CHAPTER 203
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (GUARANTEED PRICES AND CONTROL OF HULLING AND MILLING)

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE GRADING OF, AND THE FIXING OF GUARANTEED PRICES FOR, CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OF SRI LANKA; TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRARIAN SERVICES, AND PURCHASERS AUTHORIZED BY HIM, TO PAY THE GUARANTEED PRICE FOR THE PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO WHICH SUCH PRICES APPLY; TO CONTROL THE HULLING AND MILLING OF PADDY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

[2nd June, 1961.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Agricultural Products (Guaranteed Prices and Control of Hulling and Milling) Act.

2. The Commissioner may, by Order published in the Gazette and in such other manner as he may consider suitable for giving publicity to the Order, specify from time to time the grade or grades of any scheduled agricultural product.

3. The Commissioner may, after consultation with the Guaranteed Prices Advisory Committee and with the approval of the Minister given after consultation with the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance, by Order published in the Gazette and in such other manner as he may consider suitable for giving publicity to the Order fix from time to time—

(a) a guaranteed price for a scheduled agricultural product which is not graded under this Act, and

(b) a guaranteed price for each or any of the different grades of a scheduled agricultural product which is graded under this Act.

4. (1) The Guaranteed Prices Advisory Committee shall consist of—

(a) the Commissioner of Agrarian Services who shall be the Chairman of such Committee;

(b) an officer of the General Treasury nominated by the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance; and

(c) such number of members not exceeding seven as may be appointed by the Minister from among persons who appear to him to have experience and shown capacity in agricultural, commercial or financial matters or in administration.

(2) A member of the Guaranteed Prices Advisory Committee appointed under subsection (1) (c) (hereinafter referred to as an "appointed member") shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of his appointment.

(3) An appointed member may resign from the Committee by letter addressed to the Minister.

(4) An appointed member may be removed from office by the Minister if such member is absent from the meetings of the Committee for a period of three months or for any cause which appears to the Minister to be reasonable or if the Minister considers it expedient to remove such member from office.

(5) Where any appointed member of the Committee resigns or is removed from office or dies, the Minister may appoint another person to be a member in place of the member who resigns or is removed from office or dies and the person so appointed shall hold office during the unexpired period of the term of office of the member in whose place he was appointed.