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නිවේදනය :

"බී" ස්ථාවර කාරක සභාවට නම කිරීම

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පොද්ගලික මන්ත්‍රීන්ගේ පනත් කෙටුම්පත් :

විද්‍යාරණ විනයක්‍රම සභාව (සංස්ථාගත කිරීමේ) පනත් කෙටුම්පත - [ලියනල් රජයේ මහතා] - පළමුවන වර කියවන ලදී

කුළුගම්මන රජමහා විහාර දාසක සභාව (සංස්ථාගත කිරීමේ) - [පෙල්වන් රණරාජ මහතා] - පළමුවන වර කියවන ලදී

දේශීය ආදායම් (සංශෝධන) පනත් කෙටුම්පත :

දෙවන වර හා තුන්වන වර කියවා සංශෝධනාකාරයෙන් සම්මත කරන ලදී

සීමාසහිත ස්වයං රැකියා යෝජනා ක්‍රම : අත්කර ගැනීමේ නියමය

විවාදය කල්තබන ලදී

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දැරි ලක්මිච්චරි

(විකෘත)

වෙරළ 98

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ලියවන ලද පොතකි

<p>වෙරළ 98 කවි සංග්‍රහයේ 98 වන කොටස</p> <p>වෙරළ 98 කවි සංග්‍රහයේ 98 වන කොටස</p> <p>වෙරළ 98 කවි සංග්‍රහයේ 98 වන කොටස</p> <p>වෙරළ 98 කවි සංග්‍රහයේ 98 වන කොටස</p>	<p>වෙරළ 98 කවි සංග්‍රහයේ 98 වන කොටස</p> <p>වෙරළ 98 කවි සංග්‍රහයේ 98 වන කොටස</p> <p>වෙරළ 98 කවි සංග්‍රහයේ 98 වන කොටස</p> <p>වෙරළ 98 කවි සංග්‍රහයේ 98 වන කොටස</p>
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பாராளுமன்ற விவாதங்கள்

(ஹன்சார்ட்)

அதிகார அறிக்கை

(பிழை திருத்தப்படாதது)

பிரதான உள்எடக்கம்

அறிவிப்பு :

நிலைக்குழு "பி" க்கு நேமகம்
வினாக்களுக்கு வாய்மூல விடைகள்
தனி அங்கத்தினர் சட்டமூலங்கள் :

வித்யாரண்ய விநயக்ரம சபை (கூட்டிணைத்தல்)—[திரு. லயனல்
ஜயத்திலக்க]— முதன்முறை மதிப்பிடப்பட்டது
குளுகம்மன ரஜ மகா விகார தாயக சபா சங்கம் (கூட்டிணைத்தல்)
—[திரு. ஷெல்டன் ரணராஜ]— முதன்முறை மதிப்பிடப்பட்டது

உண்ணாட்டரசிறை (திருத்தம்) சட்டமூலம் :

இரண்டாம் மூன்றாம் மதிப்புக்களிடம்பெற்று திருத்தப்பட்டவாறு
நிறைவேற்றப்பட்டது

சுயதொழில்வசதி கருத்திட்டங்கள் லிமிற்றட் : கொள்ளற் கட்டளை
விவாதம் ஒத்திவைக்கப்பட்டது.

ஒத்திவைப்புப் பிரேரணை

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பாராளுமன்றம்
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பாராளுமன்றம் மு. ப. 10 மணிக்குக் கூடியது. சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள் [திரு. ஈ. எல். சேனநாயக்க] தலைமை வகித்தார்கள்.

The Parliament met at 10 A.M. MR. SPEAKER (MR. E. L. SENANAYAKE) in the Chair.

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அறிவிப்பு

ANNOUNCEMENT

“ බ ” ස්ථාවර කාරක සභාවට නම් කිරීම
நிலைக்குழு “ பி ” க்கு நேமகம்

NOMINATIONS TO STANDING COMMITTEE “B”

කථනායකතුමා
(சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Speaker)

In terms of Standing Order No. 139, I have appointed Mr. Norman Waidyaratna, Deputy Speaker, Chairman of Standing Committee “B” for the consideration of –

- (1) the Mirigama Young Men’s Buddhist Association (Incorporation) Bill ;
- (2) the Muslim Development Fund, Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill ;
- (3) the Board of Trustees of the Al Hassaniyyah Arabic College Trust (Incorporation) Bill.

I have also nominated the following additional Members to serve on Standing Committee “B” for the consideration of the Bills :

- Al Haj M. Abdul Bakeer Marker
- Mr. A. C. S. Hameed
- Mr. W. J. M. Lokubandara
- Mr. M. E. H. Maharoo
- Mr. J. L. Sirisena
- Mr. R. M. Karunaratne
- Mr. Jabir A. Cader
- Mr. Dinesh Gunawardena
- Mr. Sunil Ranjan Jayakody
- Mr. Ananda Dassanayake
- Mr. Anil Moonesinghe
- Mr. Sarath Muttetuwegama
- Mr. S. B. Wijekoon
- Mrs. Daya Sepali Senadheera
- Mr. Asoka W. Somaratne

පෙත්සම්
மனுக்கள்
PETITIONS

කථනායකතුමා
(சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Speaker)

Hon. Member for Horana – [Pause]. Not here.
Hon. Member for Dompe – [Pause]. Not here.
Hon. Member for Agalawatta – [Pause]. Not here.

ආචාර්ය ඩබ්ලිව්. දහනායක මහතා (ගාල්ල)
(கலாநிதி டபிள்யூ. தஹநாயக்க — காலி)
(Dr. W. Dahanayake Galle)

I present a petition from Mr. L. T. Karunaratne of “Ratnagiri”, Heenatigala, Talpe.

දීර්ඝත කරන ලද පෙත්සම් මහරන පෙත්සම් කාරක සභාවට පැවරිය යුතු යයි කියෝග කරන ලදී.

சமர்ப்பிக்கப்பட்ட மனுவைப் பொதுமனுக் குழுவுக்குச் சாட்டக் கட்டளையிடப்பட்டது.
Petition ordered to be referred to the Public Petitions Committee.

ප්‍රශ්නවලට වාචික පිළිතුරු
வினாக்களுக்கு வாய்மூல விடைகள்
ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

මියගිය එම්. ඩී. ඩී. යූ. එස්. වතිගස්සේකර මහතා : යැපෙන්නන්ට දීමනා
திரு. எம். பீ. டி. யு. எஸ். வதிகசேகர : அண்டிவாழ்வோர்க்குப் படிக்க
Late Mr. M. P. T. U. S. Wanigasekera : Allowances to dependants

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4. ආචාර්ය ඩබ්ලිව්. දහනායක මහතා (ගාල්ල)
(கலாநிதி டபிள்யூ. தஹநாயக்க — காலி)
(Dr. W. Dahanayake - Galle)

ජාතික ආරක්ෂාව පිළිබඳ ඇමතිතුමා සහ රාජ්‍ය ආරක්ෂක නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමතිතුමාගෙන් ඇසූ ප්‍රශ්න :

- (අ) ගාල්ලේ, ගොඩකන්දේ දුනුමල්දෙකියවත්තේ පදවිට සිට මිය ගිය ශ්‍රී ලංකා නාවික හමුදාවේ නාවිකයකු වූ (අංක 4882) ඇම්. ඩී. ඩී. යූ. ඇස්. වතිගස්සේකර මහතාගේ යැපෙන්නන්ට දීමනා ලැබීමට හිමිකම් ඇති බැව් එතුමා දන්නේ ද ?
- (ආ) මවට, බාල සොහොයුරන් දෙදෙනාට සහ බාල සොහොයුරියන් දෙදෙනාට දීමනා නොගෙවන්නේ මන්ද ?
- (ඇ) එම දීමනා ගෙවන ලෙසට එතුමා කියෝග කරන්නේ ද ?
- (ඈ) කියෝග නොකරන්නේ නම්, ඒ මන්ද ?

தேசிய பாதுகாப்பு அமைச்சரும் பாதுகாப்புப் பிரதி அமைச்சருமானவரைக் கேட்ட வினா :

- (அ) இலங்கைக் கடற்படையில் 4882 ஆம் இலக்கத்துடன் சாமானிய படையாளாக இருந்தவரும் துணுமல் தெனியாவத்தை, கொடகத்தை, காலி என்ற முகவரியினருமாகிய காலஞ்சென்ற திரு. எம். பீ. டி. யு. எஸ். வதிகசேகர என்பாரின் அண்டி வாழ்வோர் படிக்கப் பெறும் உரித்துடையவர் என்பதை அறிவாரா ?
- (ஆ) அவரது தாயார் இரு தம்பியார் இரு தங்கைமார் ஆகியோருக்கு ஏன் படிக்க வழங்கப்படவில்லை ?
- (இ) இவர்களுக்குப் படிக்க வழங்கப்படும்படி கட்டளையிடுவாரா ?
- (ஈ) இல்லையெல் ஏன் ?

[ආචාර්ය ඩබ්ලිව්. දහනායක මහතා]

asked the Minister of National Security and Deputy Minister of Defence :

(a) Is he aware that the dependents of the late Mr. M. P. T. U. S. Wanigasekera, Private 4882 of the S.L. Navy of Dunumaldeniyawatte, Godakanda, Galle, are entitled to allowances ?

(b) Why are the mother and 2 younger brothers and 2 younger sisters, not given allowances ?

(c) Will he order that allowances be given ?

(d) If not, why ?

එම්. වින්සන්ට් පෙරේරා මහතා (පාර්ලිමේන්තු කටයුතු හා ක්‍රීඩා ඇමතිතුමා සහ ආණ්ඩු පාර්ශ්වයේ ප්‍රධාන සාධකයකුතුමා)

(திரு. எம். வின்சன்ட் பெரேரா — பாராளுமன்ற அலுவலர்கள், விளையாட்டுத்துறை அமைச்சரும் பிரதம அரசாங்கக் கொளடாவும்)

(Mr. M. Vincent Perera Minister of Parliamentary Affairs & Sports and Chief Government Whip)

I answer on behalf of the Minister of National Security and Deputy Minister of Defence.

(a) and (b) No. The Director/Pensions has indicated that his mother, brothers and sisters were not dependent on him as his father was employed.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

ආචාර්ය ඩබ්ලිව්. දහනායක මහතා

(கலாநிதி டபிள்யூ. தஹநாயக்க)

(Dr. W. Dahanayake)

Sir, what happens if the statement made by the Director is not correct ? We challenge it.

එම්. වින්සන්ට් පෙරේරා මහතා

(திரு. எம். வின்சன்ட் பெரேரா)

(Mr. M. Vincent Perera)

If you say that it is not correct I will bring it to the notice of the Minister concerned. At the moment he is held up at the Cabinet Meeting.

ආචාර්ය ඩබ්ලිව්. දහනායක මහතා

(கலாநிதி டபிள்யூ. தஹநாயக்க)

(Dr. W. Dahanayake)

Thank you very much.

කථානායකතුමා

(சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)

(Mr. Speaker)

Question No. 5.

එම්. වින්සන්ට් පෙරේරා මහතා

(திரு. எம். வின்சன்ட் பெரேரா)

(Mr. M. Vincent Perera)

On behalf of the Minister of Agricultural Development and Research and Minister of Food and Co-operatives, I ask for three months' time to answer this Question.

ප්‍රශ්නය මතු දිනකදී ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමට එයේම කරන ලදී.

வினாவை மற்றொரு தினத்தில் சமர்ப்பிக்கக் கட்டளையிடப்பட்டது.

Question ordered to stand down.

කථානායකතුමා

(சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)

(Mr. Speaker)

Question No. 6.

එම්. වින්සන්ට් පෙරේරා මහතා

(திரு. எம். வின்சன்ட் பெரேரா)

(Mr. M. Vincent Perera)

On behalf of the Minister of Home Affairs, I ask for two weeks' time to answer this Question.

ප්‍රශ්නය මතු දිනකදී ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමට එයේම කරන ලදී.

வினாவை மற்றொரு தினத்தில் சமர்ப்பிக்கக் கட்டளையிடப்பட்டது.

Question ordered to stand down.

කමිකරු විනිශ්චය සහ නඩු අංක 1/14832/77

தொழில் நீதிமன்ற வழக்கு இல 1/14832/77

Labour Tribunal Case No : 1/14832/77

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7. ලක්ෂ්මන් ජයකොඩි මහතා (අත්තනගල්ල)

(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி — அத்தனகல்ல)

(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody-Attanagalla)

කමිකරු කටයුතු පිළිබඳ ඇමතිතුමාගෙන් ඇසූ ප්‍රශ්නය :

(අ) කමිකරු විනිශ්චය සහ නඩු අංක 1/14832/77 දරන නඩුව සම්බන්ධව අභියාචනාධිකරණය විසින් ස්වකීය තීරණය 1980.06.20 ප්‍රකාශයට පත්කර, අදාළ සියලුම ලියකියවිලි කමිකරු විනිශ්චය සභාව වෙත එවා ඇති බව එතුමා දන්වන ද ?

(ආ) අභියාචනාධිකරණයේ තීරණය එතුමා සහායක කරවන ද ?

(ඇ) මෙම තීරණය සම්බන්ධව කමිකරු විනිශ්චය සභාව ගෙන ඇති පියවර කුමක්දැයි එතුමා සඳහන් කරවන ද ?

தொழில் அமைச்சரைக் கேட்ட வினா :

(அ) தொழில் நீதிமன்றத்தின் 1/14832/77 ஆம் இலக்க வழக்குத் தொடர்பான மேன் முறையீட்டு நீதிமன்றம் 20.6.1980 ஆம் தேதி தீர்ப்பை வெளியிட்டு இதுனுடன் தொடர்பான எல்லாப் பத்திரங்களையும் தொழில் நீதிமன்றத்துக்கு மேன்முறையீட்டு நீதிமன்றம் அனுப்பியுள்ளதை அவர் அறிவாரா ?

(ஆ) மேன்முறையீட்டு நீதிமன்றத்தின் தீர்ப்பை அவர் சமர்ப்பிப்பாரா ?

(இ) இத்தீர்ப்பின் தொடர்பாக தொழில் நீதிமன்றம் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துள்ளதென்பதை அவர் கூறுவாரா ?

asked the Minister of Labour -

(a) Is he aware that the Court of Appeal has on 20.06.1980 declared its decision pertaining to Labour Tribunals Case No. 1/14832/77 and sent all the relevent documents to the Labour Tribunal ?

(b) Will he table the decision of the Court of Appeal ?

(c) Will he state what steps have been taken by the Labour Tribunal regarding this Case ?

එම්. වින්සන්ට් පෙරේරා මහතා

(திரு. எம். வின்சன்ட் பெரேரா)

(Mr. M. Vincent Perera)

I answer on behalf of the Minister of Labour, who is held up at the Cabinet Meeting.

(a) The Labour Tribunal falls within the purview of the Ministry of Justice. This question may therefore be referred to the Ministry of Justice.

பி. பி. மூடியன்சே மதனா : பிழை வட்டி
 திரு. டி. ஏ. முதியன்சே : ஓய்வூதியம்
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12. லக்ஷ்மன் ரமணி மதனா (சரன் மூலத்தேவதேவ மதனா—
 கலவான—வேலூர்)
 (திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி—திரு. சரத் முத்தேட்டுவெகம்—
 கலவான—சார்பாக)

(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody on behalf of Mr. Sarath
 Muttetuwegama Kalawana)

முயலாமலும் ஈன சலுகை சலுகை, நிவாரண நிறுவனம் அல்லது ஈன
 மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது அல்லது ஈன மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது
 அல்லது ஈன மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது

(அ) (i) கட்டுவது பிடிவது ஈன மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது
 மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது
 மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது

(ii) பிடிவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது
 மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது
 மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது

(iii) மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது
 மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது
 மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது

(iv) மூடியன்சே மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது
 மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது
 மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது

மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது ?

(அ) (i) மூடியன்சே மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது
 மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது

(ii) பிடிவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது
 மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது

மதனா கட்டுவது பிடிவது கட்டுவது பிடிவது ?

பிரதம அமைச்சரும், உள்நாட்டு, வீடமைப்பு, நிர்மாண அமைச்சரும்,
 பெருநகர அமைச்சரும் அமைச்சரும் சிவில் நிர்வாக
 அமைச்சருமானவரைக் கேட்ட வினா :

(அ) (i) தெளகலகம், எலவெல்ல என்னுமிடத்ததைச் சேர்ந்தவரும்
 கலவான நிறுவனம் பொறியியலாளர் அலுவலகத்தில்
 III ஆம் தரத் தொழிலாளியாகியிருந்தவருமான திரு. டி. ஏ.
 முதியன்சே என்பவர் 1984, ஜூலையில் சேவையிலிருந்து
 இணைப்பாகியுள்ளதும் ;

(ii) இவரது ஓய்வூதியக் கொடுப்பனவுகள் இறுதியாகத்
 நிர்மாணிக்கப்படும்வரை இவர் மாதமொன்றுக்கு ரூபா 625
 ஓய்வூதியமாகவும் மேலும் ரூபா 325 உம் பெறுவதற்கு
 உரித்துடையவரென பெருநகரின் பணிப்பாளர்
 18.9.1984 இல் திரு. முதியன்சேக்கு எழுதின
 ரென்பதையும் ;

(iii) இப்பணத்தைப் பெறுவதற்கு பத்திரமுல்லியிலுள்ள தலைமை
 அலுவலகத்திற்கு வரும்படியும் அல்லது தேவையான
 முத்திரை ஒட்டி ஒப்பமிடப்பட்ட சட்டை அணுப்பும்படியும்
 இக்கடித்தின் முடிவில் தொடர்பிலக்கம் HV 632/83
 கொண்ட குறிப்பொன்று காணப்பட்டதென்பதையும் ;

(iv) திரு. முதியன்சே கலவான நிறுவனம் பொறியிய
 லாளர் ஊடாக ரூபா 1,080 க்கான சட்டை அணுப்பிய
 போதும் இவருக்கு உரிய பணமோ பதிலோ கிடைக்க
 வில்லென்பதையும்,

அவர் அறிவாரா ?

(ஆ) (i) இப்பணத்தையும் எதிர்காலக் கொடுப்பனவுகளையும்
 தாமதமின்றி வழங்குவதற்கும் ;

(ii) இவரது ஓய்வூதிய விண்ணப்பம் முடிவாகிப்பட்டு முழுக்
 கொடுப்பனவுகளையும் தாமதமின்றி வழங்குவதற்கும்,

அவர் ஆவன செய்வாரா ?

asked the Prime Minister and Minister of Local
 Government, Housing and Construction and Minister
 of Highways and Minister of Emergency Civil
 Administration :

(a) Is he aware that (i) Mr. D. A. Mudiense of
 Elawella, Daugalagama, Grade III labourer
 attached to the Executive Engineer's Office
 Kalawana retired from service in July 84 ;

(ii) On 18.09.1984 the Director of Highways
 wrote to Mr. Mudiense, that he was entitled
 to a person of Rs. 625 and a sum of Rs. 325
 per month till the finalisation of the pension
 payments ;

(iii) At the end of the letter, there was a further
 note with reference number HV/632/83,
 requesting Mr. Mudiense to call over at the
 Head Office, Battaramulla for payment of
 this money or to send a signed voucher with
 the required stamps affixed thereto ;

(iv) Mr. Mudiense forwarded a voucher through
 E. E. Kalawana, for a sum of Rs. 1,080 but
 has not received the money or a reply ?

