

HILTON PROMOTION IN 1960's

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Govt: to acquire hotel land

HOTELS INTERNATIONAL Ltd. who are going ahead with the Ceylon Hilton project will not be able to make a large profit on the resale of the Stuart Place, Colpetty site on which the hotel was originally intended to be built.

Government will acquire the land. The Ministry of State yesterday wrote to the Lands Ministry requesting that the acquisition machinery be made ready.

A spokesman for the Ministry of State said today that the CWE will be the purchaser of this four acres of valuable land with a Galle Road

frontage. "If Hilton's want to build their hotel on this site as originally intended, they can lease the land from the CWE. But the site would be Crown land. We do not want to leave the possibility open for it to be blocked out and re-sold in small lots".

According to this spokesman Hotels International Ltd. will get the price they paid the Church of Ceylon for the land. Government valuation procedures takes the most recent sale price into account.

That would mean that Hotels International Ltd. will now only break even

as a result of the acquisition decision. The Hilton which was to come up on the Hilton Hotel site is to be shifted to the property on which the South Wing of the Galle Face Hotel now stands.

In parliament on Tuesday, Mr. Bernard Soysa, MP for Colombo South raised the question of the decision of the Hotels International's Director to re-sell the land they purchased from the Church.

He alleged that the land had been bought from the Church at a low figure (approximately Rs 4.5 million) after the Bishop of

Colombo had been made to understand that the site was required for a national purpose.

Now the hotel site was being shifted to "the backyard of the Galle Face Hotel", Mr. Soysa said.

He said that he was told that Hilton's would get about Rs. 10 million on the re-sale of the land for which they paid Rs. 5.5 million two years ago. That would mean that they would double their money in two years.

Mr. Soysa said that it was an ugly word to use, but he thought the church had been "diddled".

HILTON PROMOTED IN 1980's

THE SUNDAY TIMES, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1991

The case of the missing storeys

Justice Ameen Ismail. The order was in respect of petitions for leave to Appeal and Revision filed by Mr. Nihal Sri Amerasekera, a Director and a shareholder of Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd., submissions on whose behalf were made by Mr. K. Kanag-Isvaran, P.C.

Mr. Amerasekera is a Chartered Accountant who was closely associated with the early phases of the hotel project.

His action is based on the contention that while

The plaintiff in this case, Mr. Nihal Sri Amerasekera is a Director and Shareholder of Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd., the owning company of the hotel and one of the defendants.

The other defendants are Mitsui and Company Ltd., of Japan, Taisei Corporation and Kanku Kikaku Sekkeisha Yozo Shibata & Associates, two other Japanese firms, Mr. Cornel L. Perera, Chairman and Managing Director of the owning company, Mr. F.G.N. Director of

In consequence, the building that finally emerged was not the one originally envisaged and the original plan cannot be found.

After the hotel opened for operations, he says, Mitsui & Co. submitted profitability projections computed on 452 guest rooms. When queries were raised at this point and it was pointed out that the building lacked several storeys as per the original plan, an amended profitability projection was submitted, computed on 387 guest rooms.

DAILY NEWS, SATURDAY JUNE 17, 1995

HILTON PROMOTED IN 1980's

SUN Friday, September 21, 1990

Hilton hotel construction agreement Court issues interim injunction on Mitsui & Co.

Mr. P. Navaratnam QC who supported the application submitted that whereas the original approved architectural plan provided for 23 floors there were only 20 floors and without a mezzanine floor.

He submitted that the first and second defendants had procured a fraud on fourth defendant Hotel Developers Lanka Ltd. aided and abetted by two or three directors of the court.

THE ISLAND Friday 28th April, 1995

Original plans of the Hilton Hotel missing

By M. J. M. Zarook and Mallabesher Dayabandara
The original plans for the Hilton Hotel building submitted in 1983 to the Urban Development Authority were missing from the UDA files, witnesses said before the Special Presidential Commission sitting.

Chairman: Mr. Siriwardena has said in his evidence that the Tourist Board would not give approval to a hotel building project unless the architectural plans were submitted? - I do not know the legal requirement. I was

DAILY NEWS, THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 1990

District Court issues injunction, enjoining order

Hilton Hotel short of floors?

