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### NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

#### PUBLIC DEPARTMENT (SC)

DECLARATION OF BAN ON LIBERATION TIGERS OF TAMIL EELAM (LTTE) AS AN UNLAWFUL ASSOCIATION UNDER THE UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) ACT, 1967.

[G.O.Ms.No. 375, Public (SC), 18th May 2024.]

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The following Notification S.O. 1983 (E), dated 14th May, 2024 of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, third read above is republished:-

S.O. 1983(E).—WHEREAS the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (hereinafter referred to as the LTTE), is an association based in Sri Lanka but having its supporters, sympathisers and agents in the territory of India;

AND WHEREAS the LTTE's objective for a separate homeland (Tamil Eelam) for all Tamils threatens the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India, and amounts to cession and secession of a part of the territory of India from the Union and thus falls within the ambit of unlawful activities;

AND WHEREAS, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central Government declared the LTTE as an unlawful association, *vide* notification number S.O. 1730(E), dated the 14th May, 2019;

AND WHEREAS the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal, constituted under section 5 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967 for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not, after finding that there was sufficient cause for declaring the LTTE as an unlawful association, by its order published, *vide* notification No. S.O.4233 (E), dated the 21st November, 2019 had confirmed the declaration, so made;

AND WHEREAS the declaration of ban under sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967) ceases on the 13th May, 2024

AND WHEREAS the Central Government is of the opinion that LTTE is still indulging in the activities which are prejudicial to the integrity and security of the country, inter-alia, on the following grounds, namely: –

(i) even after its military defeat in May, 2009 in Sri Lanka, LTTE has not abandoned the concept of 'Eelam' and has been clandestinely working towards the 'Eelam' cause by undertaking fund raising and propaganda activities and the remnant LTTE leaders or cadres have also initiated efforts to regroup the scattered activists and resurrect the outfit locally and internationally;

(ii) the pro-LTTE groups/elements continue to foster a separatist tendency amongst the masses and enhance the support base for LTTE in India and particularly in Tamil Nadu, which will ultimately have a strong disintegrating influence over the territorial integrity of India;

(iii) the LTTE sympathizers living abroad continue to spread anti-India propaganda among Tamils holding the Government of India responsible for the defeat of the LTTE, which, if not checked, is likely to develop a sense of hate among Tamil Populace towards the Central Government and the Indian Constitution;

(iv) despite the ban in force, the activities of pro-LTTE organisations and individuals have come to notice and, attempts have been made by these forces to extend their support to the LTTE;

(v) the LTTE leaders, operatives and supporters have been inimically opposed to India's policy on their organisation and action of the State machinery in curbing their activities;

(vi) cases have been registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967, against LTTE, pro-LTTE groups or elements since the last notification published *vide* number S.O. 1730 (E), dated the 14th May, 2019 which indicate that LTTE and its remnant cadres, followers and supporters are involved in various criminal activities, including smuggling of illegal drugs, arms for furtherance of objective of the LTTE;

AND WHEREAS the Central Government is of the opinion that the aforesaid activities of the LTTE continue to pose a threat to, and are detrimental to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India as also to the public order and, therefore, it should be declared as an unlawful association;

AND WHEREAS the Central Government is further of the opinion that – since LTTE continues –

(i) with its disruptive, separatist and secessionist activities, which are prejudicial to the integrity and sovereignty of India; and

(ii) its strong anti-India posture thereby posing a grave threat to the security of Indian nationals, it is necessary to declare LTTE as an unlawful association with immediate effect;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central Government hereby declares the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (the LTTE) as an unlawful association and directs that this notification shall, subject to any order that may be made under section 4 of the said Act, have effect for a period of five years from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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