



A hand-drawn illustration of a classical building, possibly a temple or a government building, with a prominent pediment and a series of columns. A small figure is visible on the left side of the building. The drawing is done in a simple, sketchy style with black outlines and some grey shading.

**Chairman, Ceylon Electricity Board**

3.2 For the purpose herein, officials of the following institutions, together with officials of Governmental or Non-Governmental Institutions specific to each district, may be included.

- i. District Secretary (Chairman)
- ii. District Forest Officer
- iii. Assistant Director of the Wildlife Conservation Department in charge of the District
- iv. District Irrigation Engineer
- v. District Director of Agriculture
- vi. District Deputy/ Assistant Commissioner of Agrarian Development
- vii. Deputy Inspector General of Police or Senior Superintendent of Police
- viii. The Chief of the District Civil Defence Force
- ix. Mahaweli Zone Manager
- x. District Electrical Superintendent
- xi. Deputy/Assistant Director of the District Disaster Management Centre
- xii. Divisional Secretary (Secretaries) of the affected areas
- xiii. Chairman(men) of Pradeshiya Sabha(s)
- xiv. Military Representative (if necessary)
- xv. Public representatives (4 or 5) nominated by the Chairman of the District Coordinating Committee
- xvi. A Senior Official in charge of the subject of the relevant Provincial Council
- xvii. Officials of the Local Authorities under the purview of the district
- xviii. Representatives of local civil society organizations/non-governmental organizations involved in conservation
- xix. Other expert members

4. This Committee shall take action to protect human lives, property, agricultural crops, livelihoods, and wildlife, as well as to mitigate human-elephant conflict in an effective manner through the identification of multi-sectoral strategies and practical solutions appropriate to each district and the formulation of a corresponding implementation plan accordingly, in close coordination with affected communities and relevant stakeholders

5. To that end, it is hereby emphasized that the formulation of the relevant plans, with specific focus on the following preliminary activities, shall be appropriate.

- 5.1 Identify villages susceptible to human-elephant conflict and ascertain the families most adversely affected thereby.
- 5.2 Derive conclusions regarding the behavioral patterns of wild elephants based on conflict incidents reported over a minimum period of the past 05 years within identified vulnerable areas.
- 5.3 Study monthly data on the migratory patterns of wild elephants from area to area, based on reported incidents of elephant intrusions into villages and the cultivation cycles of each year.
- 5.4 Direct attention for Integrated District Management Activities in the event any matters arise affecting the adjacent districts, in the course of studying conflict management and resolution
- 5.5 Inform all relevant stakeholders, ranging from villagers to higher layers of the information studied and document village-specific management and solution proposals.
- 5.6 Accordingly, explore the possibility of developing an application to promptly disseminate relevant information, including conflict zones, hazard assessments, awarding compensations, and court verdicts.

- 5.7 Inform the vulnerable communities of the 1992 emergency hotline and the telephone numbers of relevant officers who can be contacted within the district for reaching rapid response mechanisms and ensure prompt action is taken by the officers in charge of the subject.
- 5.8 Accurately identify areas requiring the construction of elephant fences and those requiring renovations and prioritize construction activities based on the the nature of the risk, with community participation.
- 5.9 Prepare a plan to direct the relevant institutions in charge of the subject to maintain the elephant fence, remove the related seasonal bushes/shrubs and construct temporary crop protection fences and to obtain the support of the community/Civil Defense Personnel for this purpose
- 5.10 Construct security posts and implement the night-time security programme.
- 5.11 Conduct joint mobile patrols and prevent damages caused to human lives, properties, and cultivations
- 5.12 Conduct a proper assessment and obtain information on the staff, vehicles and technological equipment required by the institutions that can be involved in the mitigation of human-elephant conflicts.
- 5.13 Identify the voluntary assistance that may be obtained from private entities operating within the affected areas, for these purposes.

6. Taking into consideration the aforementioned preliminary measures, the Action Plan containing the short-term/medium-term/long-term management and solution proposals identified for each district and an Implementation Plan for short-term activities, shall be prepared and submitted to the Senior Additional Secretary (Development Administration) of the Presidential Secretariat, within a period of one month (before 01.09.2025)

7. The relevant District Secretaries are informed of the necessity to immediately establish and activate District Level Committees for Human-Elephant Conflict Management and to implement the aforementioned Action Plan in coordination with all public and private stakeholders and the strict adherence to these guidelines is emphasized essential to ensure the safety of both humans and wild elephants and to safeguard ecological and biodiversity heritage of Sri Lanka, by this circular

8. It is kindly informed that you shall take action in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the circulars issued by the Government, in the execution of these tasks.

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