The plaintiff, Mr. Nihal Sri Amerasekera, Chartered Accountant, has filed the report of a local architect/engineer, Mr. Shelton Wijayaratna, that the original architectural plan provided for 23 floors including a mezzanine floor, but the unauthorised approved architectural plan has only 20 floors including the ground floor and no mezzanine floor in the main building.

The original architectural plan provided for a building 274.6 ft tall. But on the unauthorised amended plan, the height of the building is 233.9 feet.

Other main differences pointed out in the engineer's report as averred in the plaint are:

The original architectural plan had provided for 19 floors of guest rooms, while the unauthorised amended architectural plan had provided for only 17 floors of guest rooms.

The original architectural plan had provided for 456 guest room bays, while the unauthorised amended architectural plans had provided for 408 guest room bays plus a further 17 guest rooms being situated

DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY MAY 19, 1995

the Hotel Developers Board, on the authority of the directors of the company.

The enjoining order and interim injunction has been issued on Mitsui and Co. Ltd., Taisei Corporation and Kanku Kikaku Sekkeisha Yozo Shibata and Associates.

According to the plaint, the Mitsui/Taisei Consortium had said on or about 30.10.85 that a fire had occurred at their site office and all documents had got burnt. They had said that their principals in Tokyo had sent copies of all documents and drawings and the hotel construction work had recommenced.

The plaintiff has averred that he had discovered in March 1990 that these drawings and documents had been replaced by the Mitsui/Taisei Consortium principals, and were not in conformity with the original approved architectural plans which were part and parcel of the construction agreement.

He had found that while profitability projections of the hotel had been made on the basis of 452 guest rooms, the hotel's monthly statements reflected only 387 rooms.

Hilton Hotel Project probe Despite persistent urging there was continued silence — witness

by Dinukahi Handunnetti

pleated. Chairman: Did they know that?

Choksy were dated 20.04.1995

The President re-

THE ISLAND Wednesday 5th April, 1995

Board took no positive action

Hilton hotel project probe

— Witness

By E. K. Wijayaratna

Prasadasa was concerned with and decided

information to the Finance Ministry. Shortly thereafter

the fact that the floor area of the hotel and when he highlighted the fact that the cash flow of the hotel and when he highlighted the fact that the number of rooms had

Soysa were not made known to the board. He

THE ISLAND, Wednesday 28th June, 1995

Probe into malpractices

Choksy and Paskaralingam took all decisions — Witness

by Asumpta Ailes

The former Director added that since he was not familiar with Company Law and

Mr. Shanmugalingam

ized the physical check objected in court.

6,613,000 and the balance with interest was to be paid in 33 annual instalments.

Contradictory report on fire by CDB Fort

By M. J. M. Zarook and Daryll de Silva

The report of the Engineer, Ceylon Electricity Board stated that the fire which had taken place in the office of the Hilton Hotel work site in October 1985 was not due to an electrical fault

Witness was referred to a letter addressed to Taisei Corporation at Hilton Hotel site by SI Gilbert Kalupahana.

The letter stated: With reference to your letter dated 10.10.85 with respect to the fire which took place

Ford Rhodes given time to file objections

HILTON HOTEL CASE

The Colombo District Court, has granted the partners of Ford Rhodes Thornton and Co. Ltd. auditors of Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd., owners of Colombo Hilton, time until May 2, to file their objections to an action filed by a former director of Hilton Hotel and Shareholder, Nihal Sri Amerasekera.

Mr. Amerasekera, has petitioned the accounts of Colombo Hilton Hotel for the year 1989/1990 passed by Ford Rhodes Thornton and Co. Ltd. He contends that the audited accounts do not make the necessary disclosures and has therefore not presented a true and fair picture of the hotel's financial position.

The defendants to the action are G. C. B. Wijesinghe, R. N. Aiswatham, A. N. Fer-

nando, R. Seneviratna, S. Sirkarathana, M. R. M. M. Perera, P. Y. S. Perera, C. P. Jayatilaka and M. P. Seneviratna, all partners of Ford Rhodes Thornton and Co. Ltd.

Initially, Mr. Amerasekera had cited Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd., as the defendant in this case.

