Department Circular

Registration of Private Music Groups (Music Bands) under the Department of Cultural Affairs

The group music plays a pivotal role in the modern music field. The Department of Cultural Affairs has taken steps to register the private music groups with effect from 01.06.2019, who fulfill the undermentioned criteria.

01. A privately conducted group consisting of two members or more, who provide out door or indoor music, using either western or eastern musical instruments is considered as a private music group.
02. Applying for registration could be done using the application provided in Annex 01.
03. It is mandatory to submit an affidavit certified by a Justice of Peace or a Commissioner for Oaths to register as a music group. (Names of all the group members should be included)
04. Documents should be submitted to prove conducting of 03 performance shows by the relevant music group during the immediate past six months to the date of registration.
05. The applicant should be the owner, manager or the leader of the group.
06. Copies of the National IDs of all the group members should be attached for registration.
07. Duly filled application should be sent to the Department of Cultural Affairs through the Grama Niladhari of the relevant division of the address in which the music group is conducted and through the relevant Divisional Secretary.
08. If there are any amendments to the name of the group, address, owner, manager, leader or the information of the members, the Department should be informed of such amendments.
09. After the approval of the Director of Cultural Affairs is obtained for registration of the music group who fulfils the relevant criteria, steps will be taken to issue a Registration Number.(DCA/MB/District Code/Year/Serial No)
10. The authority to make a final decision on all the above facts possesses by the Director of Cultural Affairs and the Director of Cultural Affairs also has the authority to cancel the registration if any inconsistency with the conditions is revealed.