



## Notification to the public

### **Public Feedback from on Reforms to the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act of Sri Lanka**

The Hon. Minister of Justice, responding to the need for reform to the MMDA, has mandated the Advisory Committee on Muslim Law Reforms to consult and consider feedback/proposals forwarded on reforms to the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act of 1951, as amended, from the public. Inter alia, proposals for reform on the following matters have already been made consequent to deliberations of the Committee and upon taking note of several previous reports and/or written proposals on the subject;

- Introduction of mandatory registration of the marriages;
- Bride to sign and consent to the marriage;
- Permit marriage under the MMDA even if only one party is Sri Lankan; Recognize pre-nuptial agreements;
- Facilitate fair recovery of dowry and any other transactions of money or property exchanged at the time of marriage, at the time of divorce;
- Fair distribution of property acquired during the marriage, at the time of divorce;
- Recognition of mutual consent divorce;
- Prioritize children's interests in divorce proceedings;
- Provide for orders for Mata'a (alimony);
- Introduce criteria for reasonable maintenance and recovery of maintenance at the Magistrate courts in order to eliminate all anomalies in ordering maintenance;

The Committee welcomes public feedback/proposals on reforms to the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act of 1951, as amended and specifically on the five areas specified in the following website. All feedback/proposals to be made before **01.03.2026**.

You may refer the Ministry of Justice and National Integration website [www.moj.gov.lk](http://www.moj.gov.lk), for further instructions and to refer the submission From which the observations/comments/suggestions are to be submitted.

When submitting information, please ensure that the envelop is clearly marked "**Public Feedback from on Reforms to the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act of Sri Lanka**" on the left hand side and sent to the address provided below. Alternatively, submissions may be email to [legal@moj.gov.lk](mailto:legal@moj.gov.lk).

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