(b) Will he see (i) that this money and the future
 payments are sent without delay ?

(ii) the pension application is processed and the
 full payments made without delay ?

பி. பி. மூடியன்சே மதனா
 (திரு. எம். வினசன் பெரேரா)
 (Mr. M. Vincent Perera)

I answer on behalf of the Prime Minister and Minister
 of local Government, housing and Construction and
 Minister of Highways and Minister of Emergency Civil
 Administration.

(a) (i) Yes.

(ii) No. The Director of Highways by his letter
 dated 18.09.1984 informed Mr. Mudiyanse
 that pending approval of his pension a
 temporary monthly pension of Rs. 360 has
 been approved for him.

(iii) Yes.

(iv) Yes.

(b) (i) On 31.10.1984 the Director of Pensions has approved Mr. Mudiyanse's pension and has directed the Government Agent, Ratnapura, to pay him the same. Mr. Mudiyanse has been sent a copy of the letter addressed to the G.A. Therefore there is no need at present to pay the temporary pension. Action will be taken by this Ministry to check with the G.A., Ratnapura, as to why the payment is delayed.

(ii) Does not arise in view of (b) (i).

කේ. පී. ජයතිලක මහතා : වන්දි මුදල් හා අනතුරු දීමනා
 திரு கே. ஜி. ஜயத்திலக: நட்புடனும் விபத்துப்படிகளும்

MR. K. G. JAYATILLEKE: COMPENSATION AND ACCIDENT ALLOWANCES

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2. අමරසිරි දෙවන්ගොඩ මහතා (බද්දේගම)

(திரு. அமரசிரி தொடங்கொட — பத்தேகம)
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ජාතික ආරක්ෂාව පිළිබඳ ඇමතිතුමා සහ රාජ්‍ය ආරක්ෂක තිසේජ්‍ය ඇමතිතුමාගෙන් ඇසූ ප්‍රශ්නය :

(අ) (i) මොණරාගල පොලීසියේ පො. කො. 6338 කේ. පී. ජයතිලක මහතා 1971 කැරැල්ලේදී වෙඩි පහරකින් මාරාන්තික තුවාල ලැබූ බවත් :

(ii) මේ තිසා සදහටම ආධාරයකට වූ ජයතිලක මහතා මාරාන්තික වූ අනුයුක්තව සිටියදී වෛද්‍ය පරීක්ෂණ සහ උපදෙස් මත විශ්‍රාම ගිය බවත්, එතුමා දක්නටද ?

(ආ) වන්දි මුදල් හා අනතුරු දීමනා ඉල්ලා අදාල බලධාරීන්ට මතු විසින් දක්වා ඇතත් අද වනතෙක් ඒවා ලබාදීම ප්‍රමාද කර ඇත්තේ ඇයිද එතුමා සඳහන් කරන්නේද ?

(ඇ) ජයතිලක මහතාට වන්දි මුදල් හා අනතුරු දීමනා ඉක්මනින්ම ලබාදීමට එතුමා කටයුතු කරන්නේද ?

தேசிய பாதுகாப்பு அமைச்சரும் பாதுகாப்புப் பிரதி அமைச்சருமானவரைக் கேட்ட வினா :

(அ) (i) மொனராகலப் பொலீஸ் நிலையத்தில் பொ. கொ. 6338 திரு. கே.ஜி. ஜயத்திலக்க 1971 கிளர்ச்சியின்போது துப்பாக்கிச் சூட்டினால் பலத்த காயங்களுக்கு ஆளானவரென்பதையும்,

(ii) இதன் காரணமாக நிரந்தர வலது குறைந்தவராகப்பட்ட திரு. ஜயத்திலக்க மாத்தறையப் பொலீஸில் கடமை யாற்றும்போது வைத்திய ஆலோசனையின்மீது இளைப்பாறியுள்ளபடியும் அவர் அறிவாரா ?

(ஆ) நட்புடனும், விபத்துப்படியும் கோரி சம்பந்தப்பட்ட அதிகாரிகளுக்கு இவர் அறிவித்துள்ளபோதிலும், இற்றைவரை இவைகளைப் பெற்றுத்தர காலம் தாழ்த்துவது ஏனென்று அவர் குறிப்பிடுவாரா ?

(இ) திரு.ஜயத்திலக்கவுக்கு நட்புடனையும், விபத்துப் படியையும் விரைவில் வழங்க அவர் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பாரா ?

asked the Minister of National Security and Deputy Minister of Defence :

(a) Is he aware, (i) that Mr. K. G. Jayatilleke P.C. No. 6338 of the Monaragala Police received near-fatal gunshot injuries during the insurrection of 1971.

(ii) that Mr. Jayatilleke who thereupon became permanently disabled retired on medical advice after a medical examination at the time he was attached to the Matara Police ?

(b) Will he state why the payment of compensation and accident allowances requested by him from the relevant authorities has been delayed up to date ?

(c) Will he take action for the prompt payment of compensation and accident allowances to Mr. Jayatilleke ?

එම්. වින්සන්ට් පෙරේරා මහතා
 (திரு. எம். வினசன்ட் பெரேரா)
 (Mr. M. Vincent Perera)

I answer on behalf of the Minister of National Security and Deputy Minister of Defence

(a) (i) Yes.
 (ii) The Medical Board which examined the P.C. found him unfit for further service. Accordingly he was retired from 1.3.83.

(b) The P.C. was sent before a number of Medical Boards and his loss of earning capacity was assessed at 10 per cent. On this basis, the Director of Pensions recommended the payment of Rs. 1384/81 – compensation by his letter No. 257 of 18.06.78. This was rejected by P.C. 6338 Jayatilake, who made a fresh appeal. The Medical Board that examined him again assessed his loss of earning capacity at 24 per cent and recommended a payment of Rs. 3385/44 as compensation. This was the cause of delay.

(c) Compensation payable in this case (Rs. 3385/44) was paid on 30.8.84. A monthly pension of Rs. 652.89 and an annual injury allowance of Rs. 970.12 are being paid.

ලාභධාරී ස්ථාපන සේවය : දෙවිනුවර ආසනය
 பட்டதாரிகளை அமர்த்தும் சேவை: தெவிநுவரத் தொகுதி
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3. අමරසිරි දෙවන්ගොඩ මහතා (බද්දේගම)

(திரு. அமரசிரி தொடங்கொட — பத்தேகம)
 (Mr. Amarasiri Dodangoda Baddegama)

යොවන කටයුතු හා රැකියා සඳහා ඇමතිතුමා සහ අධ්‍යක්ෂ ඇමතිතුමාගෙන් ඇසූ ප්‍රශ්නය :

(අ) (i) උපාධ්‍යාරී ස්ථාපන සේවය යටතේ දෙවිනුවර ආසනයේ 1984 ජූනි මාසය දක්වා ලියාපදිංචි වී ඇති සංඛ්‍යාවත්,

(ii) මේ අයගෙන් ගුරු පත්වීම් සඳහා සම්මුඛ පරීක්ෂණයට කැඳවා ඇති සංඛ්‍යාවත් හා පත්වීම් ලබා දී ඇති සංඛ්‍යාවත් (නම් සහ ලිපිනයන්ද සහිතව) එතුමා සඳහන් කරන්නේද ?

(ආ) මෙතෙක් ගුරු පත්වීම් ලබා දී නොමැති අයට පත්වීම් ලබාදීමට එතුමා කටයුතු කරන්නේද ?

(ඇ) නොඑසේ නම්, ඒ මන්ද ?

පෞද්ගලික මන්ත්‍රීන්ගේ පණන් කෙටුම්පත්

தனி அங்கத்தினர் சட்டமூலங்கள்
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

විද්‍යාරණ විනයක්‍රම සභාව (සංස්ථාගත කිරීමේ) පනත් කෙටුම්පත

வித்யாரண்ய விநயக்ரம சபை (சட்டமூலம்)
VIDYARANYA VINAYAKRAMA SABHAWA
(INCORPORATION) BILL

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ලයනල් ජයතිලක මහතා (ඇමතිතුමා)
(திரு. லயனல் ஜயதிலக்க — அமைச்சர்)
(Mr. Lionel Jayatileke—Minister)

ගරු කථානායකතුමනි, පහත සඳහන් යෝජනාව මම ඉදිරිපත් කරමි :

" විද්‍යාරණ විනයක්‍රම සභාව සංස්ථාගත කිරීම සඳහා වූ පනත් කෙටුම්පතක් ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමට අවසර දිය යුතුය. "

ගරු කථානායකතුමනි, රාමස්සේ නිකායේ මහා නායක ගෞරවාර්ථ ඉදුරුවේ උත්තරානන්ද ස්වාමීපාදයාණන් වහන්සේගේ මෙහෙය වීමෙන් 1952 වර්ෂයේ පෙබරවාරි මස 24 වන දා මෙම විද්‍යාරණ විනයක්‍රම සභාව ආරම්භ වූණි. මෙම සභාවේ පරමාර්ථය වන්නේ බෞද්ධ ජනතාව අතර ධර්ම විනය උත්සාහ සංවර්ධනය කරනු පිණිස දිවයින පුරා සිටින බෞද්ධයින්ට මේ මගින් අවබෝධයක් ලබා දීමයි. පසුගිය අවුරුදු 30 තුළ මේ අතින් සැහෙන සේවාවක් මෙම සභාව විසින් කර තිබෙනවා. මේ රටේ බෞද්ධ ජනතාව ධර්ම විනය පිළිබඳව අවබෝධයක් ලබා දී ඒ සම්බන්ධ බෞද්ධ ධර්ම විනය පවත්වා එම විනයවලින් සමන්විත පිරිසට සහතික පත් ලබා දී තිබෙනවා. ඒ සහතික පත් ලබා ගත් උදවිය අද තම තමන්ගේ ගම්වල ජනතාවට බෞද්ධ ධර්මය පිළිබඳ අවබෝධයක් ලබා දෙනවා. විශේෂයෙන් විනයානුකූලව ජීවත්වීම සඳහා ජනතාව මෙහෙයවීම පිළිබඳ කටයුතු මෙම සභාවෙන් කෙරීගෙන යනවා. එවැනි උත්සාහයන් සේවයක් කරනු ලබන විද්‍යාරණ විනයක්‍රම සභාව සංස්ථාගත කිරීම සඳහායි මෙම පනත ඉදිරිපත් කර තිබෙන්නේ.

ලක්ෂමන් ජයකොඩි මහතා (අත්තනගල්ල)
(திரு. லக்ஷமன் ஜயக்கொடி — அத்தனாகல்ல)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody—Attanagalla)

විසින් ස්ඵර කරන ලදී.
அனுமதித்தார்.

seconded.

ප්‍රශ්නය විමසන ලදීත්, සභාසම්මත විය.

පනත් කෙටුම්පත ඊට අනුකූලව පලමුවන වර කියවන ලදීත්, එය මුද්‍රණය කිරීමට නියෝග කරන ලදී.

වාර්තා කිරීම සඳහා 47 (5) වන ස්ථාවර නියෝගය යටතේ පනත් කෙටුම්පත සංස්කෘතික කටයුතු ඇමතිතුමා වෙත පවරන ලදී

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குளுகம்மன ரஜ மஹா விஹார தாயக சபா (சட்டமூலம்)
KULUGAMMANA RAJA MAHA VIHARA DAYAKA SABHA
(INCORPORATION) BILL

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(திரு. ஷெல்லர் ரணராஜா—நீதிப் பிரதி அமைச்சர்)
(Mr. Shelton Ranaraja—Deputy Minister of Justice)

ගරු කථානායකතුමනි, පහත සඳහන් යෝජනාව මම ඉදිරිපත් කරමි.

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(திரு. எஸ். எஸ். அபேசந்தர — விவசாய அபிவிருத்தி, ஆராய்ச்சிப் பிரதி அமைச்சர்)

Mr. S. S. Abeysondera—Deputy Minister of Agricultural Development & Research)

විසින් ස්ඵර කරන ලදී.

அனுமதித்தார்.

seconded

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உணர்ளுட்டரகிணை (திருத்தம்) சட்டமூலம்

INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL

දෙවන වර කියවීමේ නියෝගය කියවන ලදී.

இரண்டாம் மதிப்பிற்சாண கட்டளை வாசிக்கப்பட்டது.

Order for Second Reading read.

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மேல் — நிதி, அமைப்புத்திட்ட அமைச்சர்)

(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel—Minister of Finance and Planning)

I move,

"That the bill be now read a Second time"

Mr. Speaker, I have great pleasure in introducing the Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill. This, Sir, is to give effect to the tax proposals contained in my Budget speech. It is indeed a rather rare and happy occasion for me as Minister of Finance. Normally I am called upon

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to introduce measures which either increase the existing taxes or impose new taxes thereby imposing further burdens on the people of the country. In this case it is a rare occasion and I am happy to state that I am introducing a bill which grants a series of reliefs and concessions to tax payers. Therefore, it is indeed a rather rare and happy occasion for a Minister of Finance in this House.

Mr. Speaker, the present Bill, as I informed the House, is intended to give effect to the main proposals contained in my Budget speech. Let me first express my deep apologies to the House that it took such a long time after the Budget Debate for this Bill to come to Parliament. I have always tried to bring these Bills within one month of the conclusion of the Budget Debate sometime in January, which is as it should be. But it took such an interminable long time to draft the Bill in the Legal Draftsman's Department. I understand that the Legal Draftsman's Department is presently short of both staff and talent. Anyway things do not move there with the speed and precision which I would like. Bills like this should come much earlier to Parliament. Anyway I am happy that I have been able to present this Bill even in April as the Inland Revenue year starts for some reason or other in most countries on April 1st. I have tried to find out the reason why - I do not know whether the Hon. Member for Attanagalla (Mr. Lakshman Jayakody) knows - the inland revenue year in most countries starts on the 1st of April, despite wide divergences of climate and conditions in those countries. I think it is because it is April Fools day, because all the people are all the time fooling the Inland Revenue Department. I think it is very appropriate that it should start on April Fools day. Anyway, I am confident that the vast majority of taxpayers in this country will welcome this Bill as it grants them substantial relief in a number of ways.

However, I have to collect revenue for the Government. While giving relief, I must see to it that the revenue of the country does not suffer, particularly at a time when tea prices are declining and at a time when expenditure on defence and security is increasing. In order to grant these reliefs, I have simultaneously introduced several measures to strengthen tax administration and tax collection. I am placing my main emphasis on better administration and better collection.

This Bill contains many provisions to arm the Department of Inland Revenue with adequate powers to deal with these matters. The government, as you know, needs revenue and as Minister of Finance it is my bounden duty to collect as much revenue as possible to meet the new contingencies like defence and security and also to meet the losses resulting from the declining revenue from tea.

In my opinion - and I have often stated so in this House - the tax system of a country must be simple, lucid and rational. The simpler the better. A simple tax system not only helps the individual taxpayer but also helps the tax collector. As a consequence of having a simple tax system Government revenue will increase and not decrease. I have been steadfastly trying in the last seven years to make our tax system as simple as possible, as lucid as possible and as rational as possible. This is the basis of the tax structure which I have tried to set up in Sri Lanka since 1977. For my part, I do not believe in a vast mass of taxes, a plethora of taxes, a festoon of taxes, all types of ornamental taxes, types of taxes which I would call frills and scissors-and-paste tax legislation. It has been the experience of many countries that when you have a plethora of taxes, you collect very little.

In Sri Lanka we had a very complicated system of taxation before 1977 which I think laboured like a mountain and produced only a mouse. Today, with a much simpler tax system and with lower tax rates, I collect exactly seven times more revenue through the Department of Inland Revenue alone than was collected in 1977. In 1977 the total collection of all taxes by the Department of Inland Revenue was only Rs. 2 billion. I collected Rs. 14 billion last year, despite certain reduction in the rates of taxes and despite the abolition of some unnecessary taxes because with a simpler tax system, we have been able to collect much more. This has been the experience of all countries.

As you know, some of the taxes proposed by the last Government never even got on the Statute Book. They were proposed in the Budget but never became law. Some of them got on the Statute Book but were not implemented and they remained, virtually, dead letters so far as the tax system was concerned. They produced little or nothing. I have got some figures which will prove my point.

There is my friend the editor of the "Aththa" whose paper I read avidly every day. Hon. Member for Kalawana (Mr. Sarath Muttetuwegama), I read the "Aththa" every day because I have been taught to read the "Aththa" for the last 20 years and I like to read it because I like his style is so good - he calls me in a very inoffensive way a 'තෙව්වෙද' trying to collect taxes.

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(திரு. சரத் முத்தேவகுமாரம்)
(Mr. Sarath Muttetuwegama)

Not a 'රවේ වෙද' ?

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(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

I must tell him that not only am I not a 'තෙව්වෙද' but I am also not a 'තෙව්වෙද' like him because I have collected ten times more taxes.

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(திரு. சரத் முத்தேட்டுவேகம்)
(Mr. Sarath Muttetuwegama)

What is the inflation from 1975 to now ?

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(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

But with your proportion of the GNP, I think yours is not a better performance.

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

I will give you some details and we can get into the debate later. Income tax, that is Personal Income Tax in 1975, the last year of Dr. N. M. Perera—I am not casting any reflections on him, I never cast any reflections on previous Ministers of Finance—was Rs. 258 million. In 1976—that was the year of my good Friend Mr. Felix Dias Bandaranaike—personal Income Tax was Rs. 254 million. Last year Personal Income Tax was Rs. 1,500 million—a sevenfold increase! Company Tax in 1975 was Rs. 512 million; 1976, Rs. 682 million; last year, Rs. 3,741 million—also a sevenfold increase!

Then Wealth Tax; in 1975 it was Rs. 22 million; 1976, Rs. 20 million and last year, Rs. 32 million. Estate Duty, in 1975 it was Rs. 11 million; 1976, Rs. 14 million and last year, Rs. 27 million. Stamp Duty has shown even a greater increase—fourteenfold increase! In 1975 it was Rs. 25 million; 1976, Rs. 26 million; last year, Rs. 355 million. Turnover Tax, in 1975 it was Rs. 646 million; 1976, Rs. 711 million and last year Rs. 8,381 million. Then “Others”, in 1975, Rs. 27 million; Rs. 20 million in 1976; Rs. 175 million in 1984. The total in 1975 was Rs. 1,506 million; 1976, Rs. 1,732 million; last year Rs. 14,179 million. I have got a nice chart also which has been prepared by my Commissioner-General of Inland Revenue, who is a very efficient officer, I must pay a tribute to him. I think I can give it for the information of the House.—(Interruption). The less said of him the better.

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

Where is he now.

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

I do not know.

My consistent aim therefore has been to have fewer and simpler taxes but better collection. I propose to tax those who can afford to pay, those from whom we can collect some substantial revenue, and relief the low

income groups, particularly the lower middle class who are certainly going through some difficult times at the moment, the fixed salary earners and so on. In my opinion there is no point in accumulating a large number of tax files in the Inland Revenue Department, just collecting a lot of dust and little revenue. My aim has been to reduce the number of files but to try to collect more.

I will now go into some of the details of the Bill.

