

PART II

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)

9. There shall be established a Foundation to be called the National Science Foundation (in this Part of this Act referred as "the Foundation"). The Foundation shall be a body corporate and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in such name.

Establishment of the National Science Foundation.

10. The functions of the Foundation shall be—

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- (a) to initiate, facilitate and support basic and applied scientific research by universities, science and technology institutions and scientists, with a view—
- (i) to strengthening scientific research potential, including research in the social sciences, and science education programmes;
 - (ii) to developing the natural resources of Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) to promoting the welfare of the people of Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) to training research personnel in science and technology;
- (b) to foster the interchange of scientific information among scientists in Sri Lanka and foreign countries;
- (c) to award scholarships and fellowships for scientific study or scientific work at science and technology institutions;
- (d) to maintain a current register of scientific and technical personnel, and in other ways to provide a central clearing house for the collection, interpretation and analysis of data, on the availability of, and the current and projected need for, scientific and technical resources in Sri Lanka, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation on science, technology and other fields;
- (e) to popularise science amongst the people by funding