

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS  
WITH DISAUIUTIES ACT, NO. 28 of 1996**

**Protection Of The Rights Of Persons With Disabilities (Amendment) Act (No. 33 of 2003) - Sect 1**

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Act, No. 33 of 2003.

**Protection Of The Rights Of Persons With Disabilities (Amendment) Act (No. 33 of 2003) - Sect 2**

**Amendment of section 3 of Act, No. 28 of 1996**

2. Section 3 of the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, No. 28 of 1996 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment") is hereby amended as follows :-

(1) by the insertion immediately after paragraph (a) of that section of the following new paragraph:"

"(a) the Secretary or in the absence of the Secretary, the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of the Minister.";

(2) in paragraph (c) of that section by the substitution for the words "nine other members" of the words "ten other members".

**Protection Of The Rights Of Persons With Disabilities (Amendment) Act (No. 33 of 2003) - Sect 3**

**Amendment of section 9 of the principal enactment,**

3. Section 9 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words, "delegate to any member of the Council", of the words "delegate to the Secretary or in the absence of the Secretary to the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of the Minister".

**Protection Of The Rights Of Persons With Disabilities (Amendment) Act (No. 33 of 2003) - Sect 4**

### **Amendment of section 23 of the principal enactment**

4. Section 23 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the addition immediately after subsection (2) of that section of the following new subsection :-

"(3) The manner and mode of providing facilities to allow access by disabled persons to public buildings, public places and common services, shall be as prescribed."

### **Protection Of The Rights Of Persons With Disabilities (Amendment) Act (No. 33 of 2003) - Sect 5**

#### **Sinhala text to Prevail in case of Inconsistency**

5. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.