Income tax : The incidence of personal income tax in Sri Lanka is at present higher than in any other country in Asia. I have carefully studied and compared the tax structures and tax rates of several Asian countries; of India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, not to speak of the East Asian countries who have quite a different system. I have studied and compared the tax structures and tax rates of several Asian countries and find that despite certain concessions which I have given in the last few years regarding tax rates, the incidence of income tax is still quite high in our country — the highest in Asia. Therefore, Sir, I think it is necessary to reduce this very high incidence of income tax for several reasons.

Firstly, the present heavy incidence of tax results, as we all know, in fairly large-scale tax evasion. I am inclined to believe that more reasonable rates of tax would result in better compliance. Some may disagree but I am inclined to believe. This has been the experience, I think of several countries which have reduced their tax rates and made them more reasonable though, of course, tax-payers are not the most reasonable people, as you all know. This has also been our experience for example with regard to BTT. When we reduced the BTT we certainly increased our collections in the last two years.

Secondly, a reduction in the tax burden, I think, is necessary to generate funds for investment, particularly by the private sector which this government is pledged to encourage. Our Government, as you know, Sir, is firmly committed to more and more investment and more and more participation by the private sector in the country's investment programme. Our present Public Investment Programme, 1985 to 1989, contemplates a total investment in the five years of something over Rs. 200 billion, of which we expect about half to come from the private sector — a rather tall order, but still we expect about half to come from the private sector. So, how can we expect the private sector to invest if they have nothing left after taxation? That is why we think certain further concessions must be given.

Mr. Speaker, I have therefore given several concessions and reliefs, particularly, as I said, to the long suffering middle classes and lower middle classes of this country. All those with income of Rs. 2,000 and

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less per month will pay no tax at all in Sri Lanka after this. Nobody with an income of Rs. 2,000 will pay tax any more in Sri Lanka. I am sure this will be a great relief to a large section of our people who have gone through a lot of difficulties in recent times due to inflation and higher living costs. The fixed income earner, both in the public sector and the private sector, and the low and middle income groups will all benefit from these concessions. I think this is a very important class in any country: the lower middle classes and the fixed income earners. - (*Interruption*) And I am sure that the reliefs I have given - every year I am giving them relief - will help them greatly.

In addition, as you know, the public servants in this country do not pay any tax at all. This was a revolutionary move which I started in 1977. In fact, most of my Colleagues, who are Finance Ministers in other countries, think that this is a move which they will not dare to attempt in their countries - relieving a whole segment of public servants from tax. Anyway, we did that to help the public servants who are also a long-suffering class. So, the public servants do not pay tax at all on their salaries.

The emoluments and incomes of husbands and wives have also been disaggregated.

These were measures which I introduced in my first Budget. So, taken together, all these measures will be a considerable relief, I hope, to the middle classes and lower middle classes of the country.

Then Sir, with regard to not only the present tax slabs, but also the exemption limit, I have made fairly considerable concessions and given reliefs to the people in the lower income groups. The tax slabs, particularly in the lower income groups, have been widened by at least 50 per cent to help the tax-payers in the middle income groups.

These amendments of mine will virtually exempt from income tax the entirety of the lower middle classes and the entirety of the lower income groups of this country. They will be completely exempt from tax.

Actually, the relief provided can be gauged by a few examples. I will give you some examples, some individual cases, which will illustrate the point. I am giving you a comparison of the tax paid by income earners in this group in April 1984, with what they will pay this year in April 1985, that is, April 1984 compared to April 1985. After this Bill is passed into law, a person with a monthly income of Rs. 2,000 and who paid Rs. 61 per month as tax - that is about Rs. 750 or so for a year - will pay no tax. A person with an income of Rs. 3,000 per month and who paid Rs. 208 as tax per month - that is about Rs. 2,500 per year - will

pay Rs. 81 only from this month. The tax of Rs. 208 per month comes down to Rs. 81. A person with an income of Rs. 3,500 per month paid Rs. 324 per month this year. Next year, he will pay only Rs. 131 per month. That is about one-third. So, these are a few examples of the reliefs which I have provided the lower middle classes and the middle classes - the lower income tax payers of this country.

Then, Sir, I have also provided in this Bill some considerable relief, particularly to people in the private sector of this country - those who do not get a tax exemption on salary like the public servants - with regard to the taxation on terminal benefits of employees; that is, their provident funds and gratuities. I have already in my previous Budgets given them considerable reliefs. In the old days all provident funds over Rs. 25,000 and all gratuities over Rs. 25,000 were taxed. I raised this limit to Rs. 50,000 in a previous Budget. But I feel that the inflation has greatly reduced the real value of the terminal benefits of employees which they get at the end of a long career of services, probably 30 years or 35 years of hard work, in the form of a provident fund or gratuity payment.

This Government, as I said, has already taken certain measures to give them reliefs. I had earlier provided some reliefs in my earlier Budgets with regard to provident funds and gratuities. I now propose in this Bill to provide further relief by reducing the income tax payable on provident funds and gratuities. Earlier I had raised the exemption limit from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 50,000 in a previous Budget. I am now raising the exemption limit to Rs. 100,000. That is, the gratuities and provident funds up to Rs. 100,000 will be liable to no tax whatsoever in future. I think this will be a great relief, particularly to employees in the private sector. After this, even after Rs. 100,000, there will be a further relief in the tax slabs beyond the first Rs. 100,000. The tax slabs of the present rate schedule will be doubled to Rs. 50,000 at five per cent and then Rs. 50,000 at ten per cent.

Further, I have given an additional inducement to employers to pay retiring gratuities in future. By some strange quirk in the law which previous Governments all missed - I think it is some sort of glaring omission - when a business ceases operation, an employer who pays a provident fund or a gratuity to his employees cannot claim the deduction from the tax of the company up to date. I have now amended this. For example when business ceases operation - it is a very strange quirk in the law; I do not know how this quirk in the law arose - if continuing business pays a gratuity or something to an employee, they can claim a deduction from their tax. A business which has wound up, which has gone into liquidation pays such a gratuity - (*Interruption*) - Bajaj, of course, will not pay - any gratuity - when they pay such a gratuity it is not an authorized deduction

from tax. It is a strange quirk in the law. I have now rectified this. Even when a business ceases operation any gratuity which an employer will give will be an authorised deduction for tax purpose.

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(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

For residents and non residents ?

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(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

For everybody. So, I think in future no employer who ceases business or who liquidates his business has an excuse for not giving a gratuity to his employees.

Then, Sir, I am bringing some adjustments in wealth tax and gift tax. In my Budget, as you may remember, I made certain adjustments in the wealth tax and gift tax to make allowance for inflation, depreciation of the currency and present day conditions. I have referred to these at length in my Budget Speech. I do not wish to waste the time of the House again today by going into details. In brief, the changes which this Bill proposes are as follows. I have raised the exemption limit for wealth tax from Rs. 200,000 to Rs. 500,000. Persons with net wealth of less than Rs. 500,000 will not pay wealth tax in future. What is Rs. 500,000 today ? The valuation of a small house in Colombo or a small house in one of our bigger towns will be more than Rs. 500,000. I have therefore made these changes.

The Wealth tax slabs are also adjusted to provide necessary relief more or less on the same line. In the case of gift tax the exemption limit is being increased from Rs. 50,000 to 250,000. The incidence of the tax has also been further reduced by widening the tax slab and fixing an upper limit of 50% on the tax rates. These are taxes which, as you all know, were part of the Kaldor system which most countries have now abolished. India recently abolished, not only those taxes, they even abolished estate duty completely. India had earlier abolished gift tax. India's wealth tax is far more liberal than ours. In fact, all agricultural lands, all plantations and many things are excluded from the wealth tax. So, we have not gone so far, but we have to move with the times, if we have to progress and ensure economic growth, development, and employment in the modern context. The age of people like Kaldor, of Bellof and Raul Prebisch, people who influenced the thinking of the persons like the hon. Member for Matugama and me in our youth, in the 1950s, - that age is dead. I met Nicholas Kaldor recently in Cambridge, about two years ago. He is deaf and cannot see. Nobody listens to him any more except the people of the 1950s (*Interruption*) probably his old pupil Gamini Corea, I do not know. That age will never return and we have to

move with the times. We are fools if we continue to worship old gods like Kaldor and the moth eaten theories and dogmas which have outlived their usefulness.

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(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

How old is Kaldor ?

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(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

He must be past 85 years of age now. Bellof died two years ago.

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(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

You must be careful of the age limit !

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(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

Death comes to all of us some day or the other. None of us are immortals.

I propose now to deal with company taxation and taxation of dividends in particular.

Mr. Speker, I have always held the opinion that our tax structure is to some extent weighted against the company system and Company formation and also bears somewhat heavily on shareholders in companies as against individuals or partners in a partnership.

I am sure the Member for Matugama will agree with me. Dividends are liable to tax in the hands of the shareholders after company profits out of which these dividends have been declared have already been taxed once. So this is some sort of double taxation of those who invest in companies. Individuals and partnerships are free of this double taxation. That is why many people in this country prefer not to form companies, but to continue as partnership or as private individuals. Therefore, this double taxation has to some extent, in my opinion, hindered company formation in Sri Lanka, which this Government is trying to encourage. We are trying our best to encourage company formation. We hope that the new stock exchange will evolve despite some differences among some people who try to form these stock exchanges. I am hoping to bring a securities council Bill into Parliament as soon as things are finalised in this matter.

This government is committed to company formation and to the development of a capital market in this country. So with this in view, I have brought certain amendments in the present bill which seek to encourage the formation of companies and a growth of a capitl

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market in this country. For this purpose I have exempted from tax any dividend income which an individual will receive up to Rs. 12,000 per year in the hands of the individual. This, I think, will encourage investment in shares and in companies and help the formation of a share market in this country and the growth of a capital market in Sri Lanka which this Government is committed to foster.

To give an example, an individual whose income consists of solely, shall we say, dividends from companies and no other income will now be able to obtain an annual dividend income up to rs. 36,000, that is Rs. 3,000 a month, and still be fully exempt from income tax if dividends are the sole source of income. He is exempt on the first Rs. 2,000 in any case. He is exempt from the balance Rs. 1,000 a month if his sole source of income is from dividends. If a man is only an investor in company shares, he can have an income of Rs. 36,000 and still pay no tax. That is, his income of Rs. 24,000 will be exempt in any case and the balance Rs. 12,000 will be exempt as this is income from dividends. So, we hope, more and more people will invest in shares. We hope that we will have a type of share owning democracy in this land.

We have talked a lot about these things, about encouraging the growth of a share market and about broad basing share ownership, but we have, however, done very little. I think this measure of mine, in a small way, will encourage the growth of a proper share market and broad based share ownership more than anything done previously.

These things, as you all know, Sir, cannot be done by mere legislation, by mere talk or by merely creating institutions like stock exchanges and security councils. No doubt, institutions are good; they are helpful, but much more important than laws and even institutions like stock exchanges and security councils, is the correct atmosphere, the correct background, the correct climate, the correct incentives for company formation and the creation of a share market in Sri Lanka.

So, I am sure that this measure of mine wilgo a long way to encourage the creation of a proper share market in Sri Lanka. The growth of more and more companies and more and more shareholders, a shareholding and share owning democracy is what this Government is striving to achieve. This will lead to more and more investment and we hope more and more employment in the country. That is our only hope to solve the present problems of our land.

Then, Sir, I come to the next major matter of importance in this Bill, that is the relief I propose to give for export industries and services which export. Mr. Speaker, you are aware of the fact that this Government considers the development of exports as

the area of highest priority in the country. Export we consider our highest priority. We have had many slogans, export or perish, export for survival, export for this and export for that. Slogans are quite good. They serve some purpose, but slogans without positive and definite action achieve very little. So, I think, we must get down to the first principles. What is the first prerequisite to develop a healthy export sector? The first prerequisite in my opinion, Sir, for our exports is to increase production in this land. You cannot talk of exports if you do not have production - production of adequate quantity and production of adequate quality to meet the export markets which we serve. And this is what the present provisions in this Bill hope to achieve. The lack of adequate production of quality and quantity has been the main drawback, the main impediment to the development of exports in this land for the last 20 years or so. This has been our main problem. There is no point in talking if we cannot produce. Apart from our traditional exports like tea, rubber and coconut, the only export which has shown satisfactory progress in the last five years has been the export of garments and textiles which has grown up tremendously - some type of textiles, mainly garments.

In this situation, Sir, I decided that all new tax concessions should be confined to exports only and to production for export as far as possible. By giving a tax concession all round for highrise buildings for urban development, for new hotels, etcetera, I think to some extent we have dissipated the investment capacity of our people -

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(அங்கத்தினர்)

(Members)

Hear ! Hear !

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜி. த. மெல்)

(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

- and we have dissipated the efforts of the private sector. I have always held this view, but I have found it a little difficult to convince other people to my own point of view. Anyway, I think circumstances have forced them, particularly the decline in the tourist industry and the decline in people who want to put up high-rise buildings, to think that way.

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(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)

(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

Still these hotels are being built.

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜி. த. மெல்)

(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

Those are on the old approvals.

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)
No, with your guarantee.

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. தி. மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)
No, those are old approvals of about two years ago.

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)
But with your guarantees.

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(திரு. அனில் முணசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)
You cannot divest yourself of that.

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. தி. மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)
We can go into those things later, after we finish the Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill. We must first finish the business in hand.

As I said, I think we have dissipated the investment capacity of our people, we have dissipated the efforts of our private sector entrepreneurs, and I think by confining tax incentives to the priority sectors of exports and production for exports we will be able to somewhat realign our investment programme on the correct lines. Therefore I think we should now try as far as possible to concentrate the efforts of the private sector and their energies on exports and production for export by proper tax concessions in these areas. As you know, in one of my previous Budgets I have already given a five-year tax holiday for exports. In addition to this five-year tax holiday, I now propose to provide a ten-year half tax holiday as well for certain selected non-traditional exports with a high value added. It will not be for all exports. The present five-year tax holiday by itself has not provided enough of an incentive for the private sector to engage in high value added export industries. For instance, agro-based industries, industries based on our own local raw materials, have not shown adequate expansion in the last five years. The new ten-year half-tax holiday which I propose will apply only to industries which export products where the net foreign exchange earnings from exports will be 75 per cent or more of the FOB prices. That is a very high value added export industry. I hope that this tax concession will give an incentive to high value added exports from this country, which will give an all round fillip to the development of exports in Sri Lanka. With these concessions, I hope the private sector, and also the public sector, will concentrate all their energies on exports and production for export. This is essential for our country.

Sir we talk of reaching the levels of Singapore. Some talk of reaching the levels of Korea. But even to reach the living standards of South Korea by the end of this century, by the year 2000 it will be difficult because the per capita of South Korea is seven times the per capita of Sri Lanka today. To catch up with the present living standards of South Korea in the year 2000 we will have to have an industrial growth and an export growth of 14 per cent to 16 per cent per year. Of course for us to reach the living standards of Singapore it will be far, far beyond that because the Singapore per capita living standard is 20 times ours. Anyway, if this is the type of goal that we are seeking to achieve, we have to produce for export much more and export much more in the new context.

Then, Sir, with regard to services for export, I personally think that this country is particularly located and geared to develop a service industry. We are particularly geared, with our high standard of education, to develop a services industry, like for example what Singapore has developed in such a big way. In fact more than half the revenue of Singapore comes from services and not from industry or manufacture. So I think it is our duty to encourage the creation of services for export. Any companies which are incorporated now or in the future which provide services for export earnings, under the new law which I have brought before Parliament will therefore enjoy a tax holiday for a period of five years. By the present Bill I have now made provision for all companies which provide services for export to apply for a full five-year tax holiday from the date of commencement of these services for export, if they commence such services before 31st March 1989. So they will get a full five-year tax holiday—not a restricted tax holiday. The services which would especially qualify for this tax holiday are ship-repairing, ship-breaking, repair and refurbishing of marine cargo containers, provision of computer software, computer programmes, computer systems or recording computer data and many other services which we hope will be encouraged to be set up in this country as a result of these incentives.

Then, Sir, I also propose in this Bill to provide some special incentives for people who invest in high unemployment areas in our country. Mr. speaker, although considerable economic development has taken place in the last seven years, there are still areas of very high unemployment in this country. We have to do something urgently for these areas of high unemployment. The areas of highest unemployment in Sri Lanka at present are Matara with 27 per cent unemployment, Kalutara with 26 per cent unemployment—that is our district, Member for Matugama, yours and mine—Galle with 26 per cent unemployment and Gampaha with 21 per cent unemployment.—(Interruption). The last socio-economic survey is a little out of date—it is about two years out of

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date—but still I think these statistics are basically correct. There has not been much of a change, but in Gampaha there must be a slight change as a result of the Free Trade Zone.

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(திரு. சரத் முத்தேட்டுவெகம)
(Mr. Sarath Muttetuwegama)

Is it 27 per cent of the workforce ?

கா. சே. சீ. டி. டி. மூல மனா
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

No, 27 per cent of the employable workforce. They have some age group of the employable workforce.

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(திரு. சரத் முத்தேட்டுவெகம)
(Mr. Sarath Muttetuwegama)

You know, there was a questionnaire.

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

Yes. By all statistics—

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(திரு. சரத் முத்தேட்டுவெகம)
(Mr. Sarath Muttetuwegama)

They are all wrong.

கா. சே. சீ. டி. டி. மூல மனா
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

These are statistics. You know what faith we can place on any statistics of any sort in the world. Not even the statistics of the World Bank and the IMF are infallible or properly computed.

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(திரு. சரத் முத்தேட்டுவெகம)
(Mr. Sarath Muttetuwegama)

This particular survey is very bad.

கா. சே. சீ. டி. டி. மூல மனா
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

Do you think so ?

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(திரு. சரத் முத்தேட்டுவெகம)
(Mr. Sarath Muttetuwegama)

The unemployment survey questionnaire is very unrealistic.

கா. சே. சீ. டி. டி. மூல மனா
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

I think it is a very important point the Member is raising. If you can just drop me a short note on this subject I will certainly take it up because I think we

should try and evolve a better method of assessing unemployment, which is our major problem. Certainly any proposals made by you will be extremely welcome.

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(திரு. சரத் முத்தேட்டுவெகம)
(Mr. Sarath Muttetuwegama)

According to that survey questionnaire, I think, if you had been in employment for one day in the last week you are considered employed.

கா. சே. சீ. டி. டி. மூல மனா
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

We will have to look into that certainly. But I think basically the statistics are correct. Matara is the worst district in the country. Galle and Kalutara are very bad. Gampaha was very bad till the Free Trade Zone was established. I do not know whether it has helped. The hon. Member for Attanagalla and even the hon. Second Member for Nuwara Eliya-Maskeliya must be knowing the situation there.

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

We are not getting any employment.

கா. சே. சீ. டி. டி. மூல மனா
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

You must be knowing the situation in Gampaha – whether the unemployment situation has improved there.

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

There is a lot of retrenchment also.

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(திரு. ஆனந்த தஸநாயக்க)
(Mr. Ananda Dassanayake)

Hon. Minister, what about the other districts ?

கா. சே. சீ. டி. டி. மூல மனா
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

It is very much lower.

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(திரு. அனூர பண்டாரநாயக்க)
(Mr. Anura Bandaranaike)

What is the position in Nuwara Eliya ?

கா. சே. சீ. டி. டி. மூல மனா
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

I cannot tell you offhand, but it is very much lower. Jaffna is one of the lowest. It is a very strange thing. According to these statistics Jaffna is only 4 per cent.

