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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**  
**Government Notifications**

**PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT No. 1 OF 1981**

**Filling of a Vacancy under Section 64 (5)**

WHEREAS the Secretary General of the Parliament has informed the Election Commission under Section 64(5) of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981, as amended by Section 6 of the Elections (Special Provisions) Act, No. 35 of 1988, that a vacancy has occurred in the membership of 9th Parliament in terms of Article 66(C) of the Constitution, by reason of the resignation of Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe who was nominated by a recognized political party, the United National Party, and declared elected as a Member of Parliament under Article 99A of the Constitution, as he has been appointed as the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka ;

And whereas the Secretary of that Political Party was required by the Election Commission under the aforesaid Section to nominate a member of such party to fill such vacancy ;

And whereas the Secretary of the aforesaid Political Party has nominated Mr. Wajira Abeywardena to fill such vacancy;



Now therefore, the Election Commission, in the exercise of the powers conferred by Section 64 (5) of the Parliamentary Elections Act, No. 1 of 1981 to be read together with the provisions of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, do hereby declare Mr. Wajira Abeywardena elected as a Member of Parliament to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of aforesaid Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Nimal G. Punchihewa  
Chairman  
Election Commission

S. B. Divaratne  
Member  
Election Commission

M. M. Mohamed  
Member  
Election Commission

K. P. P. Pathirana  
Member  
Election Commission

P. S. M. Charles  
Member  
Election Commission

Election Commission,  
Rajagiriya,  
22nd July, 2022.