

Scholarship launch contravenes Election law – PAFFREL

The People's Action for Free and Fair Elections (PAFFREL) stated that they had received a complaint regarding the launch of a scholarship programme for students by Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna Anuradhapura District Candidate S.M. Chandrasena ahead of the 5 August Parliamentary Poll.



PAFFREL has charged that Chandrasena had allegedly used letterheads of his Ministry of Environment, Wildlife, Lands and Land Development to seek publicity for the scholarship programme which is a violation of Election laws and regulations.

The election watchdog has observed that Chandrasena's action would hinder a free and fair Poll next month.

They further allege that Chandrasena's action was also a violation of Sections 78 and 80 of the Election Act of 1981 and urge Police to probe the incident and ensure a level playing field for all political parties and candidates ahead of the Poll.