So you understand why the people of the South are so politically conscious—from Kalutara downwards. They are the greatest political animal in this country, and the reason is here.

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(திரு. அனூர் பண்டாரநாயக்க)
(Mr. Anura Bandaranaike)

You must go back to Matara.

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. தி. மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

Oh! yes. Why not? They are the only people who made the correct decision. I admire them for their decision that they wanted an election.

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

They wanted an election?

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. தி. மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

Yes. That is an opinion I held, and they only endorsed my opinion. So I cannot blame them. I have never blamed them because I always held the opinion that we should have an election, and they endorsed my opinion. So how can I blame them? In fact I have never blamed any voter in the South for asking for elections.

Therefore, Sir, in my Budget I have given special incentives for companies start investments with at least 25 employees. We do not mind small things in these areas. The areas which will be covered by this scheme will be gazetted by me from time to time depending on the level of unemployment. These companies will get a five-year tax holiday, and persons who invest in such companies will also get the usual investment relief. I hope, Mr. Speaker, that these incentives which I have given will induce more investment in areas of high unemployment. These are areas where investment is most needed and everybody – the Member for Akmeemana, all of you – will, I am sure, agree with me on this matter.

Then present Bill also contains other relief measures. Sri Lankans working abroad, as you know, have remitted large sums of money to this country amounting to over rupees seven billion, which have helped our balance of payments considerably. This was a result of the inducements which I gave them in my first Budget. At present all monies in Non-Resident Foreign Currency accounts are exempt from income tax and wealth tax for a period of six years. I now propose to increase this to ten years to give them an even greater incentive to send their money back home. I must also

pay a tribute to the lower income earners and the middle income earners. They are the people who send the money – the working classes; not the professionals. We must pay a tribute to the lower income workers, working class people, who send almost all their money to this country and help their country.

I am also making provision to exempt certain institutions and authorities from income tax, for example, the Sri Lanka Institute of Printing at the request of the Minister of State, the Energy Conservation Fund at the request of His Excellency the President, the Tea Smallholdings Development Authority at the request of the Minister of Plantation Industries, the Co-operative Development Fund at the request of the Minister of Food and Co-operatives, and the GCEC at the request of His Excellency the President. Subsidies paid out of the Mill Development Fund administered by the Coconut Development Authority for the modernization of the DC mills are also being exempted from income tax.

Then, Sir, I will come to the second part of my Bill which contains the measures which we hope to take to increase collection by better and more effective administration in the Department of Inland Revenue – the administrative reforms. Though tax evasion in Sri Lanka is not so high as in some Asian countries like India and some African and other countries, I still think the incidence of tax evasion is very high, even in areas where we think tax evasion is very difficult, like the Pay-As-You-Earn Scheme where there has been tax evasion – amazing! In regard to interest on fixed deposits in banks there has been evasion – most amazing! Self-employed professionals, of course, have been evading in quite a substantial way. So I think it is time we took some measures, and we have taken all the administrative and institutional measures possible under the leadership of the new Commissioner-General of Inland Revenue and his officers who have done a large scale re-organization of the Department. But we are also taking some measures in this present Bill to give them further strength in collecting taxes. [Interruption] Mr. Hugh Molagoda is the present Commissioner-General of Inland Revenue. I think even if you come to power you will have to keep him. He is so good.

Collection and Analysis of Information : As I stated in my Budget Speech, Mr. Speaker, the most important element in any campaign against tax evasion is an organized system for obtaining all possible information relating to taxpayers and potential taxpayers and a speedy system of routing the information so obtained into the tax files of existing taxpayers and into new files to be opened for prospective taxpayers. The Inland Revenue Department receives a mass of information.

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This is a country of anonymous letters as you know; some of them such as on vehicles purchased, land transfers effected, fixed deposits in banks and so forth are true but I am afraid the Department has no effective machinery for dealing with this vast mass of information which they receive. When a mass of information is received there is no way in which the Department can speedily determine which of the information relates to taxpayers or potential taxpayers. Any attempt to undertake this task of relating the information to tax files on a clerical or manual basis is doomed to fail. So an exercise of this type must be computerized. I am glad to inform you that we have now computerized the Department. I have taken steps to bring about a complete re-organization of the work of the Department. The Department now has its own computer and much of its work is now being computerized. The information network of the Department is also now being up dated. In order to enable the Department to work out an effective system to process the information received I have included provision in this Bill to make it necessary for persons who enter into certain financial transactions in this country to record in the documents relating to those transactions, the legal documents, their identity card numbers in future. This will help greatly to identify them.

This Bill provides for the transactions which are to be covered by this requirement to be gazetted by me from time to time. Initially, Mr. Speaker, I propose to bring within the scope of these provisions deeds of transfer of property. They will have to give their identity card number when there is a transfer of property. There will have to be a identity card number when there is an agreement to lease land, an agreement to rent a house or applications for fixed deposits in a bank or finance companies. That is an area where there is great evasion. For all applications for registration or transfer of motor vehicles you will have to give your identity card number. In regard to all applications for letters of credit by importers, when bills of exchange are presented to the bank for discounting or acceptance the person presenting the bill is also expected to disclose his identity card number. So in many areas we want to institute this business of identifying yourself which will help the Income Tax Department in the future.

In the case of companies and other businesses arrangements will be made to require them to disclose their business registration numbers in the documents relating to these transactions to identify the companies. Banks, Land Registries and the Registrar of Motor vehicles would be required to transmit information relating to the above transactions periodically to the Inland Revenue Department where the information will be fed into the computer and processed. I hope these

measures will lead to early detection of tax evasion in many cases and reduce large scale evasion in the future. I seek the co-operation of all government departments and other agencies in this work.

I have already indicated, Mr. Speaker, that I have introduced a number of tax concessions and reductions in tax rates in the Bill now before this House. I am sure if tax evasion is reduced to manageable proportions I will be able to collect much more revenue despite this reduction. This has been our experience before and this has been the experience of all countries.

Then Tax Avoidance is also a big problem particularly by the big tax payers. Tax payers, as you know, naturally seek to exploit all loop holes in the law. That is a natural tendency. This Bill contains provisions to close certain loop holes in the Inland Revenue Act. The facility whereby a high income tax payer could reduce his tax liability by entering into annuity agreements without adequate consideration mainly with members of his own family will not be available in future. The rate of income tax on executors is also being increased from 30 per cent to 40 per cent, to reduce the tax advantage of keeping an estate undistributed. Many people have kept their estates undistributed for 20 years, 30 years - I know of one case which I think is almost 40 years - because they enjoy lower tax rates if they keep their estates undistributed. I have raised the tax rates on estates from 30 to 40 per cent to reduce the tax advantage of keeping an estate undistributed in order to benefit from the low rate on an estate. So I think testamentary cases will be closed earlier in future and estates will be distributed quicker. Provision is also being made to enable the Commissioner-General of Inland Revenue to recover taxes in default from joint accounts.

Then Qualifying Payment Relief has also been an area where there has been large scale avoidance of tax by big people by making a qualifying payment, may be even on some approved industry or so on and so forth. Mr. Speaker, at present individuals are entitled to deduct from their income up to 1/3rd of their income for certain payments; for housing, for insurance, for investment in shares of approved companies, donations to government, donations to approved charity and so on. for a selected range of such qualifying payment a 100 per cent deduction from tax is allowed. These liberal concessions have sometimes been mis-used and abused and some of our very high income earning individuals have paid no taxes whatsoever taking advantage of all these reliefs that they have got under the qualifying payment relief clauses. This has been an easy way of tax avoidance. Mr. Speaker, the Bill now before the House places an upper limit of Rs. 500,000 per year on the total of all qualifying payments made by any person other than a company. This upper limit will not apply to

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run at a loss. Sir, very soon, at the end of this year most probably, Air Lanka will have to be closed down if you are not going to look sharp. Already we are made to understand that last night there had been a group of businessmen in this country who had come from Singapore and who are prepared to go in for an advertisement programme against Air Lanka or pro-Singapore Air Lines, to take all the tourists to the Maldives. The quantum of money that they are going to spend is about ten million Deutsch Marks.

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

Is that also Oberoi gossip ?

டீயுயிர் தரவோடி மறவை
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

That is not only gossip from Oberoi but it comes right from the top at Air Lanka.

ஈர். டீ. டீ. டீ. மீலு மறவை
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

It looks as if the economy of this country is determined in the Oberoi, not in the Treasury !

டீயுயிர் தரவோடி மறவை
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

At the Supper Club. That is true.

ஈர். டீ. டீ. டீ. மீலு மறவை
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

I do not know. I have never gone there yet. I have never had the privilege of going to the Oberoi Supper Club.

டீயுயிர் தரவோடி மறவை
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

As much as you know -

ஈர். அனில் மூனசிங்ஹே
(திரு. அனில் மூனசிங்ஹே)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

The Inland Revenue should be asked to go there.

டீயுயிர் தரவோடி மறவை
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

There has been a discussion yesterday and at the discussion it has been said that SIA is going to kill Air Lanka.

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

I must ask the hon. Member for Attanagalla whether there is an SLFP Member of Parliament permanently

in the Oberoi hearing all this gossip, and if so who is that Member ? Is it the hon. Leader of the Opposition ? Is it the hon. Member for Attanagalla ?

டீயுயிர் தரவோடி மறவை
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

I never go there.

ஈர். அனூர் பண்டாரநாயக்க
(திரு. அனூர் பண்டாரநாயக்க)
(Mr. Anura Bandaranaike)

The hon. Member for Kotmale !

டீயுயிர் தரவோடி மறவை
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

Now, the other day we were made to understand that we have been taking over Tristars from various companies, that those L 10s and 11s were leased to us, or rather they have been leased to British Airways. It is not a lease. They have been sold. Now, these facts do not come up in this House although every year we have been asked to give chunks and chunks of money to this company, to Air Lanka, and even this Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill is going to cover Air Lanka. I think the Minister of Finance must even now at least take responsibility as it is running at a loss. It is going to run at a loss and at the end of this year you will be asked to pay another Rs. 600 to Rs. 800 million out of the funds of this country. I think we should have a Debate in this House about this particular company.

Now, there is a very interesting article that has been written by one Dr. Ronnie Spunk - not Ronnie de Mel.

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

How do you spell it ?

டீயுயிர் தரவோடி மறவை
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

SPUNK. It is a very interesting one and I would like to read that.

"As the T.V. commercials would have it, fly Airlanka for a taste of paradise. But the cost to the Government of Sri Lanka for providing such celestial pleasures is staggering. The position is so bad that the big bird is heading for a financial crash landing which would be difficult to avert.

Airlanka is a government-owned limited liability company with an issued capital of Rs. 1,780 million of which a sum of Rs. 1,750 million has been contributed by the General Treasury and the balance by two state-owned Commercial Banks. Despite the large financial commitment by the government, the Treasury mandarins in all their wisdom have thought it fit to grant Airlanka G.C.E.C. status. (given only to foreign-owned companies coming under the Free Trade Zone)

The effect of this unwelcome and illogical decision is that Airlanka has been freed from all forms of Treasury monitoring. What is worse is that the Auditor-General, the P.A.C. and the C.O.P.E. cannot at least have a peep at the accounts of Airlanka. While all other public sector enterprises are subject to public scrutiny, Airlanka has been given the freedom of the skies to operate in any manner it likes - of course with disastrous results."

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(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Order, please ! From what are you reading ?

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

This is what Dr. Spunk says.

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(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

What is the title of the book, if it is a book ?

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

"The Woes of Air Lanka".

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

Is it from a magazine ?

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(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

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(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

What is it ? Is it a book ?

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

It is about the situation of Air Lanka.

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(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

I am not interested in the contents. I am only asking you from what you are reading it.

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

It is an article.

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(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Published in what ?

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

It has been printed and sent to all of us. It is a fact.

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

Who is this Ronnie Spunk ? Is he an individual ? Is it a *nom de plume* ?

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

It must be a *nom de plume*. You are right.

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(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Published in what periodical or newspaper ?

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

It is obviously from a newspaper.

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(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

May I know the newspaper ? Are you advocating those views ?

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

Yes, certainly hundred per cent. I am advocating these views ; it can be my notes even I have the spunk to do this. Otherwise, I would not do it.

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

Which Ronnie Spunk did not have. I think you have that spunk. He would not do it. I think he is a disgrace to my name. Ronnie is normally a spunk. They are prepared to fight the whole world alone, if it need be.

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

Now, Sir, these are my notes.

"As the Profit and Loss Accounts for the years ended 31st March 1983 and 31st March 1984 (given below) reveal, a pall of gloom hangs over the affairs of Air Lanka. *The net operating profit of Rs. 203 million for the year ended 31st March 1984, over which Capt. Wikramanayake blows his trumpet, is nothing but an empty shell. When account is taken of the cost of capital borrowing and pre-operating expenses the net operating profit turns into net loss of Rs. 648 million.* The accumulated loss (from date of commencement of business to 31st March 1984) amounts to a staggering sum of Rs. 2154 million."

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We could have had another one quarter of Victoria.
That is the loss up to date.

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(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

You agree with those figures ?

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

I agree hundred per cent, I am tabling this.

නියෝජ්‍ය කථනායකතුමා
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Now these are your views and you agree with this quantum or with those figures ?

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

I have checked on the quantum.

"It must be emphasised that the poor financial results for the year ended 31st March 1984, as had been the case in the previous years, were inadequate to meet interest payments let alone capital re-payments.

The Balance Sheets as at 31st March 1983 and 1984 (given below) paint a gloomier picture. It would be observed that the capital base as at 31st March 1984, increased by Rs. 800 million as compared with that of the previous year, had been completely wiped out by the accumulated loss of Rs. 2,154 million."

I was made to understand yesterday that the Air Lanka authorities have thought of buying another second hand Boeing 747 and we would like the Hon. Minister to find out whether it is true or not.

As I said the accumulated total loss is Rs. 2154 million.

"To make matters worse, the national carrier is in the throes of an acute liquidity crisis with current liabilities exceeding current assets by Rs. 604 million. What prevents Air Lanka from falling flat on its face is the capital borrowing of Rs. 4,948 million with which it has financed the purchase of Fixed Assets. The question that looms large in the mind of Chairman Wikramanayake is whether Air Lanka can survive as a viable concern. At the Marketing Conference held recently at the Hotel Lanka Oberoi"-

Now you know from where the figures came—Hotel Lanka Oberoi.

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

Where the SLFP had a representative !

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

"He observed that : For the foreseeable future the airline industry would be volatile, as dynamic, as intensely competitive and as totally unpredictable as it had been during the past 5 years ?" It was against this backdrop that Air Lanka bought a Boein 747 during the latter half of 1984. What of the future ? It would be an act of extreme prudence to shelve indefinitely the proposed purchase of the second Boeing 747 in August 1985.

By virtue of the agreement it has entered into with the Greater Colombo Economic Commission, Air Lanka is exempt from the provisions of the Exchange Control Act. The current restrictions on travel are inapplicable to Air Lanka or more correctly Air Lanka assumes it is so. This would mean that any person could purchase a ticket at one of the Air Lanka Ticket Offices for travel to any part of the world without a permit on Form P. What takes the cake is that a foreigner could purchase a ticket from Air Lanka without having to pay for it in foreign currency."

This is the type of thing that is going on.

It is obvious that all is not well at Air Lanka. It would be in the national interest to request the Auditor-General even at this late stage to carry out a full probe and report his findings to Parliament."

I make this suggestion very seriously, Sir. I would like the Hon. Minister of Finance to order or request the Auditor-General to look into this matter because of the account sheets that we have here—the account sheets of 1983/84—which I want to table. Along with Captain Wickramanayake, who is the Chairman ; the Chairman of the Development Secretaries Mr. G. V. P. Samarasinghe is a director, Dr. W. M. Tillekeratne is also a director, that is, the Secretary to the Treasury or rather Secretary to the Minister of Finance. There are two others. Mr. D. C. Wijsekera and Mr. A. N. U. Jayawardena.

It is very strange that some other things also happen here. Mr. A. N. U. Jayawardene has a General Sales Agency for MSA where Airlanka just entered into an agreement and it is being given to Mercantile Tours. There is also a joint operation between the Malaysian and Mercantile Tours and it is from this Agreement that Mercantile Tours are receiving increased commission. Sir, here is a director of Airlanka and he is also having the general sales agency for MSA -

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(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

He is a very far seeing man !

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

where we just entered into an agreement.

Obviously, we all know that when you become a director of that nature, there is a conflict of interests. I think he should be removed. He should not be there. Not only that. The statement of accounts submitted by Messrs Ford Rhodes, Thornton & Company, Chartered Accountants, dated 28th September, 1984 clearly says about directors' interests in contract.

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(ති. රු. ආර්. ජේ. ඉ. ඩී. ඩේ මෙල්)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

If you permit me, what is the relevance of all this to the Inland Revenue Bill ?

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(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

That is exactly what I said.

ලක්ෂමන් ජයකොඩි මහතා
(ති. රු. ලක්ෂ්මන් ඉයාකොඩි)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

Because, may I say he has included the GCEC also as an exemption from all these rackets that take place in Airlanka. That is the connection which I want to bring in. I am sure you entered into this - I hope not ; I do not think you did it with that intention - to rope in these people into the same scaffold of business. I hope you do that.

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(ති. රු. ආර්. ජේ. ඉ. ඩී. ඩේ මෙල්)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

I do not understand. Would you explain that ?

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(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

I hope you will make use of this particular clause to look into the activities of Airlanka and find out whether you can bring it under the act. Please do not shake your head.

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(ති. රු. ආර්. ජේ. ඉ. ඩී. ඩේ මෙල්)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

It is exempt from tax.

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(ති. රු. ලක්ෂ්මන් ඉයාකොඩි)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

But take the responsibility to bring it in.

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(ති. රු. ආර්. ජේ. ඉ. ඩී. ඩේ මෙල්)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

No, under the GCE law, Airlanka is exempt from tax. It is a GCEC approved venture.

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(ති. රු. ලක්ෂ්මන් ඉයාකොඩි)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

I know. That is exactly what I say, Sir. Airlanka is a GCEC approved venture. Therefore, it is out. So, I am asking the Government to submit to Parliament a proposal or a substantive motion whereby the Auditor-General of this country can look into the activities of Airlanka. It may be a special law. It is worth the while because even in regard to a director's interest in contract - this refers to another director - it states :

"Certain software systems for use by the Company's Information Systems Division were supplied by Associated Management Services Limited. Mr. D. C. Wijesekera who is a Director of the Company is the Managing Director of Associated Management Services Limited".

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(ති. රු. අනිල් මූණිසිංහ)
(Mr. Anil Moonasinghe)

Very bad !

ලක්ෂමන් ජයකොඩි මහතා
(ති. රු. ලක්ෂ්මන් ඉයාකොඩි)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

When you look into the accounts signed by the auditors at the end of the year, last year the loss was Rs. 464.20 million and this year's loss is Rs. 648.15 million. I not only table these accounts but I would like the Hon. Minister to go into this. I do not know whether you can question your own Secretary who is also on the Board of Directors. He is there. Please question him.

I would finally ask the Hon. Minister to take this matter up with His Excellency the President. He has the power to do so, and if he does not, let it not be another item in the next budget. I am made to understand that an application is made by Airlanka to get another Rs. 1,000 million in the next budget.

