nov. 26 and forwarded to editor the same day. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/13/11/2009: Mr. A. Liyanage vs Divaina: "*eheliyagoda deshapaInanyagen suddangewatte ball natumak.*" Called for more details from complainant and sent Complaint Form on Nov.25. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/14/11/2009: Mr. Ashker Khan vs Thinakkural: Publishing of photograph of the Holy Prophet sensitive to some Muslims. Newspaper published apology on November 25. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/15/11/2009: Mr. D. M. Samarasena vs Dinamina: "*Girandurukotte viduhalata sahithiya tharangaye thagi gurumadulle lamainta vitharai.*" Complaint received Nov. 30 with Complaint Form but no clarification. Requested more information on December 04. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 15

RESOLVED: 06

PENDING: 01

COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 02

OUT OF MANDATE: 03

NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 02

SUB-JUDICE: 01

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 08

Tamil: 02

English: 03

Not concerning media (web newspaper/other): 02

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PCCSL/01/12/2009: Mr. K. D. Perera vs Rivira. "*muhuduralle shakthiya vidulibalayata haravana niranjange balagaraya.*" Complaint received on December 26. Forwarded to editor January 12, 2010. **PENDING** (Checked February 18, 2010)

PCCSL/02/12/2009: Dr. P. D. Yapa vs Irida Lankadeepa. "*Mahava disa rohale gilang rathareyadurange katayuthu.*" Complaint received on December 17. Forwarded to editor. Right of Reply published 10, 2010. **RESOLVED**

PCCSL/03/12/2009: Mr. G. S. Ratnayake vs Dinamina. Caption of photograph wrong. Complaint received on December 26. Forwarded to editor January 08. **NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR**

PCCSL/04/12/2009: Mr. M. Gamini vs Divaina. "*Manel*" – feature article. Complaint received on December 02. Complaint incomplete, in touch with complainant. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/05/12/2009: Mr. W. M. Seneviratne. Complaint received on December 08. He has written to the President stating his personnel problems to which the President has not replied. Letter sent to complainant returned. **OUT OF MANDATE**

PCCSL/06/12/2009: Mrs. Leisha de Silva Chandrasena vs Daily Mirror. Incorrect article against SLT progress. Await receipt of Complaint Form. **COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED**

PCCSL/07/12/2009: Mrs. S. Randeniya vs Newspapers in general. Complaint received on December 18. Complaint against PCCSL not taking action against newspapers publishing falsehoods. **OUT OF MANDATE**

POSITION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

TOTAL RECEIVED: 07

RESOLVED: 01

PENDING: 01

COMPLAINANT DID NOT PROCEED: 02

OUT OF MANDATE: 02

NO PROGRESS FROM EDITOR: 01

SUB-JUDICE: 00

LANGUAGE

Sinhala: 07

Tamil: 00

English: 00

Not concerning media (web newspaper/other): 02

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