By this petition, he seeks to have all the partners of Ford Rhodes Thornton and Co. Ltd., added on as defendants.

Counsel for the defendants answering notice issued on them returnable on February 28, 1994, moved court for time to file objections.

District Judge, A. M. Somawansa accordingly granted the defendants time until May 2.

Previously, the District Court of Colombo, had

issued an enjoining order preventing H.D.L. Ltd., from accepting the Accounts that had been certified by the auditors.

Mr. Amerasekera, a professional Accountant himself and a Management Consultant, has complained to Court that the auditors had certified the Accounts without having carried out an examination and reporting, that had been required of them by H.D.L. Ltd., at his (Mr. Amerasekera's) instance, prior to the certification of the Accounts.

Mr. Amerasekera states that H.D.L. Ltd. has admitted that it has no inventory of the fixed assets, nor a copy of the originally approved plans and bills of quantities and measurements. All amended

Plans has subsequent lodged with the UDA, without the Company's approval, violating contractual agreements. Disregarding these serious issues the auditors had certified the accounts, without having the required documents to verify the correctness thereof.

In another action previously instituted by Mr. Amerasekera, on the premise of fraud, in the construction of the Colombo Hilton Hotel, the Supreme Court had upheld the interim injunctions that had been issued by the District Court of Colombo, observing that such injunctions were issued to prevent the devious typewriting of a large scale of foreign exchange from the company and the country.

The Accounts had been certified by the Auditors even after THE ISLAND Friday 7th April, 1995

Hotel Developers restrained from tabling accounts

District Judge, Colombo, P. Wijayarata, has issued an enjoining order restraining Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd. (formerly Lanka Japan Hotel Ltd), the owning company of the Colombo Hilton Hotel from tabling and adopting the account for the year ending March 1990 along with a specified note No. 19 at their annual general meeting which was scheduled for January 17 or at any meeting thereafter until the plaintiff's application for an interim injunction was finally determined.

In this case the plaintiff, Mr. Nihal Sri Amerasek-

ere of Sri Vipulana Mawatha, Colombo 10, a business and management consultant has cited Hotel Developers Ltd as the defendant.

The judge also issued notice on the defendant company returnable on March 11 to show cause why the plaintiff's application for an interim injunction should not be granted.

Mr. P. Navaratnarajah, QC with Mr. P. Naguleswaran and Mr. A. A. M. Illiyam instructed by Messrs de Silva and Perera appeared in support of the plaintiff's application.

DAILY NEWS, SATURDAY DECEMBER 04, 1993



Mr. K. N. Chokoy, Minister of Constitutional and State Affairs arriving for the 14th National Conference of Chartered Accountants held at the Colombo Marriott hotel at which he was the chief guest. With him are Mr. Nivard Cabral, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Mr. M. A. Abeynayake, Vice-President of the Institute and Prof. Janak Ratnayanga of Monash University, Melbourne. (Picture by Barry Mendis)

THE SUNDAY TIMES, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 1991

Hilton case: stay order on payment

The District Court of Colombo has issued interim injunctions staying payment by Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd., the owning company of the Colombo Hilton Hotel, on any financial claims made by three Japanese

director/shareholder in the owning company, who claimed that the construction lacked many of the features specified in the original plans on the basis of which the project was approved and proceeded with.

THE ISLAND Thursday 4th July, 1991

Auditors have not performed their duties — Witness

Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd under scrutiny.

The Commission of Inquiry comprising

into the irregularities raised by him.

At this stage the Commission observed that he expressed at

raised and the irregularities in the implementation of the project and identify those responsible.

said in his evidence that Mitsui and Tasei wrote to Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd. objecting to the suggested

Developers pointing out the irregularities in the accounts. He said that he asked the directors either to refute his

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Attorney General represented owning company

In our news report under the heading 'Objections filed against the Enjoining Order' - "Order on July 9" - appearing in 'The Island' of July 2 we failed to state that the Owing Company of the Colombo Hilton. The Hotel Developers (Lanka) Limited, was represented in the Hilton Hotel Case, heard

granted an Enjoining Order, Restraining Hotel Developers (Lanka) Limited from receiving payment to build the Hilton Hotel. The Hotel Developers (Lanka) Limited was enjoined and restrained from making any payments to the Japanese Companies. The notice of application for issue of the Enjoining Order was filed by the Owing Company.