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(ති. රු. අනිල් මූණිසිංහ)
(Mr. Anil Moonasinghe)

You can build another Parliament !

ලක්ෂමන් ජයකොඩි මහතා
(ති. රු. ලක්ෂ්මන් ඉයාකොඩි)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

So the total fixed assets would go up to Rs. 5,150 million which is equivalent to Kotmale, I believe. Therefore, I think, the Hon. Minister must take a special interest to look once again into what he is trying to do. I do not want to go through all these paragraphs in this Bill. We know that he has made certain good proposals. I must say that the proposal to have an incentive fund is a very laudable step because that is

[லக்ஷமன் பஹோதி மஹா]

where you can eradicate corruption. So far we all know that no one would get up and say that there is corruption in the Income Tax Department. In fact, no one gets up and says so, but we know that up to a point, — it is not that the officials are corrupt — corruption takes place this way, that even the audit section of the Income Tax Department can be influenced. So they must be well paid. I think the armed services are paid well and the Customs Department is also well paid. Therefore, I think he has a case, a very commendable case to introduce that Fund and we commend him for that.

Sir, there is also another good proposal as regards one quarter of the advertisement charges for television and architectural fees and so on. So there are good proposals here, but at the same time we know that there are proposals in which I feel he will not be able to cover all the loopholes in the law. There is a law pertaining to the evasion of tax, and I want to ask one question from him. How much of that law have we used? Who are the people whom you have taken to court for evasion of tax? As regards avoidance of tax I can understand, because there is a loophole in the law. I can appreciate that, but who are the people whom you have taken to court? Is the audit section working today or is it closed down? Therefore can the Director-General request the audit section to look into the files of some of the key business people in this country. Now, this is the type of charge that the people are making. But, I know the fund that is going to be introduced —

ஈர். டீ. டி. டி. டி. மீல
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

Are you for one moment suggesting that there has been some pressure brought to bear on the Inland Revenue Department not to look into the taxes of some key people?

லக்ஷமன் பஹோதி மஹா
(திரு. லக்ஷமன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

There is a section called the audit section of the Income Tax Department. So could you please look into it to see whether they have got the permission or the right to look into all the files? Because at one stage, not under the present Director-General—

ஈர். டீ. டி. டி. மீல
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

I can assure you—

லக்ஷமன் பஹோதி மஹா
(திரு. லக்ஷமன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

I know there were certain files that were not permitted to be looked into.

ஈர். டீ. டி. டி. மீல
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

I can assure the hon. Member for Attanagalla—

லக்ஷமன் பஹோதி மஹா
(திரு. லக்ஷமன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

It is not under the present Director-General.

ஈர். டீ. டி. டி. மீல
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

that from July 1977, when I assumed duties as Minister of Finance, I have not issued one instruction to the Commissioner-General of Inland Revenue either to Mr. Sivprakasam, Mr. Felix or Mr. Molagoda not to take the maximum amount of tax which was due from any individual. In fact, I have never interfered even in one case for the last eight years. I can assure you of that.

லக்ஷமன் பஹோதி மஹா
(திரு. லக்ஷமன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

Sir, I will not cast any aspersions on the Hon. Minister of Finance, because I know the Hon. Minister is above board and I know the present Director-General too is above board. I will say that. But there was another gentleman who was there in between, but I do not want to come out with names. Therefore, I would like the Hon. Minister to give more teeth to the activities of the audit section of the Inland Revenue Department.

Sir, I have nothing more to say on this matter. I do not think we are opposed to some of these clauses, but we only want to make these observations.

Sir, I wish to table the accounts of Airlanka*. I hope it will get into HANSARD.

ஈர். டீ. டி. டி. மீல
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

I need not go into another lengthy debate on this matter, but I am appreciative of some of the constructive proposals put forward by my Friend. I commend the Bill to the House.

புல்தைய விமேதன டீ. டி. டி. மீல.
தனது கையெழுத்தினால் டீ. டி. டி. மீல.
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Question put, and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read a Second time.

* புல்தைய டீ. டி. டி. மீல
நூலகத்தில் வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.
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"පහත් කෙටුම්පත පූර්ණ පාර්ලිමේන්තු කාරක සභාවකට පැවරිය යුතුය" - [ආර්. ජේ. ඊ. ඊ මැල් මහතා]

ඒර්. ජේ. ඊ මැල් මහතා :

"සட்டලාභය ග්‍රහණය වූ පාරාමුණුන්ගේ උපදෙස් සඳහා සංස්කරණය." [ති. ඉ. ජේ. ජේ. ජ. මෙල්]

Resolved :

"That the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole Parliament." - [Mr. R. J. G. de Mel.]

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[නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා මූලාසනා දී විය.]

උපුටාගත් ආකාරයට සලකා බලන ලදී.
[ප්‍රතිපත්ති සභාපතිවරයාගේ නිර්දේශයක් මත සලකා බලන ලදී.]

Considered in Committee.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair.]

1 සිට 9 තෙක් වගන්ති පහත් කෙටුම්පතෙහි කොටසක් හැටියට නිව්යාය යුතු යයි නියෝග කරන ලදී.

1 ඡායා වාසනාපතිවරයාගේ 9 ඡායා වාසනා සඳහා සංස්කරණයක් ප්‍රතිපත්ති සභාවකට පැවරිය යුතුය.

Clauses 1 to 9 ordered to stand part of the Bill.

10 වන වගන්තිය. - (ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ 29 වන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ වගන්තිය සංශෝධනය කිරීම)

වාසනා 10. - (ප්‍රතිපත්ති සභාවකට පැවරිය යුතුය 29 ඡායා පිළිබඳව ප්‍රතිපත්ති සභාවකට පැවරිය යුතුය)

CLAUSE 10. - Amendment of section 29 of the principal enactment.

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(ති. ඉ. ජේ. ජේ. ජ. මෙල්)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

පහත සඳහන් සංශෝධනය මම ඉදිරිපත් කරන්නවා:

"3 වන පිටුවේ 19 වන පේළියේ සිට 25 වන පේළිය තෙක් වූ සියලු පේළි ඉවත් කොට ඒ වෙනුවට පහත දැක්වෙන කොටස ඇතුළු කළ යුතුය:

"ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ 10. ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ 29 වන වගන්තියේ (2) වන උපවගන්තියේ (අ) ඡේදයේ අතුරු වගන්තිය පහත දැක්වෙන පරිදි වෙනස් කිරීම සංශෝධනය කිරීම.

(අ) එහි (iv) වන අනුඡේදයේ "ගෙවනු ලැබිය යුතු ය; නවද" යන යෙදුම ඉවත් කොට ඒ වෙනුවට "ගෙවනු ලැබිය යුතු ය; යන යෙදුම ආදේශ කිරීමෙන්;

(ආ) එහි (v) වන අනුඡේදය ඉවත් කොට ඒ වෙනුවට පහත දැක්වෙන අනුඡේදය ආදේශ කිරීමෙන්;

"(v) 1984 නොවැම්බර් මස 14 වන දින හෝ ඉන් පෙර ඇති කරන ලද වාර්ෂිකයක් වශයෙන් අවුරුදු හයක් නොඉක්මවන කාලයක් සඳහා ඔහු විසින් යම් මුදලක් ගෙවිය යුතු වන අවස්ථාවක, ඒ වාර්ෂිකය, වටිනා සහ ප්‍රමාණවත් ප්‍රතිඵලයක් සඳහා හෝ ඒ වාර්ෂිකය ලබන්නාගේ ජීවිතාන්තය දක්වා වූ යම් මුදලක්, ඒ වාර්ෂිකය ඇති කරනු ලැබුවේ නම් තක්සේරු වර්ෂයකදී ද ඒ තක්සේරු වර්ෂය තුළ සහ ඒ තක්සේරු වර්ෂයට පසුව එළඹෙන යම් තක්සේරු වර්ෂයක් තුළ ඔහු විසින් ගෙවිය යුතු යම් මුදලක් සම්බන්ධයෙන් කිසිදු අඩු කිරීමකට ඉඩ දෙනු නොලැබිය යුතු ය; නව ද;

(vi) 1984 නොවැම්බර් මස 15 වන දින හෝ ඉන් පසුව ඇති කරන ලද වාර්ෂිකයක් වශයෙන් ඔහු විසින් යම් මුදලක් ගෙවිය යුතු වන අවස්ථාවක, ඒ වාර්ෂිකය -

(අ) දික්කසාද දීමනාව හෝ නඩත්තු ගෙවීම වශයෙන් අධිකරණයේ ආදායම් යටතේ ගෙවනු ලබන්නේ නම්;

(ආ) යථා පරිදි ලියා අත්සන් කරන ලද වෙන්වීමේ මුද්‍රාවක් යටතේ ඔහුගේ කලතුරු ගෙවනු ලබන්නේ නම්; හෝ

(ඇ) මුදලක් හෝ මුදලේ වටිනාකමෙහි සම්පූර්ණ ප්‍රතිඵලයට වෙනුවෙන් ගෙවනු ලබන්නේ නම්

මීට, ඒ වාර්ෂිකය ඇති කරනු ලැබුවේ යම් තක්සේරු වර්ෂයකදී ද ඒ තක්සේරු වර්ෂය තුළ සහ ඒ තක්සේරු වර්ෂයට පසුව එළඹෙන යම් තක්සේරු වර්ෂයක් තුළ ඔහු විසින් ගෙවිය යුතු යම් මුදලක් සම්බන්ධයෙන් කිසිදු අඩු කිරීමකට ඉඩ දෙනු නොලැබිය යුතුය."

In the English Bill, I move,

"In page 3, leave out all words in lines 16 to 21 and insert :

"Amendment of section 29 of the principal enactment.

10. Section 29 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in the proviso to paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of that section as follows :-

(a) in sub-paragraph (iv) by the substitution, for the expression "the provisions of section 149; and", of the expression "the provisions of section 149,"

(b) by the repeal of sub-paragraph (v) and the substitution therefor of the following :-

"(v) where any sum is payable by him by way of an annuity created on or before November 14, 1984 for a period not exceeding six years, no deduction shall be allowed in respect of any such sum payable by him during the year of assessment in which such annuity is created and during any year of assessment succeeding that year of assessment unless such annuity is for valuable and sufficient consideration or is for the life of the annuitant ; and

(iv) where any sum is payable by him by way of an annuity created on or after November 15, 1984, no deduction shall be allowed in respect of any such sum payable by him during the year of assessment in which such annuity is created and during any year of assessment succeeding that year of assessment unless such annuity is -

(a) paid under an order of Court by way of payment of alimony or maintenance ;

(b) paid to his spouse under a duly executed deed of separation ; or

(c) in return for full consideration in money or money's worth".

සංශෝධනය පිළිගත යුතුය යන ප්‍රශ්නය විමසන ලදීත්, සභා සම්මත විය.
නිරුක්තිය විරුද්ධව ඉදිරිපත් කළේ නැත.

Amendment put, and agreed to.

10 වන වගන්තිය, සංශෝධනාකාරයෙන්, පහත් කෙටුම්පතෙහි කොටසක් හැටියට නිව්යාය යුතුයයි නියෝග කරන ලදී.

10 ඡායා වාසනා, නිරුක්තිය විරුද්ධව ප්‍රතිපත්ති සභාවකට පැවරිය යුතුය.

Clause 10, as amended, ordered to stand part of the Bill.

11 වන වගන්තිය පහත් කෙටුම්පතෙහි කොටසක් හැටියට නිව්යාය යුතුයයි නියෝග කරන ලදී.

11 ඡායා වාසනා සඳහා සංස්කරණයක් ප්‍රතිපත්ති සභාවකට පැවරිය යුතුය.

Clause 11 ordered to stand part of the Bill.

12 வன வணகிய.—(முமண வணகிய 31 வன வணகிய ஁னெய்வன கீரீம) வாசகம் 12.—(முதந்மைச் சட்டவாக்கத்தின் 31 ஆம் பரிவவத் திருத்துதல்)
 CLAUSE 12. (Amendment of Section 31 of the Principal Enactment)

கார். டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ.
 (திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
 (Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

I would like to amend this clause about education to make it thirty years.

லக்ஷமன் ஜயகோடி மனவா
 (திரு. லக்ஷமன் ஜயகோடி)
 (Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

And to be operative within the country also.

கார். டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ.
 (திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
 (Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

I will consider that. Up to thirty years at the moment.

பவன ஁தநத் ஁னெய்வன மம ஓரீர்பத் கர்நவா :

"4 வன சிபுவே 28 வன, 29 வன ஁ன 30 வன சேரீவல '஁பூரூரூ லிசிபனகவ' ஁ன வவன வெனுதவ '஁பூரூரூ லிசி ஁வகவ' ஁ன வவன ஁ரூரூ கிரீமென்; '஁ன ஁ரூரூ வெனுதவ '஁பூரூரூ லிசி பனகவ ஁பூ '஁ன வவன வெனுதவ '஁பூரூரூ லிசிபனகவ ஁பூ லிசிபனகவ ஁ன' ஁ன வவன ஁ரூரூ கிரீமென்; '஁ன ஁ரூரூ ஁ரூரூ கல ஁பூ."

"5 வன சிபுவே 43 வன சேரீவல ஓகவிசிவ ம பவன ஁னவென கவவப சஙக கல ஁பூ :

'஁ரூரூ லெனத் காலகவ கவவப மலவ மக ஁ரூரூ பூ ஁வசவவக. ஁வவகவ ஁தநத் கவவப "

"6 வன சிபுவே 6 வன சேரீவல '஁ரூரூ ஁பூ. ; ஁வவ '஁ன வவன ஓவத் கவவ. பவன ஁தநத் கவவப ஁ரூரூ கல ஁பூ."

"஁ரூரூ ஁பூ . (7) ஈ வணகிய (8) வன ஁வவணகிய (஁ரூ) சேரூவகி '஁ன வவன வெனுதவ (஁ரூ) ஁ன (க) சேரூவல '஁ன வவன ஁ரூரூ கிரீமென்; ஁வவ "

In the English Bill, I move,

"In page 4, leave out all words in lines 30 and 31 and insert :
 "words "of an unmarried child under twenty five years of age", of the words "of a married or an unmarried child under thirty years of age".

"In page 6, leave out all words in line 3 and insert :
 'purchase of shares';
 (7) in subsection (8) of that section, by the substitution for the words 'in paragraph (d)', of the words 'in paragraphs (d) and (m)'; and "

஁னெய்வன சிசிறத ஁பூ ஁ன ஁வநய லிம஁ன லீரீத், ஁தா ஁மீமத லீவ.
 திருத்தங்கள் விடுக்ப்பட்டு ஁ந்நூக்கவள்ளப்பட்டது.
 Amendments put, and agreed to.

12 வன வணகிய, ஁னெய்வனகாரவென், பவன் கெபூசெநகரி கவவப கவவப கிவிய ஁பூ ஁வகி கிவெய கர்ந லீரீ.

12 ஆம் வாசகம், திருத்தப்பட்டவாறு சட்டமூலத்தின் பகுதியாக இருக்க வேண்டுமென கட்டளையிடப்பட்டது.
 Clause 12, as amended, ordered to stand part of the Bill.

13 வன வணகிய.—(முமண முரூரூரூரூ 32 வன வணகிய ஁னெய்வன கீரீம) வாசகம் 13.—(முதந்மைச் சட்டவாக்கத்தின் 32 ஆம் பரிவவத் திருத்துதல்)
 CLAUSE 13. (Amendment of section 32 of the principal enactment)

கார். டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ.
 (திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
 (Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

பவன ஁தநத் ஁னெய்வன மம ஓரீர்பத் கர்நவா :

"7 வன சிபுவே 4 ஁ன 5 வன சேரீவல 'கர்மண வன கக்ரூரூ வரூகவ' ஁ன வவன வெனுதவ 'கர்மண வன கக்ரூரூ வரூகவ ஁தநய ஁ன ஈ கக்ரூரூ வரூகவ' ஁ன வவன ஁ரூரூ கல ஁பூ."

஁னெய்வன சிசிறத ஁பூ ஁ன ஁வநய லிம஁ன லீரீத், ஁தா ஁மீமத லீவ.
 திருத்தம் விடுக்ப்பட்டு ஁ந்நூக்கவள்ளப்பட்டது.
 Amendment put, and agreed to.

13 வன வணகிய, ஁னெய்வனகாரவென், பவன் கெபூசெநகரி கவவப கவவப கிவிய ஁பூ ஁வகி கிவெய கர்ந லீரீ.

13 ஆம் வாசகம், திருத்தப்பட்டவாறு சட்டமூலத்தின் பகுதியாக இருக்க வேண்டுமென கட்டளையிடப்பட்டது.
 Clause 13 as amended, ordered to stand part of the Bill

14 ஁ 16 கெத் வணகி பவன் கெபூசெநகரி கவவப கவவப கிவிய ஁பூ ஁வகி கிவெய கர்ந லீரீ.

14 ஆம் வாசகத்திலிருந்து 16 ஆம் வாசகம் வரை சட்டமூலத்தின் பகுதியாக இருக்க வேண்டுமென கட்டளையிடப்பட்டது.
 Clauses 14 to 16 ordered to stand part of the Bill.

17 வன வணகிய.—(முமண முரூரூரூரூ 47 வன வணகிய ஁னெய்வன கீரீம)

வாசகம் 17.—(முதந்மைச் சட்டவாக்கத்தின் 47 ஆம் பரிவவத் திருத்துதல்)
 CLAUSE 17.—(Amendment of section 47 of the principal enactment)

கார். டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ. டீ.
 (திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த மெல்)
 (Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

பவன ஁தநத் ஁னெய்வன மம ஓரீர்பத் கர்நவா :

"8 வன சிபுவே 38 வன சேரீவல ஓவத் கவவப ஈ வெனுதவ பவன ஁னவென வவன ஁ரூரூ கல ஁பூ. 'வன கக்ரூரூ வரூகவ ஁ன ஈ கக்ரூரூ வரூகவ' "

஁னெய்வன சிசிறத ஁பூ ஁ன ஁வநய லிம஁ன லீரீத், ஁தா ஁மீமத லீவ.
 திருத்தம் விடுக்ப்பட்டு ஁ந்நூக்கவள்ளப்பட்டது.
 Amendment put, and agreed to.

17 வன வணகிய, ஁னெய்வனகாரவென், பவன் கெபூசெநகரி கவவப கவவப கிவிய ஁பூ ஁வகி கிவெய கர்ந லீரீ.

17 ஆம் வாசகம், திருத்தப்பட்டவாறு சட்டமூலத்தின் பகுதியாக இருக்க வேண்டுமென கட்டளையிடப்பட்டது.
 Caluse 17, as amended, ordered to stand part of the Bill.

18 ஁ 29 கெத் வணகி பவன் கெபூசெநகரி கவவப கவவப கிவிய ஁பூ ஁வகி கிவெய கர்ந லீரீ.

18 ஆம் வாசகத்திலிருந்து 29 ஆம் வாசகம் வரை சட்டமூலத்தின் பகுதியாக இருக்க வேண்டுமென கட்டளையிடப்பட்டது.
 Clauses 18 to 29 ordered to stand part of the Bill.

