

Sri Lanka's Ex-Trade Minister Sentenced for Misuse of Public Funds

Date of Action

29 May 2025

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SUMMARY



Nalin Fernando, 52

Former Minister of Trade and Commerce (2022 - 2024)

JURISDICTION

Sri Lanka

LEGAL ACTION

Sentenced to 25 years, Fine USD 2,000

REASON

Misappropriation of public funds

PEP CHECK



ADVERSE MEDIA CHECK



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MODUS OPERANDI

Nalin Fernando misused \$177,000 in public funds to purchase and distribute board games in an attempt to sway voters during his unsuccessful 2015 re-election campaign.

SYNOPSIS

Fernando was sentenced to 25 years in prison and fined \$2,000 for misappropriating public funds.

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