DAILY NEWS, SATURDAY APRIL 22, 1995 ** PAGE TWENTY ONE

AG's dept opposed inspection of Hilton project

(By M. J. M. Zareok and Deryll de Silva)

Mr. Nihal Sri Amerasekera, Chartered Accountant and Advisor to the Ministry of Finance said yesterday before the Special Presidential Commission that he made an application to the District Court to inspect the Hilton Hotel project

With regard to Japanese government involvement in the matter, it has been pointed out that there has been growing public concern in Japan over frauds involving Japanese companies and public servants. No government in Japan, therefore, would like to

DAILY NEWS, MONDAY APRIL 03, 1995

SPC on malpractices by Govt Bodies

We resisted mortgage of Hilton Hotel building to Japanese — Witness

When Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd could not meet the loan instalments on the Hilton Hotel project, the Japanese Consortium of Mitsui Taihei suggested a debt re-structuring agreement which included the mortgage of the Hilton Hotel building to the Japanese.

This plan was stoutly resisted by Dr. A. C. Randeni, the government nominee on the Board of Directors and himself said Mr. Nihal Sri Amerasekera, Chartered Accountant and Advisor to the Ministry of

Douglas Premaratne PC acting Solicitor General in the inquiry into matters relating to the Hilton Hotel project and acts of commission and omission by government and public bodies in this connection.

The Special Presidential Commission comprises Justice Priyantha Perera (Chairman), Judge of the Supreme Court, Justice Hector Yapa, Judge of the Court of Appeal and High Court Judge, Mr. F. N. D. Jayasuriya.

Mr. Amerasekera said that later the secretary to the

THE ISLAND Wednesday 1st January, 1992

Mr. Nihal Amerasekera, a Management Consultant writing to 'The Island' details out a number of instances wherein he had complained to the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Colombo

Stock Exchange against violations of the existing laws by certain public quoted companies.

Here is an excerpted version of his letter.

DAILY NEWS, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 06, 1991

Judge issues interim injunction in Hilton case

Colombo District Judge Mr. P. Wijayarata (now, High Court Judge) has rejected the objections and issued an interim injunction restraining three Japanese firms (of contractors and architects) from demanding or receiving any monies whatsoever in connection with the construction of the Colombo Hilton hotel building until the final determination of the action.

An interim injunction was also issued restraining Hotel Developers (Lanka) Limited from entertaining any demand for claims on paying out any monies to the three Japanese companies.

DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY MAY 18, 1996 **

Treasury chief Paskaralingam rejected requests for physical check of Hilton — Nihal Amerasekera

By M. J. M. Zareok and Marjela Fernando
MR. Nihal Sri Amerasekera, Business and Management Consultant and presently before the Special Presidential Commission sitting at the BMCCH that all his attempts to have a physical inspection of the Hilton Hotel building failed.

Since when in your present position on this. Was the building constructed according to the plan P4 and P4a? - No.

Witness referred to the report of the Panel of Architects appointed by the Commission.

Witness said according to the construction

failed in September 1990. Inevitable questions were raised on October 1991 after another inspection were given. There was an appeal filed and the Supreme Court gave judgment in December 1992.

Witness further explained that government bodies, from providing monies to the Japanese contractors

THE ISLAND Wednesday 2nd August, 1995

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Commission to appoint panel of architects to check Hilton Hotel project plan

By Assumpta Allen
National List MP and former Director Hotel Developers Limited, (HDL) K. N. Chokoy, HDL Chairman and Managing Director C. N. Perera and other directors of HDL, company architect

plan, the construction agreement and the schedule of future income projections.

Justice Priyantha Perera said that a panel of independent architects should look

into the construction agreement entered into between the

company will be appointed. Then a complete examination could be done.

Justice Perera - That is exactly what we want to do.

panel of architects. We are interested in finding out whether the building is in accordance with the original plan.

Chokoy - We are not in any way going to in-

which led the Commission will refer the President of the Institute of Architects is directed to forward a list of architects from several firms of Chartered Architects before September 1,

Japanese concerned about Hilton case

The Japanese government has expressed its concern to the Sri Lanka government about the Japanese envoy in Colombo, Mr. I. Hashimoto.