30 වන වගන්තිය—(ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ 163 වන වගන්තිය සංශෝධනය කිරීම)

වාසකම 30.—(முதன்மைச் சட்டவாக்கத்தின் 163ஆம் பிரிவைத் திருத்துதல்)

CLAUSE 30—(Amendment of section 163 of the principal enactment)

ආර්. ජේ. ජී. ජී. ජී. මෙල් මහතා
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த. மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

පහත සඳහන් සංශෝධනය මම ඉදිරිපත් කරනවා :

"17 වන පිටුව-9 වන පේළියේ සිට 26 වන පේළිය තෙක් වූ පේළි ඉවත් කළ යුතුය."

In the English Bill, I move,

"In page 17, leave out all words in line 3 to 18."

සංශෝධනය පිළිගත යුතුය යන ප්‍රශ්නය විමසන ලදීත්, සභා සම්මත විය.

திருத்தம் விடுக்கப்பட்டு ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளப்பட்டது.
Amendment put, and agreed to.

30 වන වගන්තිය සංශෝධනාකාරයෙන් පහත කෙටුම්පතෙහි කොටසක් හැටියට තිබිය යුතුයයි නියෝග කරන ලදී.

30 ஆம் வாசகம், திருத்தப்பட்டவாறு சட்டமூலத்தின் பகுதியாக இருக்க வேண்டுமென கட்டளையிடப்பட்டது.

Clause 30 as amended, ordered to stand part of the Bill.

31 වන වගන්තිය—(ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ පළමු වන උපලේඛනය සංශෝධනය කිරීම)

වාසකම 31.—(முதன்மைச் சட்டவாக்கத்தின் முதலாம் அட்டவீளையைத் திருத்துதல்)

CLAUSE 31—(Amendment of the First Schedule to the principal enactment)

ආර්. ජේ. ජී. ජී. ජී. මෙල් මහතා
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த. மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

පහත සඳහන් සංශෝධනය මම ඉදිරිපත් කරනවා :

"19 වන පිටුවේ-3 වන පේළිය ඉවත් කොට ඒ වෙනුවට පහත දක්වන කොටස ඇතුළු කළ යුතුය.

'පළමුවන රු. 1,00,000 සම්බන්ධයෙන්-කිසිවක් තැන.'

සංශෝධනය පිළිගත යුතුය යන ප්‍රශ්නය විමසන ලදීත්, සභා සම්මත විය.

திருத்தம் விடுக்கப்பட்டு ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளப்பட்டது.
Amendment put, and agreed to.

31 වන වගන්තිය සංශෝධනාකාරයෙන් පහත කෙටුම්පතෙහි කොටසක් හැටියට තිබිය යුතුයයි නියෝග කරන ලදී.

31 ஆம் வாசகம், திருத்தப்பட்டவாறு சட்டமூலத்தின் பகுதியாக இருக்க வேண்டுமென கட்டளையிடப்பட்டது.

Clause 31 as amended ordered to stand part of the Bill.

32 සිට 34 තෙක් වගන්ති පහත කෙටුම්පතෙහි කොටසක් හැටියට තිබිය යුතුයයි නියෝග කරන ලදී.

32 ஆம் வாசகத்திலிருந்து 34 ஆம் வாசகம் வரை சட்டமூலத்தின் பகுதியாக இருக்க வேண்டுமென கட்டளையிடப்பட்டது.

Clause 32 to 34 ordered to stand part of the Bill.

35 වන වගන්තිය—(2 වන වගන්තියේ මහ කොළඹ ආර්ථික කොමිෂන් සභාව සම්බන්ධයෙන් වූ සංශෝධනය අතීතයටත් බල පෑ යුතු බව.

වාසකම 35.—(மா கொழும்புப் பொருளாதார ஆணைக்குழு தொடர்பாக 2 ஆம் பிரிவில் செய்யப்பட்ட திருத்தத்திற்கான கடந்த காலத்தை உள்ளடக்கும் பயன்)

CLAUSE 35—(Retrospective effect to the amendment with regard to Greater Colombo Economic Commission in Section 2.)

ලක්ෂ්මන් ජයකොඩි මහතා
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

I move that Clause 35 be deleted.

ආර්. ජේ. ජී. ජී. ජී. මෙල් මහතා
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த. மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

No, Sir. I cannot accept that amendment. I am very sorry.

35 වන වගන්තිය පහත කෙටුම්පතෙහි කොටසක් හැටියට තිබිය යුතුයයි නියෝග කරන ලදී.

35 ஆம் வாசகம், சட்டமூலத்தின் பகுதியாக இருக்க வேண்டுமென கட்டளையிடப்பட்டது.

Clause 35 ordered to stand part of the Bill

22 වන අළුත් වගන්තිය—(ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ XII වන පරිච්ඡේදයේ "ඒ. උපරිමය සංශෝධනය කිරීම)

புதிய வாசகம் 22.—(முதன்மைச் சட்டவாக்கத்தின் XII ஆம் அத்தியாயத்தின் "ஏ" உப தலைப்பைத் திருத்துதல்)

NEW CLAUSE 22—(Amendment of the sub-heading J of Chapter XII of the principal enactment.)

"ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රඥප්තියේ XII වන පරිච්ඡේදයේ ඒ. උපරිමයේ XII වන පරිච්ඡේදයේ "සංචාරක ව්‍යාපාර" යන වචන වෙනුවට "සංචාරක ව්‍යාපාර සහ අපනයන කටයුතු" යන වචන ආදේශ කිරීමෙන් ඒ උපරිමය සංශෝධනය කිරීම. මෙයින් සංශෝධනය කරනු ලැබේ."

"Amendment of the sub-heading 3 of Chapter XII of the principal enactment. 22. Sub-heading 3 of Chapter XII of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the word 'Tourism', of the words 'Tourism and Exports'."

ඉදිරිපත් කරන ලදීත්, පළමු වර කියවන ලදී.
கொண்டுவரப்பட்டு, முதன்முறை மதிப்பிடப்பெற்றது.
Brought up, and read the First time.

ආර්. ජේ. ජී. ජී. ජී. මෙල් මහතා
(திரு. ஆர். ஜே. ஜி. த. மெல்)
(Mr. R. J. G. de Mel)

I move,

"That the Clause be read a Second time."

ප්‍රශ්නය විමසන ලදීත්, සභා සම්මත විය.

වගන්තිය පහත කෙටුම්පතට එකතු කළ යුතුය යන ප්‍රශ්නය විමසන ලදීත්, සභා සම්මත විය.

22 වන අළුත් වගන්තිය පහත කෙටුම්පතෙහි කොටසක් හැටියට තිබිය යුතුයයි නියෝග කරන ලදී.

வினா விடுக்கப்பட்டு ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளப்பட்டது.
வாசகம், சட்டமூலத்திற் சேர்க்கப்பட வேண்டுமென வினா விடுக்கப்பட்டு ஏற்றுக்கொள்ளப்பட்டது.

22 ஆம் புதிய வாசகம் சட்டமூலத்தின் பகுதியாக இருக்க வேண்டுமெனக் கட்டளையிடப்பட்டது.

නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

You can say that the facts are these and you can state those facts.

සිරිල් මැතිවී මහතා
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Can I not make a comment also and say -

නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Comments should not be objectionable.

සිරිල් මැතිවී මහතා
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Sir, I wish to refer again to "Practice and Proceedings of Parliament," Second Edition 1972, by M. N. Kaul and S. H. Shakhder. I may be wrong in the pronunciation of the name. This is a book written by two Indian authors. This is what is stated at page 252 :

"A breach of privilege can arise only when the Member or the Minister makes a false statement or an incorrect statement, wilfully, deliberately and knowingly."

නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Order, please! We need not discuss this matter because anybody can give certain facts as he knows them, and if according to the the hon. Member for Kelaniya those facts are not correct he can give what he thinks are the correct facts.

සිරිල් මැතිවී මහතා
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Sir, I am on another point.

නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Where the intention of the Hon. Minister was to deliberately misled the House is not a matter that we should discuss now.

සිරිල් මැතිවී මහතා
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Now I am on a point of Order. I am saying that a breach of Privilege has been committed by these two Ministers.

නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

I am afraid it is not the -

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(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

I want you to consider this. Whatever Ruling you give is a matter for you.

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(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

But I think if there was a breach of Privilege the hon. Member should have discussed the matter in Chambers with the Speaker before it is raised in the House. This is not a matter of a breach of Privilege.

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(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

I am quoting from this book, Sir. I would like you to give your mind to it.

නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

The quotation will become relevant if we are considering a matter of breach of Privilege. At the moment a matter of breach of Privilege has not been raised.

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(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

All right. I will bring it up later then.

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(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

That is right.

සිරිල් මැතිවී මහතා
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

I made it abundantly clear that the Sri Lanka Government or the SLTIC, that is, the Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation, had not loaned any money to Self-Employment Projects. Self-Employment Projects was not an associate company of the Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation. Self-Employment Projects was a private limited liability company which was set up to manage the trishaws, to collect the money from the drivers and to pay that money back to the SLTIC. That was the only connection. They were managing the trishaws. They were a private limited liability company. They had nothing to do with the Government. They had nothing to do with the SLTIC on any other matter than managing the trishaws for them. - [Interruption]. Then to prove my point, Sir, I want to read to you from the minutes of the 102nd meeting of the Board of Directors held on 19th January 1980 at 11 a.m. in the Head Office of the Sri Lanka

[சீர்த் தெரிவு செய்தல்]

Tobacco Industries Corporation, No. 172, Central Road, Colombo 12. I will not read the whole thing. I will read only the relevant parts.

At page 3 it says :

"Item 1072 - Any other matters.

1. Operation of the Trishaw passenger service.

The Board of Directors discussed about the operation of the auto trishaw passenger service with the Sri Lanka Tobacco industries Corporation. Mr. K. Ganeshalingam, Working Director, informed the Board that the Hon. Minister of Industries and Scientific Affairs had, consequent to a discussion taken by a Cabinet Sub-Committee on the 16th January 1980" -

தலைவர் கமிட்டிமேம்பர்
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Order, please! The original of what you are reading - I believe this is a copy -

சீர்த் தெரிவு செய்தல்
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திய)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

No. no. This is signed.

தலைவர் கமிட்டிமேம்பர்
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Then that is the original ?

சீர்த் தெரிவு செய்தல்
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திய)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Yes.

தலைவர் கமிட்டிமேம்பர்
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

That is in your custody ?

சீர்த் தெரிவு செய்தல்
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திய)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Yes.

தலைவர் கமிட்டிமேம்பர்
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Order, please! I believe you are coming to a new point. We will suspend the Siting now.

சீர்த் தெரிவு செய்தல்
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திய)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

I am coming from the old point : there is no new point.

தலைவர் கமிட்டிமேம்பர்
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

The Sitting is suspended till 2 p.m.

சீர்த் தெரிவு செய்தல்
சீர்த் தெரிவு செய்தல்

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Sitting accordingly suspended till 2. p.m. and then resumed.
MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair.

சீர்த் தெரிவு செய்தல்
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திய)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Mr. Deputy Speaker, when we adjourned for lunch I was reading to you the minutes of the 102nd meeting of the Board of Directors held on 19th January 1980 at 11 a.m, at the head office of the Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation, No. 172, Central Road, Colombo 12. The persons present were the Chairman, Mr. D. J. Samaratinga, Working Director Mr. K. Ganeshalingam, Working Director Mr. Piyadasa Perera and the Secretary, Mr. Gunaratne Ariyaperuma.

I am reading this particularly because of certain allegations which were made yesterday. Certain questions were raised by hon. Members of the Opposition as to whether the Government knew any thing about this and certain responsible Members from this side of the House said, "No, the Government knew nothing about it, there was no Cabinet decision and the Tobacco Industries Corporation just paid out this money and bought the tri-shaws". I want to refute that.

These are the minutes of the 102nd meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company. At page 3 it says-

"Item 1072 - Any other Business - operation of auto-trishaw passenger service. The Board of Directors discussed about the operation of the Auto-Trishaw Passenger Service by the Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation. Mr. K. Ganeshalingam, Working Director, informed the Board that the Hon. Minister of Industries and Scientific Affairs has, consequent to a decision taken by the Cabinet sub-committee of 16th January, 1980 appointed in pursuance of the Cabinet decision on Cabinet Paper 16 of 1980 a committee comprising the Hon. Minister of Transport (Chairman), the Hon. Minister of Industries and Scientific Affairs and the Hon. Minister of Trade and Shipping, and the Hon. Minister of Industries and Scientific Affairs has directed the Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation to take over the auto-trishaws imported by M. S. Hebtulabhoy and Company Limited.

The Board discussed this matter at length and decided on the following as suggested by Mr. Ganeshalingam - Working Director.

The Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation to take over the 300 Auto-Trishaws imported by Messrs M. S. Hebtulabhoy and Company Limited after payment of Rs. 5,550,994.45 in respect of the trishaws lying at the wharf and Rs. 2,542,560.48 in respect of the 93 Trishaws lying at Messrs Richard Pieris and Company Ltd. at the rate of C.I.F. value of Rs. 16,034.83, duty at Rs. 8,054.53 and other charges amounting to Rs. 3,250.00 per Auto Trishaw."

ஈகிர் ஐன்஢ி஢ ம஢ன
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்஢)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

Sir, I raise to a Point of Order. There seems to have been a misleading of the House. On the basis of what the hon. Member for Kelaniya (Mr. Cyril Mathew) has said, the Government was aware and the Government had taken a decision in this respect, although the House was informed earlier that the Government knew nothing about it. I do not know what the position is.

஢ி஢ேர்஢ க஢்தானாகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Then, if you do not know please—

ஈகிர் ஐன்஢ி஢ ம஢ன
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்஢)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

No, I do not know what the position is now. As far as this House is concerned —

஢ி஢ேர்஢ க஢்தானாகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Shall we go on with this? We are discussing a Resolution. Certain facts have been placed before this House by certain Hon. Ministers and another set of facts is now being placed.

ஈகிர் ஐன்஢ி஢ ம஢ன
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்஢)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

There cannot be two sets of facts.

஢ி஢ேர்஢ க஢்தானாகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

There can be several sets of facts.

ஈகிர் ஐன்஢ி஢ ம஢ன
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்஢)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

There can be only one set of facts. The others are surmises.

஢ி஢ேர்஢ க஢்தானாகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

No, it is not for me to —

ஈகிர் ஐன்஢ி஢ ம஢ன
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்஢)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

How can there be two sets of facts?

஢ி஢ேர்஢ க஢்தானாகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

What are you suggesting?

ஈகிர் ஐன்஢ி஢ ம஢ன
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்஢)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

There must now be a re-assessment of this matter by the Government. and a statement made.

஢ி஢ேர்஢ க஢்தானாகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

That is for the Government to decide.

ஈகிர் ஐன்஢ி஢ ம஢ன
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்஢)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

I do not think that is correct.

஢ி஢ேர்஢ க஢்தானாகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

It is not for me to advise hon. Members of this House which set of facts they should accept, nor can any hon. Member suggest that. The facts are being placed and we will see what the finality is. If anything follows from the final decisions then it is for hon. Members to take steps. It is not a question of Privilege or misleading the House or leading the House.

ஈகிர் ஐன்஢ி஢ ம஢ன
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்஢)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

Yes, Sir, there is a question.

஢ிர்஢் ஐகிர்஢ி ம஢ன
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

That is why I took up the point of Privilege.

஢ி஢ேர்஢ க஢்தானாகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

It is not for me to decide at this stage while presiding over a debate.

஢ர்஢்டு ஢ேர்஢ ம஢ன (஢ி஢ேர்஢ ரு஢் ஢ர்஢லு஢ ஈ஢ி஢ி஢ு)
(திரு. ஹரி஢்டிர ஢ேர்஢ — ஢ெ஢ு ஢ிர்஢ாக஢் பிரதி அ஢மச்சர்)
(Mr. Harindra Corea—Deputy Minister of Public Administration)

What is the point of Order?

ஈகிர் ஐன்஢ி஢ ம஢ன
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்஢)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

My point is that there is a Ruling given by you.

஢ி஢ேர்஢ க஢்தானாகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

What is the Ruling?

ஈகிர் ஐன்஢ி஢ ம஢ன
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்஢)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

That the hon. Member for Kelaniya should withdraw certain statements.

நியோசர் கவனமகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

No, I never gave any such Ruling.

ஈதில் மூலகமகனது
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

Not you, Sir, from the Chair.

நியோசர் கவனமகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

That is a matter of the past.

ஈதில் மூலகமகனது
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

How can that be, Sir ?

நியோசர் கவனமகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

What is the specific matter that you are raising ?

லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி மகனது
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

Misleading the House.

ஈதில் மூலகமகனது
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

With the greatest respect, I am only trying to say that there was an attempt –

லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி மகனது
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

And you are also going to be culpable.

ஈதில் மூலகமகனது
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

Sir, the House has been misled earlier but the Government has not taken action –

நியோசர் கவனமகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

That is your view. There is no resolution or matter before this House for a decision to be made whether this House has been misled or not. Another set of facts may come out from other Member.

ஈதில் மூலகமகனது
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

With the greatest respect, there has been no denial –

நியோசர் கவனமகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

It is not like answering a question and somebody misleading the House.

ஈதில் மூலகமகனது
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)
Yes.

நியோசர் கவனமகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

No, it is not so. My Ruling is that there is no Standing Order –

ஈதில் மூலகமகனது
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

With the greatest respect, it is not only the Standing Orders but there are certain traditions associated with this House and one of those is that – (*Interruption*) I will read the Standing Order, if necessary.

நியோசர் கவனமகனது
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

My Ruling is that the hon. Member can continue with his speech.

சிரில் மூலகமகனது
(திரு. சிரில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

This is why I raised that point of Order in the morning. There is a breach of Privilege.

ஈதில் மூலகமகனது
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

That is right.

சிரில் மூலகமகனது
(திரு. சிரில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

And I read to you from an authority that if a Member or a Minister makes a false statement or an incorrect statement wilfully, deliberately and knowingly, then there is a breach of Privilege. That is why I raised that matter first thing in the morning. You said this is not the time and wanted me to take it up with the Hon. Speaker. I shall take it up tomorrow.

லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி மகனது
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

What has the Chair got to say now ?

නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

I said that in a matter of Privilege the normal procedure is for the Member raising it to discuss it with the Hon. Speaker in Chambers first, and then certain steps will be taken. It is not raised straightaway on the Floor of the House. I think the hon. Member agreed to that.

අනිල් මූණසිංහ මහතා
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

I think the Chair should always give Rulings like that because I have been at the receiving end many times.

නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

That is another matter. We will continue with this.

සිරිල් මැතිවි මහතා
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Continuing with the Board Paper -

"Another batch of 200 Auto Trishaws on order by M/s. M. S. Heptulabhoy & Co., Ltd. to be taken over by Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation and to make after relevant of CRP plus 2 1/2 per cent. The weighted average cost of a trishaw would be Rs. 24,000. The scheme of operation of the above was to be on the basis that the user becomes the owner of the trishaw at the end of the third year. The user would be expected to pay at the rate of Rs. 40 per day, working for 25 days in the month for a period of three years at a total of Rs. 36,000. Further the user will be responsible for fuel and all other maintenance of the vehicle. The Registration, licensing and insurance coverage will be done by the Corporation. The People's Bank has agreed to finance 60 per cent of the capital involvement on these vehicles on their being pledged to the bank by the Corporation. The balance 40 per cent will be met by the Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation. The Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation would remain the owners of these Auto Trishaws till such time as instalments are paid in full by the users."

