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ACT, No. 25 OF 1991**

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS; FOR THE TRANSFER OF ALL PROPERTY, RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TO THE CORPORATION NAMED "SRI LANKA TELECOM" ESTABLISHED BY ORDER UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE STATE INDUSTRIAL CORPORATIONS ACT, No. 49 OF 1957; FOR THE REPEAL OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 192); AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act, No. 25 of 1991 and the provisions of this Act other than the provisions of section 72 shall come into operation on the date on which this Act becomes an Act of Parliament. The provisions of section 72 shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by Order published in the *Gazette*.

Short title
and dates of
operation.

PART I

APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

2. There shall be appointed, by name or by office, a Director-General of Telecommunications (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Authority") who shall be the authority for the purpose of performing the functions assigned or transferred to him by or under this Act.

Appointment
of Director-
General of
Telecommuni-
cations.

3. There may be appointed such officers and servants as may be necessary for the purpose of this Act.

Appointmen-
of
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4. The Authority shall exercise his powers under this Act in a manner which he considers is best calculated to promote the national interest and in particular—

General
objects
to be
achieved
by the
Authority.

(a) to ensure the provision of a reliable and efficient national and international telecommunication service in Sri Lanka (save in so far as the provision thereof is impracticable) such as will satisfy all reasonable demands for such service including emergency services, public call box services, directory information services, maritime services and rural services as may be considered essential for the national well being;