Constitutional and State Affairs, Mr. Harindra de Silva.

copy of the originally approved Architectural Plans for the construction of Hilton Hotel.

Japanese concerned... Continued from P1
Mr. Amerasekera said - THE ISLAND Wednesday 2nd November, 1994

Allegations against Hotel Hilton baseless

- ASG

The action filed in the District Court of Colombo by Nihal Sri Amerasekera, a share-holder of Hotel Developers Limited against the contractor, architects and other directors of the Hilton Hotel was taken up before Mr. I. M. Liyanage District Judge, Colombo, for a ruling on the plaintiff's further pleadings. Mr. K. Kanagawaran PC submitted to Court that the original motion sought permission to file the further pleadings together with the request that the answer filed by the 4th Defendant (Hotel Developers Limited) be rejected or returned for amendment. However, he stated, that he now only wanted to file further pleadings and was withdrawing the request that the 4th defendant's answer be rejected.

Mr. Shibly Aziz PC Additional Solicitor General who appeared for the 4th defendant Hotel Developers Limited submitted that it was unfair for the plaintiff to now urge that only the plaintiff's further pleadings should be accepted and deprive the 4th defendant from answering plaintiff's further allegations.

Mr. Aziz further stated that the 4th defendant company, did not consider it appropriate to support either of the parties in the original answer in view of the serious and grave allegations of fraud, collusion and irregularities in the building of the Hilton Hotel. Moreover, the plaintiff had purported to bring the action to safeguard the interests of the company. A careful and thorough examination conducted thereafter into these allegations had clearly shown that the allegations were totally baseless and unfounded and based on a misconception entertained by the plaintiff.

Mr. Aziz submitted that the hotel was built in accordance with the agreement reached between the parties and the plans, and that there was no justification at all for the plaintiff's allegations of

would have wished to file an amended pleading setting this out in greater detail, he did not wish to do so since this may delay the trial in this case which is fixed for a date in March this year.

However, he categorically reserved the right to contest the plaintiff's allegations at the appropriate stage. Mr. Aziz also pointed out that this course of action was necessary in view of the fact that foreign firms are involved in this matter and policy considerations required that this action should be concluded as early as possible, in the interest of everybody.

Accordingly, the judge permitted the further pleadings subject to reservation made by the Additional Solicitor General.

In this case the plaintiff Mr. Nihal Sri Amerasekera of Sri Vipulwana Mawatha, Colombo 10, a chartered accountant and a shareholder of Hotel Developers Ltd. has stated that the original architectural plans for the Colombo Hilton provided for 23 floors including a mezzanine floor but the unauthorised approved architectural plan had only 20 floors including the ground floor and no mezzanine floor in the main building.

There were also other differences in the building with regard to the number of guest rooms etc.

The District Court has already issued an interim injunction restraining the three Japanese firms of contractor and architects from demanding or receiving any monies whatsoever in connection with the construction of the Colombo Hilton building. An interim injunction has also been issued restraining Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd from entertaining any demand for claims or paying out any monies to the three Japanese companies.

Alleged Hilton kick-backs to be probed

By Ravi Ladduwahetty

Some influential persons connected to the J. R. Jayewardene regime are to come under investigation for fraud and corruption for alleged kickbacks received from a Japanese multinational, once the proposed permanent Commission for Bribery and Corruption is set up, informed Bribery Commissioner's Department sources yesterday.

Hong Kong based account of Deutsche Bank AG between April 1984 and December 1984 for alleged special favours it had obtained in connection with the Hilton Hotel project in Colombo, official sources disclosed.

- c) The exemption of import duties on all materials and equipment for the Hilton Hotel.
- d) The exemption of all corporate and other taxes.

questioned by Mitsui. The Attorney General, by his letter dated 6th March 1984 had categorically stated that no exemption from Import Duty could be granted to the Colombo Hilton under the law.

Consequently, former Minister of Constitutional Affairs K. N. Choksy - a very powerful personality in the United National Party government

Colombo had been granted, costing the government around Rs. 650 million.