So, you see, Sir, that the Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation was the owner of these vehicles. There is no question of giving a loan to Self-Employment Projects Limited. They were entirely a different private organisation which was managing these for them.

"In order to minimize default in payment, it is proposed to get five users to guarantee each user."

ලක්ෂමන් ජයකොඩි මහතා
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

Obviously it is misleading.

සිරිල් මැතිවි මහතා
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

"The operation of the scheme will be managed by the Jatika Sevaka Sangamaya under the direction of the Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation. The Jatika Sevaka Sangamaya would be expected to collect the daily dues and remit to the Corporation."

Now, Sir, at this point of time, that is in January 1980, we thought that the Jatika Sevaka Sangamaya could manage this but we found that it was impossible for a trade union to manage this. Therefore, Mr. Ganeshalingam proposed that we form a separate company, a private limited liability company, to take over the management of these trishaws. That is how Self-Employment Projects Limited came into being.

I suppose I have provided convincing evidence that these trishaws were owned by Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation and that the Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation invested Rs. 15 million on the trishaws, they were the owners and Self-Employment Projects Limited was only managing them.

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

There you are! So, we have been misled, obviously, we have been misled.

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(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

Those are not the remarks made by the Hon. Minister of Industries and Scientific Affairs.

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

The Minister says it is an investment. So, which is the correct one? Is it loan or an investment?

නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

It is up to you to decide. Your condition of mind is no concern of the House.

අනිල් මූණසිංහ මහතා
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

The hon. Minister says it is a loan. The former Minister says it is an investment. Now, which is the correct position?

නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Decide. That is why we are debating this.

අනිල් මූණසිංහ මහතා
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

Are we the jury?

නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

You are not the jury. You are Members of Parliament, and you know the steps.

අතිර මුණසිංහ මහතා
(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

Not only that, Sir, but we would like to know from the Hon. Minister of Industries and Scientific Affairs whether it is a loan or an investment.

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

He is dumb on this !

නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා
(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Order, please ! This has nothing to do with the speech. The hon. Member for Kelaniya can continue the speech.

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(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

I would remind the hon. Members on this side of the House that they also can be at the end of this beating stick some day. So, I will ask them to appreciate this matter fairly and justly.

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

Hear, hear !

සිරිල් මැතිවී මහතා
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Then, Sir, I present another paper to show that it was the Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation that owned these vehicles, that invested this money. This is Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation Board Paper No. 96/81.

"To: Chairman and All Directors.

PURCHASE OF 100 "EDCO" MODEL AR AUTORICKSHAW FARE METERS". -

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

What ? JR ?

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(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

AR.

- "On 1.7.1981, we have established a letter of Credit bearing No. CC/SIL/81/1374 valued at Ind. Rs. 60,000.00 in favour of Messrs. R. C. Edwards & Co., Private Limited, 16, Arthur Bunder Road, Colabo - Bombay, for the supply of 100 Fare Meters stated above.

Forwarded for the information and covering approval of the Board of Directors."

This is, addition, Sir, to prove that the Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation owned these vehicles and they had invested this money on these vehicles.

Then, Sir, I read in this morning's paper - "The Island" of Wednesday, 10th April 1985, page 1 - what the Hon. Minister of Industries and Scientific Affairs is supposed to have stated :

"The speaker asked, is that a private limited liability company ?

The Minister : Yes. But the Tobacco Corporation had lent Rs. 15 million."

Yesterday he said this. This is what the paper says. "But the Tobacco Corporation has lent Rs. 15 million." It clearly shows that he does not know what he is talking about. Now, do not ask me to withdraw that also.

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(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

He is far away as the North Pole from the South Pole.

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(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Then, Sir, there is a headline : "Cupboards with trishaw company files move to Mathew's room - the Minister says." This is the type of mud-slinging that they are indulging in. Why were they taking it there ? Why did the Self-Employment Projects remove those cupboards with the account books ? There is a reason for it. The reason is expressed in this letter.

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(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

They are also legally entitled to do so because they are an independent company.

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

Denzil, you are a hopeless advocate.

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(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

He marked the papers all wrong.

සිරිල් මැතිවී මහතා
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

This is the letter, written by Mr. Ganeshalingam to me after what happened yesterday.

"23A, Alfred Place,
Colombo 3.
9th April 1985.

Hon. Cyril Mathew, M.P., Colombo.

SELF EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS

Dear Sir,

This is to confirm that I requested Mr. Alexander, Inspector of Police, C.I.D. to take over the books of Accounts of Self Employment Projects Limited."

I must mention one thing. Two sleuths of the C.I.D. have been working for two months trying to find some fault in any one of my corporations. There is so much of work to do.

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(ති.ල. ලක්ෂ්මන් ඉයාකොඩි)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

Who gave the order ?

සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා
(ති.ල. සිරිල් මත්තිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Someone, must be right at the top. There is so much of work to do, so much of embezzlement, so much of frauds in tenders, so much of purchase of arms without calling for tenders, so much of corruption going on, so much of attacks by 'tigers.' They are not involved in that. They were asked to find out -

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(ති.ල. ඉ. ඩී. ඩී. පුංචිනිලමේ — මාතර් අලුච්චිලමේ, කුරුමිත්තල්
භවත්තියාසාලයන් පිරිනි ඉයාකොඩි)

(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME - Deputy Minister of Women's Affairs and Teaching Hospitals)

You are telling all this now.

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(ති.ල. සිරිල් මත්තිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

When I am beaten with a stick I must say something in my defence.

ඒ. ඩී. පුංචිනිලමේ මහතා
(ති.ල. ඉ. ඩී. ඩී. පුංචිනිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

Same party !

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(ති.ල. සිරිල් මත්තිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Same party ? Then why are they whacking me - (Interruption). That is a different thing. Why are they whacking me ? Why do you not get up and talk ? It is only when I am attacked that I have to say something in reply. When I was the Minister there was no attack on me. Now you are trying to get some -

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(පිරිනිජ් සපාභායකර් අචාර්කන්)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Order, please ! Please continue.

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(ති.ල. සිරිල් මත්තිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

You might be in the same position. That is what I warn you.

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(අර්ඝ්කර්තිනර්)
(Members)

Hear, hear !

සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා
(ති.ල. සිරිල් මත්තිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

I have to prove my innocence in this.

නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා
(පිරිනිජ් සපාභායකර් අචාර්කන්)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Order, please ! Please do not interrupt the hon. Member who is on his feet.

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(ති.ල. සිරිල් මත්තිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

In politics I have noted that there are no friends, there are only rivals. Each man is trying to push the other down and get into his place. That is what I have seen in politics.

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(ති.ල. ලක්ෂ්මන් ඉයාකොඩි)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

Well said ! well said ! - (Interruption).

නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා
(පිරිනිජ් සපාභායකර් අචාර්කන්)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Order, please ! Will the hon. Deputy Minister please be seated. You are interrupting the hon. Member.

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(ති.ල. සිරිල් මත්තිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

This is a letter by Mr. Ganeshalingam :

"23, Alfred Place,
Colombo 3.
9th April, 1985.

Hon. Cyril Mathew, M.P.,
Colombo.

Dear Sir,

SELF-EMPLOYMENT PROJECTS LTD.

This is to confirm that I requested Mr. Alexander, Inspector of Police, C.I.D. to take over the books of accounts of Self Employment Projects Ltd. He told me that he was investigating into certain complaints made to him by the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation and he was not prepared to take over the books."

[டிரீட் ஆகிவிடுவதை]

They offered the books to the C.I.D. They said, "Here are the books. We want to hand over these books to some responsible person". But he said he cannot take over.

"He further stated that it was a civil matter and he would submit his report to the Attorney-General.

I told Mr. Alexander that I was not in a position to hand over the books of accounts to Mr. Denzil Fernando, Minister of Industries and Scientific Affairs and others, as I feared that they may destroy those books in order to put us into difficulties."

செவ்வகம் பதவியை மறந்து
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

They must be taken out from the roll of Advocates !

டிரீட் ஆகிவிடுவதை
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திள்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

To continue :

"They were on a vindictive operation against persons who were not prepared to follow them. In this connection I wish to state that we are prepared to hand over the books of accounts to a firm of Accountants.

Yours truly,
Sgd./K. Ganeshalingam."

சிறில் மூனிசிங்
(திரு. அனில் மூனிசிங்)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

Is Mr. Ganeshalingam still on the Executive Committee ?

சிறில் மூனிசிங்
(திரு. அனில் மூனிசிங்)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

Order, please ! Do not disturb him. No questions can be asked. You can only make your speech.

சிறில் மூனிசிங்
(திரு. அனில் மூனிசிங்)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

Already we have been misled. I am only trying to clarify the situation.

சிறில் மூனிசிங்
(திரு. அனில் மூனிசிங்)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

One can appreciate your enjoyment, but please allow him to carry on with his speech.

அங்கத்தினர் ஒருவர்
(A Member)

I think Mr. Ganeshalingam is a 'tiger'!

சிறில் மூனிசிங்
(திரு. அனில் மூனிசிங்)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

The hon. Member for Kelaniya is not disturbed at all !

சிறில் மூனிசிங்
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திள்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Mr. Ganeshalingam was and is still a member of the Executive Committee of the United National Party.

செவ்வகம் பதவியை மறந்து
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

There you are !

சிறில் மூனிசிங்
(திரு. அனில் மூனிசிங்)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

There you are ! That was another thing that was denied -

சிறில் மூனிசிங்
(திரு. சிறில் மத்திள்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

He was, at a very difficult time, amidst great danger, acting as the organizer for Jaffna.

I think I made very clear the reasons for the cupboard having been removed to No. 101, Barnes Place. The reason is very clearly stated in this letter. They are prepared and they wanted to hand it over to the C.I.D. They refused. They are prepared to hand over the books to any firm of accountants for accounting.

There is another thing that I want to mention with regard to the C.I.D. inquiry. They questioned almost 90 per cent of my Chairmen ; they questioned my daughter and they even searched my daughter's mother-in-law. She is an old lady living in a house all by herself.

சிறில் மூனிசிங்
(திரு. அனில் மூனிசிங்)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

Shame ! Ideal for the next Presidential Commission inquiry. You see what you are doing to your own Members.

சிறில் மூனிசிங்
(திரு. ஜி. வி. பஞ்சினிலம்)
(Mr. G. V. Panchinilame)

We are doing justice. You never did that.

சிறில் மூனிசிங்
(திரு. அனில் மூனிசிங்)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

You have harassed an old lady. You are harassing ladies always.

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(නිල. ජී. ඩී. පුංචිනිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

What did you do to your own brother-in-law ?

රිචඩ් පතිරාණ මහතා
(නිල. රිච්ඡ්. පතිරාණ)
(Mr. Richard Pathirana)

රත්නපුරේ කඩ කඩලා බඩු ගෙන ගිය වෙලාවේ - [Interruption]

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(නිල. අනුරා පණ්ඩාරනායක)
(Mr. Anura Bandaranaike)

Do not worry about brother-in-law.

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(නිල. ජී. ඩී. පුංචිනිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

Do not worry about this also. - [Interruption]. What have you got to say about your sister now? - [Interruption]

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(Mr. Deputy Speaker)
Order, please !

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(නිල. ලක්ෂ්මන් ජයකොඩි)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

Sir, I would like to have a clarification. Is Mr. Ganeshalingam still a director of the Tobacco Corporation ?

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(නිල. සිරිල් මැතිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

No, he is no more there. There is another letter written by Mr. Piyadasa Perera on the 24th of January, 1985.

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48, ජීනරතන මාවත,
කොළඹ 02.

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මෙතෙක් ආයතනයට අයත් ලියකියවිලි හා බඩු බාහිරාදිය නොග ගණන් ගැනීමකින් යුක්තව නීත්‍යානුකූලව හාරගෙන නොමැත. එහෙයින් එය නීත්‍යානුකූලව හාර ගැනීම සඳහා අවශ්‍ය උපදෙස් නීති බලධාරියාට දෙන ලෙස ඉතා කරුණාවෙන් ඉල්ලා සිටිමි."

That was on the 24th of January, 1985. Then, he has got an acknowledgment from Mr. Justin Dias dated 1985 January. There is no day of the month given in the letter.

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සියදාය වෛරෝ මහතා,
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හාලු පාර,
කොළඹ 3.

24. 01. 85 දානමින් ස්වයං රැකියා යෝජනා ක්‍රමය නීති බලධාරියා වෙත පැවරීම පිළිබඳ ලිපිය ලදීම්."

Sir, I would like to read to you another letter. The Competent Authority took over Self-Employment Projects Ltd., on the 22nd evening at 4 p.m. Mr. D. J. Samaratinga, the Competent Authority, writes this letter. I will read only the first paragraph which relates to this :

* 28. 01. 1985
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කේ. ගනේෂලිංගම් මහතා,
අංක 23 ඒ, ඇල්ප්‍රයි පෙදෙස,
කොළඹ 3.

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සීමාසහිත ස්වයං රැකියා යෝජනා ක්‍රම සතුවෙන් හඳුන්වනු ලැබුවාදුරු ස්වකීය ලීපාපදිංචි කාර්යාලය, කොළඹ 3 හාලු පාරේ අංක 532 දරණ ස්ථානයේ පවත්වාගෙන ගොඩුද සමාගම්, වෙළඳ ව්‍යාපාරය සහ ඒ වෙළඳ ව්‍යාපාරයේ කාර්ය සඳහා පාවිච්චි කරනු ලැබූ සියලුම වංචල දේපල සහ සියලු උපකරණ සහ සවිකිරීම් ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රජාතාන්ත්‍රික සමාජවාදී ජනරජයේ අංක 333/5 හා 1985 ජනවාරි 22 දින දරණ අති විශේෂ ගැටළු පත්‍රයේ දැන්වීමෙන් ජපය සතුකර ඇත."

The argument of SEP or the Self Employment Projects Ltd. is that you have taken it by force. Now, you are asking them to hand over. What is there to hand over ? You have taken it over. So, their lawyers, Messrs D. N. Thurairajah & Co., have written the following letter to Mr. D. J. Samaratinga on the 30th January, 1985. I will read that letter, Sir :

"Your Ref : S/E/P.
Our Ref : GEN/MISC/81/85.
Self-Employment Projects Ltd.

So write on the instruction of our clients the Directors of Self-Employment Projects Limited, who have referred your letter dated the 28th January, 1985 addressed to each of them individually, to us for reply.

We are instructed to inform you as follows :-

(i) that your letter under reference was the first official intimation to our clients of the fact that the business of Self-Employment Projects Limited has been vested in the Government.

(ii) that our clients are surprised that you should now write to them 'directing' them to hand over the fixtures, fittings, implements of trade and all books and documents to you on 1/2/1985 when you had without any intimation to our clients and without a proper inventory, taken wrongful possession of all the items which you now 'direct' our clients to hand over to you.

(iii) that in addition to the above you have without any intimation to our clients, wrongfully and unlawfully (without a proper inventory duly acknowledged by our clients) taken possession of all cash, stocks of petrol, diesel and other consumables including a very large stock of lubricants, tyres, tubes and workshop tools, which were owned by and in the possession of our clients.

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In the circumstances, the question of our clients complying with the 'directive' embodied in your letter does not arise.

We also wish to inform you that our clients reserve the right to claim compensation in respect of the aforesaid assets taken over by you after finalising the audited accounts as at date of such take over."

This is addressed to Mr. D. J. Samaratinga, with copies to the Secretary, Ministry of Industries and Scientific Affairs and Mr. K. Ganeshalingam.

Now, I suppose I have dealt with all these matters which have been raised and I have proved beyond doubt that it is the Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation that had owned the trishaws, and that they had not lent any money to Self Employment Projects, and that they have employed Self Employment Projects merely as managing agents to run their trishaws.

Sir, there is another matter which I have overlooked, that is in the "Island" of 10th April 1985, the one that I read out to you earlier. It says -

"The Minister said 593 trishaws had been purchased and the company had collected 60 rupees per trishaw per day and the company had failed to give a single cent of the profits made to the Corporation."

Now, that statement is correct. They have not paid the 50 per cent of the profits. But you have to take it along with the other matters. What are the assets that have been taken over by them? As I told you earlier when I read out the first part of that letter, from 14th January 1980 to 13th December 1982 they had made 14 payments of Rs. 13 million. Then, on the 1st of February 1983, they had transferred on behalf of Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation fixed deposits as security for a bank guarantee in connection with the underwriting of the proposed public shares of Interbex Limited sums of Rs. 13 million, Rs. 2.5 million and Rs. 15.5 million. Then, there were assets at the time of vesting of SEP as fixed deposits amounting to Rs. 3.5 million in the Commercial Bank and the Bank of Ceylon. So already there were assets up to Rs. 19 million, whereas they had invested only Rs. 14.5 million. It may be that in finalizing accounts they could adjust those figures, but they had with them much more than what they had invested. Then, in addition to all that there were stocks, debtors, deposits and accrued interest of Rs. 1.5 million. Value of vehicles on higher purchase had cost Rs. 1.5 million and a total of Rs. 22 million was held by the Tobacco Industries Corporation.

Then, Sir, the Hon. Minister of Industries and Scientific Affairs yesterday took up a matter about settlers. I think the hon. Member for Kaduwela (Mr. E. P. Paul Perera) tried to instruct him on that, but I do not think he listened to that at all. (Interruption) The

Board of Directors of SEP decided to broadbase the shareholding of the company and to give the trishaw owner drivers a shareholding in the company. They wanted to broadbase it. That is to give the trishaw drivers also a share in self-employment project. For this purpose it was considered appropriate that a Trust be created the terms of which the sole beneficiaries would be the owner drivers. Not only did we make them owner drivers - whereas earlier they were only just drivers working on payment, now they were owner drivers - but we wanted to make the owner drivers part shareholders of this self-employment project. Therefore we thought that we will form a Trust. The sole beneficiaries would be the owner drivers of this Trust. An instrument of Trust was drawn up by Messrs Thurairajah & Co. and two Directors of SEP M/s. K. M. A. Ganeshalingam and G. S. Marapone signed the deed as the settlers of the Trust. You were making a big noise about the settlers as to who did this and who did that. The hon. Member for Kaduwela got up and said that is a word in the Trust Law since it refers to a person who sets up a Trust. The term "settler" is a legal term and when used in relation to trust means a person who sets up or creates a Trust. A Trust must necessarily have a settler, a trustee and a beneficiary. In this case the settlers were Messrs. Ganeshalingam and Marapone. The trustees were Niroma Ltd. and the beneficiaries were the owner drivers.

Niroma Limited was in addition allotted 24 per cent of the shares of self-employment projects for which full payment was made by them. Now I must tell you something about Niroma Ltd. also because there seems to be a lot of misunderstanding. Niroma Ltd. was first floated I think somewhere in 1979 or so. I and my brother owned a property in Fort comprising about 65 perches of land. That is not something we bought after 1977 or after we came into politics. That is a land that I inherited from my father. My father inherited this land from his father. Therefore it is coming down to me in the third generation. Now I thought and Mr. Ganeshalingam advised us to put this building down and then put up a new high-rise building. So we floated this company. That is my children and my brother's children and Mr. Ganeshalingam and I believe Mr. Marapone were also there as advisers. Then, after some time turning this over in my mind, I thought it would be too risky a thing to put up a high-rise building as we would have to raise a large loan on that 65 perches of land in the Fort. We would have had to raise some more money to put up this building. So I was wondering whether it would give us a return and therefore I dropped that matter and Niroma Ltd. continued to be there.