The Customs (Amendment) Law No. 35 of 1974 empowers the Minister of Finance to grant such exemptions, only if he deems it expedient in public interest to do so. The then government also issued state guarantees under which the alleged claims today

THE ISLAND Saturday 2nd November, 1991

Embarrassed President wanted suit withdrawn

Mr. Nihal Sri Amerasekera told the Special Presidential Commission sitting at the BMICH yesterday, that when he filed action in the district court and obtained an enjoining order preventing payment to the Japanese consortium of Mitsui Taihei etc, Mr. R. Paskaralingam then secretary to the ministry of finance, informed him that President Premadasa was disturbed and wanted him to consider withdrawing the action.

Case against Hotel Hilton contractors

Interim injunction restraining drawing of payments issued

by Chitra Weeraratne
The District Judge of Colombo, Mr. I. M. Liyanage, recently issued an interim injunction, restraining Mitsui and Company Limited, Taihei Corporation and Kanku Kikaku Sekaisha Yoo Shibata and Associates, Architects and Designers, from drawing any payment from Hotel Developers Lanka Limited for having constructed the Hilton Hotel of Colombo.

enjoining orders in the same manner and issued the Notice of Interim Injunctions. The Objections that were filed by the Defendants, and the submissions made by the learned Counsel, on behalf of the parties, became the subject of this inquiry. When considering all the objections, submissions and legal positions, the position that is clear, is that, the 4th Defendant Company which is the other party to the Agreements, in respect of which the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Defendants have a right to receive monies on such Contracts, did not contest such an application. However, the subject of the argument mainly adduced herein was, that the Plaintiff, who is a Shareholder of the Company, sees this, as an attempt by other Shareholders and the Parties, who are showing interest concerning the Company, and who are exercising the influence, that they have gained in Society, acting together with the Company, to prevent the raising of the questions concerning the matters of the work in connection with the Contracts, the Prospec-



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THE PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARIAT

8th April 1993

Dear Sir,

Hilton Hotel

I am writing with reference to your letter dated 9th March 1993, addressed to His Excellency the President on the above subject.

I have been directed by His Excellency to refute your claim that my reply dated 5th February 1993, sent to you on His Excellency's instructions contained "false and untrue statements."

His Excellency has further directed me to inform you that,

(a), for the reasons set out in the aforesaid reply dated 5th February 1993, and

(b), in view of the decision of the Supreme Court, referred to in the penultimate paragraph of the aforesaid reply,

your request for action by His Excellency is inappropriate and therefore cannot be acceded to.

Yours faithfully,
(Signature)
K H J Wijayadenne,
Secretary to the President

Mr Vasudeva Nanayakkara,
Member of Parliament for
Ratnapura District,
143/3, New Road,
Colombo 2.

Hilton Hotel case

SC to hear application for special leave to appeal against AC order

By Chitra Weeraratne
The order of Mr. R. W. Jayaratne, District Judge of Colombo, delivered on Friday 13th September, 1991

claims for payment of money and receiving any money from the owing company of Hilton Hotel.

THE ISLAND Sunday 24th January, 1993

Vasudeva writes to President on Hilton

by Pabesh Subashwardena
Mr Vasudeva Nanayakkara has written to His Excellency the President on the above subject.

Minority shareholder rights against defiant majority

The Supreme Court is expected to grant special leave to appeal against the order of the District Court.

Alleged defaults in Hilton construction

Director-shareholder files further pleadings

by Pabesh Subashwardena
Mr. Amerasekera earlier instituted legal action in the District Court of Colombo and obtained Enjoining Orders restraining any payments to the Mitsui/Taihei Consortium and the Japanese Architects, Kanku Kikaku Sekaisha Yoo Shibata

Director, Hilton Hotel granted special leave to appeal to S.C.

by Chitra Weeraratne
The Supreme Court on Wednesday, granted Mr. Nihal Sri Amerasekera special leave to appeal to the Supreme Court against an order of the Court of Appeal in the Colombo Hilton Hotel case.

has applied to the Supreme Court reviewing the Supreme Court to grant him special leave to appeal against the order of the Court of Appeal. The Court of Appeal is expected to grant him special leave to appeal against the order of the District Court.