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(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)

(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

But both of you agree not to put up high-rise buildings!

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 (திரு. சிறில் மத்திள்)
 (Mr. Cyril Mathew)
 Who ?

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 (திரு. லக்ஷமன் ஜயக்கொடி)
 (Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

The Hon. Minister of Finance and yourself.

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 (பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
 (Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Order, please !

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 (திரு. சிறில் மத்திள்)
 (Mr. Cyril Mathew)

That is about Niroma Ltd., the settler's and the drivers' trust formed to protect the interests of the drivers.

There is another document which I would like to place before this House.

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 මණ්ඩලීය සංදේශ අංක. 20/83,
 රැස්වීම දිනය. 83. 5. 10

සභාපති හා කළමනාකර අධ්‍යක්ෂ ඇතුළු අධ්‍යක්ෂ මණ්ඩලය වෙත.

ක්‍රීඩා රථයන්හි අයිතිය පැවරීම

1980. 1. 19 වැනි දින පැවැති 102 වැනි අධ්‍යක්ෂ මණ්ඩලයේ රැස්වීමේ වාර්තා අංක 1072 සටහනේ ගනු ලැබූ තීරණය පරිදි ක්‍රියා රථය පරිහරණය කරන්නා එහි අයිතිකරු බවට පත් කිරීමේ පදනම මත සංස්ථාව විසින් මිල දී ගනු ලැබූ ක්‍රියා රථයන් සී. සී. ස්වයං රැකියා සේවකා ක්‍රමය මත රැකවරණ වෙත බෙදා දෙන ලදී.

This letter also further proves that they bought them and after the Self-Employment Project recovered the money due on those particular vehicles, they were going to transfer them back to the drivers. At no moment of time had this Self-Employment Projects got involved in the ownership of them. The owners were the Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation. This is further proved by the letter that I read.

I would like to read the notes on Niroma Limited which I forgot to read at that moment. The first Directors of Niroma Limited were, Messrs Rodney Mathew, Nanda Mathew, Indra Mathew, K. Ganeshalingam and Gamini Mathew. They are all my sons and my brother's children. The outsider is Mr. K. Ganeshalingam.

Niroma Limited was incorporated on 14.5.80 for the purpose of reconstituting the Canal Row property. The proposal was abandoned as UDA did not request the owners to demolish the present buildings. This company was available at the time the Trust was created for Self-Employment Project Drivers' Welfare and it was decided to use the company as Trustee Company without incurring any expenses in floating a new company. That is how Niroma came into this picture. At that time, that is 2.9.83 the Directors of the

company were changed as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Manel Pedris; that is my daughter, Mr. Rodney Mathew; that is my nephew, Mr. Gamini Marapone and Mr. K. Ganeshalingam. So that gives you a clear picture of how Niroma came into this. They came in merely as trustees because we did not want this money frittered away. If we gave the drivers their shares they would have just frittered the money away. So we wanted this held in a trust. That was the reason why they made use of Niroma Limited to see that that money would be saved.

I think yesterday I made it clear, Sir, that regarding these vehicles they were trying to make out a long story that they were bought on some foreign line of credit. That is a matter from Government to Government. But when SEP took it over they paid good cash. They paid cash. They paid duty. They paid everything that they had to pay. This is the break-down of this. Import of 3 jeeps - Letter of credit No. 82/KOL/6971 of 22.11.82 CIF price Japanese Yen 4,890, 150; CIF price Rs. 490,000. Duty Rs. 275,000. Additional charges Rs. 57,624. Further additional charges Rs. 96,562. Agency charges Rs. 16,500. The total is Rs. 935,756. The cost per jeep was Rs. 311,920." I said yesterday that import licence was issued in the name of the company by the Controller of Imports. The Letter of Credit was opened through the company's bank. The jeeps were cleared by the local agents, Messrs United Motors Limited. The duty was paid by the company as in the case of private sector imports. The jeeps were registered by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles in the name of the company. "Company" mean Self-Employment Projects Limited. Therefore, the company is the legal owner and they can do what they like. The restriction is about the sale within a period of three to five years.

I have said as much as has to be said to clear all the wrong information given to this House. Now I can go back to the letter I read yesterday. I read only a part of this letter yesterday. The letter is dated 6th April 1985, and it is addressed to me. The address given is, No. 530, Galle Road, Colombo 3. The subject is: Self-Employment Projects. The letter is sent by Mr. K. Ganeshalingam and Mr. Piyadasa Perera. I shall continue to read this letter from where I stopped last afternoon :

"In order to ensure that the interests of the 'Owners Drivers' were adequately safeguarded the Directors of Self-Employment projects Limited had decided to set up a Trust. Niroma Ltd.,"

I gave you the background of that company.

"-a Company incorporated in May 1980, under the Companies Ordinance was appointed Trustee by Deed of Trust dated 2nd September, 1983 (Annex 'A')

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The Directors of this Company are :

1. Mrs. Manel Pedris
2. Mr. Gamini Marapone
3. Mr. K. Ganeshalingam
4. Mr. Rodney Mathew

The present membership of the Trust is 52, all of whom are 'Owner Drivers' and it was expected that this number would increase to about 500. A sum of Rs. 500,000 on account of SEP Drivers' Welfare Trust was invested in the equity of SEP in September, 1983. Under the Deed of Trust referred to, neither the Directors nor the Trustee Company have any beneficial interest in the Trust, and such beneficial interest is vested solely in the 'Owner Drivers'."

So the trustee Company, Niroma Limited was acting as a trust. They had no interest at all other than to look after the trust money.

To continue :

"The Annex 'B' shows the equity, shareholders, and the number of shares owned by each shareholder in SEP as at the end of each tax year from 1980 to 1984. The names of the first Directors of SEP who were appointed on 9.3.1980 and the changes that took place later also appear in this schedule.

Mr. Piyadasa Perera who was the Chairman of SEP was paid an allowance of Rs. 2,500/- per month. None of the other Directors drew any remuneration. A director's fee amounting to Rs. 500/- per month each was paid up to 31st March, 1983. Thereafter this fee was not drawn by any of the directors. Mr. Lokuge, MP., had, in addition, taken over for his use, one of the Jeeps owned by the Company ; he used this vehicle from the day it was purchased (in March, 1983) up to 24th December, 1984. After SEP commenced operating two filling stations, Mr. Lalith Wickremasinghe was paid an allowance of Rs. 1,000/- p.m. for supervising the working of these stations."

Now I will tell you why they took over these petrol sheds too. Year by year we were transferring the trishaws to the drivers. Then the business of SEP was dwindling. They had to run a fairly large office, and they thought they would take these two petrol filling stations. - [Interruption]. Yes, the office was at Sri Kotha. There is nothing to hide in that. The whole thing original from Sri Kotha.

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(ති. අ. අනිල් මුණසිංහ)

(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

And the UNP.

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(ති. සිරිල් මැතිව)

(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Yes, we did a service to the drivers, as I told you yesterday. They were being fleeced by Hebtulabhoy. They came to our trade union.

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(Mr. Sarath Muttetuwegama)

And occasionally they did a service to the UNP also.

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(ති. සිරිල් මැතිව)

(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

I beg your pardon ?

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(Mr. Sarath Muttetuwegama)

Occasionally they did a service for the UNP also. The Bajaj drivers did occasional services for the UNP also. - (Interruption)

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(ති. සිරිල් මැතිව)

(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Through gratitude they might have done it.

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(Mr. Sarath Muttetuwegama)

But now the UNP is not showing gratitude to them. - (Interruption). That is anti-Buddhist activity.

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(නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායක)

(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Order, please ! Please do not break his thoughts. Let him continue.

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(Mr. Sarath Muttetuwegama)

It is a well-known affair, Sir.

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(ති. සිරිල් මැතිව)

(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

"The day to day administration of SEP involved a great deal of field work, including surprise checks on vehicles operated in and around Colombo city and elsewhere. Hence, in March 1981, SEP purchased two jeeps (31 Sri 5973 and 5974), for the travelling involved."

Now, SEP was not a charitable organization. They were doing a management service. We expect the drivers to pay Rs. 60 per month for 25 days and at the end of two years they become the owners. If they do not pay the amount, then naturally we have to seize the vehicles. So it is for that that they wanted these jeeps - to run about and keep a check on all these 500 vehicles that were on the road. That is why they had to buy two or three jeeps.

"The cost was about Rs. 150,000/- per vehicle. These vehicles were used by SEP up to March, 1983. At this time SEP decided to purchase three more vehicles to modernise its fleet especially in view of the fact that a tax advantage would also accrue to the Company.

These vehicles cost about Rs. 300,000/- The registered numbers of these vehicles are 31 Sri 9663, 9664 and 9665. Immediately these vehicles were received. i.e. about March 1983, the two vehicles purchased earlier were leased to Intabex (Lanka) Limited, on hire at

Rs. 3,500/- per month. Out of the three new jeeps, one had been taken over by Mr. Lokuge, Director, and the other two were used by SEP for normal day to day work.

SEP expanded its activities to operate two petrol sheds in Colombo. This was necessitated mainly due to the fact that as the ownership of more and more vehicles were transferred to the drivers the income accruing to the Company was not sufficient to maintain its office staff and the other supporting facilities which the company was making available to the drivers.

A sum of about Rs. 1 million was utilised as working capital for operating these two filling/service stations. SEP made considerable profits on this investment and in keeping with its objectives, SEP gave part of the profits to the employees in the form of incentives. The directors of SEP also had plans to run an air port Taxi Service on a similar Driver Owner basis, a motor vehicle repair workshop, etc. It is evident that SEP made good profits and with wise investment and good management was able to expand its activities into various spheres in furtherance of its objectives without using any Government or SLTIC capital."

This is very important. Hon. Members must realise this. At no time did they use any Government money or Sri Lanka Tobacco Industries Corporation money.

"Towards the middle of December 1984 the Company's Board of Directors also decided to transfer by sale and hire-purchase the following jeeps owned by the company to the undermentioned persons"-

This was a perfectly honest and valid transaction.

1. to Mr. Premadasa Kaluarachchi of Bauddha Mandiraya, 206 9/1, Olcott Mawatha, Colombo 11.
2. to Mr. R. S. Sirisena of 206, Walpola, Batuwatta.
3. to Mr. P. S. Jayaweera of 23/5, Bandaranaike Mawatha, Ratmalana.
4. to Mr. H. H. Daniel, 'Temple View', Koswatumana, Karadeniya.
5. to Mr. H. M. Seneviratne of Katuwawala, Boraesgamuwa."

We now come to the events in an after December 1984.

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(திரு. சரத் முத்தேவகம)
(Mr. Sarath Muttetuegama)

Was the transfer to the five people for a consideration ?

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(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Yes.

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(திரு. சரத் முத்தேவகம)
(Mr. Sarath Muttetuegama)

For how much ?

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(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

I do not have the amounts but it was on a hire-purchase basis. They paid a certain amount, and at the end of three years they became the owners - the same as in the case of the trishaws.

"This situation continued up to the end of December 1984 when rumours of the vesting of SEP by the Government began to circulate. Consequently, on 24.12.1984 Mr. Gamini Lokuge, M.P. and ex-director of the Company returned to SEP the jeep used by him. In view of the fears entertained by the management of the consequences of a Government take-over, which they felt was vindictive, the directors of SEP in January 1985 decided to transfer a sum of Rs. 1.5 million to the trustee company, Niroma Limited. Such a transfer was considered necessary to safeguard the interests of the shareholders.

At that time it was also felt that it would be prudent to remove some of the books of accounts of the company to a more secure place.

SEP was vested in the Government on 22.1.1985 and the newly appointed Competent Authority, without any communication of the fact of such vesting either to the Chairman of the Company or any of its Directors, forcibly took possession of the office premises, the two filling stations, stocks and cash without verification or inventory.

The wisdom of the removal of the books of account in anticipation of a vindictive vesting is clearly seen by the post-vesting behaviour of the Competent Authority."-[*Interruption*]

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(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Order, please! Please do not disturb the hon. Member.

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(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

I will repeat this portion :

"The wisdom of the removal of the books of account in anticipation of a vindictive vesting is clearly seen by the post-vesting behaviour of the Competent Authority."

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(திரு. அனில் முனசிங்ஹ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)

Not Dharmishta.

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(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

"It is relevant to mention here that the Competent Authority had been repeatedly requested by the Directors of SEP to nominate a firm of accountants so that a proper handing-over of these books could be done and the accounts, as at the date of vesting, finalised early. He has however failed to do so to date. We shudder to think what our plight would have been had we not removed these books for safe-keeping as aforesaid :

At the time of vesting, the assets of Self-Employment Projects were as follows :

Fixed Deposits Rs. 2.5 million in the Commercial Bank, Kollupitiya.
Fixed Deposits Rs. 0.4 million in the Commercial Bank, Kotahena.
Fixed Deposits Rs. 0.2 million in the Bank of Ceylon, Dematagoda.
Fixed Deposits Rs. 0.2 million in the Bank of Ceylon, Kollupitiya.
Fixed Deposits Rs. 0.2 million in the Bank of Ceylon, Peliyagoda."

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At the time of vesting, the assets of Self-Employment Projects were as follows :

1. Fixed Deposits	- Rs. 2.5 million in the Commercial Bank, Kollupitiya.
„	Rs. 0.4 million in the Commercial Bank, Kotahena.
„	Rs. 0.2 million in the Bank of Ceylon, Dematagoda.
„	Rs. 0.2 million in the Bank of Ceylon, Kollupitiya.
„	Rs. 0.2 million in the Bank of Ceylon, Peliyagoda.”
	<u>Total Rs. 3.5 million</u>
2. Stocks, Debtors Deposits & accrued interest	Rs. 1.5 million
3. Value of vehicles on hire purchase (at cost)	Rs. 1.5 million
	<u>Rs. 6.5 million</u>

That is what I read out to you earlier. Then there was Rs. 13 million that had been paid and there was Rs. 2.5 million transferred on behalf of SLTIC to Fixed Deposit account. Then a Fixed Deposit of Rs. 3.5 million in the Commercial Bank of Ceylon ; a total of Rs. 19 million. Stocks, debtors deposits and accrued interest Rs. 1.5 million. Value of vehicles on hire purchase at cost Rs. 1.5 million ; a total of Rs. 22 million is with them. So there is nothing to fear about the division of profits.

To continue with the letter :

“It would now be clear to everybody that the dealings of SEP and the various related organisations have been completely above-board. SEP has helped a large number of drivers who were earlier exploited, to own their own vehicles.

SEP was a private Limited Company. It is patently clear that neither SLTIC nor the Government had any investment in it. It is equally clear that SLTIC's investment in vehicles has been entirely recovered by them and the balance of Rs. 1.5 million on the 147 vehicles yet to be transferred will add to SLTIC's profit on the investment. It will also be seen that SEP had not paid any dividends to its shareholders from the inception. Neither the Trustee Company, Niroma Limited, nor its Directors had received any remuneration. SEP was primarily incorporated for the purpose of managing an Auto-rickshaw service and helping the owner drivers to use their earnings wisely. There has been no fraud, misappropriation or mismanagement.”

What was said on the first day of the debate is completely false.

To continue :

“In view of the foregoing, the directors of SEP are entitled to ask whether the Hon. Minister of Industries & Scientific Affairs was in fact seeking to safeguard anyone's interests by vesting this company, and if so, whose.

It is regrettable that the Hon. Minister of Industries & Scientific Affairs acting on falsehoods and wrong information and misdirection on the part of his officials had chosen to misdirect the Hon. Minister of Finance arbitrarily to acquire a business undertaking owned by poor citizens of this country, especially at a time when the Government is engaged in an aggressive policy of privatisation.

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(பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Deputy Speaker)

Order, please ! The Hon. Speaker will take the Chair.

අනතුරුව නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමා මූලාසනයෙන් ඉවත් වූයෙන්, කථානායකතුමා [ජී. එල්. සේනානායක මහතා] මූලාසනාරූඪ විය.

அதன் பிறகு, பிரதிச் சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள் அக்கிராசனத்தினின்று அகலவே, சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள் [திரு. ச. எல். சேனநாயக்க] தலைமை வகித்தார்கள்.

Whereupon MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER left the Chair, and MR. SPEAKER [MR. E. L. SENANAYAKE] took the Chair.

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(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

I was coming to the final paragraph of the letter which I handed over to you two days ago. I wish to continue from where I stopped.

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(திரு. சிறில் மத்திவ்)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

“We have read the report in Hansard dated 21.3.1985. The allegations contained therein are totally unfounded and untrue. A reasonable person reading these reports, which have received publicity in the press, too, would naturally form an adverse opinion of us. The facts stated by us could very easily have been verified by those who made these false allegations, had they chosen to do so. These false allegations have been made in a forum in which we are not entitled to be heard and those making the allegations are clothed with immunity. As such, we are placed in a virtually helpless situation. We, therefore, request you kindly to place the correct position on record as that would at least give an opportunity to those who wish to know the true position to enlighten themselves.”

It is signed by the Chairman Mr. Piyadasa Perera and Mr. K. Ganeshalingam, Director. I do not propose to read Annexure “A” but I will give it for the Hansard. That is the Trust Deed, and there is Annexure “B” setting out the shareholdings. Mr. Piyadasa Perera 6 per cent of the shares ; Mr. K. D. Mendis, nil. He owns one share. Mr. K. Ganeshalingam, 6 per cent ; Mr. Gamini Marapone 5 per cent ; Mr. Srinale de Mel 6 per cent ; Mr. Lalith Wickremasinghe 6 per cent ; Mr. Gamini Lokuge 6 per cent ; Mr. Pathmin Fonseka 0.4 per cent ; Niroma Limited 24 per cent and Self Employment Project's Drivers' Welfare Trust 40 per cent, making a total of 100 per cent.

Then there are Directors and changes in Directors. Appointed on 6.3.80 : Mr. Piyadasa Perera, Mr. K. D. Mendis, resigned on 10.5.82. Mr. K. Ganeshalingam ; Mr. Pathmin Fonseka resigned on 10.5.82 ; Mr. Srinale de Mel and Mr. Lalith Wickremasinghe.

Mr. Gamini Lokuge was appointed on 31.7.81 and he resigned on 11.4.83. Mr. Gamini Marapone was appointed on 10.5.82.

Sir, from what I have read and what I have said in this House hon. Members would fully understand that most of the allegations that were made in this House were utterly false ; they were baseless ; they were not based on any facts. They were just made to throw mud at me and to clear my name I had to take such a long time to show in detail to the House what steps had been taken to establish this Self Employment Projects. There is one more matter I want to refer to before I conclude, the Hansards which gave the history of how we started this. I think I read the Hansard of 14th December the other day. Now, I will read the Hansard of 7th December 1979.

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(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

Who was the patron of this project ? Was there a patron for this project ?

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(නි. ල. සිරිල් මැතිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)
I do not think.

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(නි. ල. ආනන්ද දසනායක)
(Mr. Ananda Dassanayake)
The former Deputy Minister of Industries !

සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා
(නි. ල. සිරිල් මැතිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

At column 1570 of the HANSARD of 8th December 1979 I have stated :

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සේවකයන්ගෙන් වහලුන්ගෙන් මෙන් වැඩ ගන්නට පටන් ගන්නා. එවැනි අවස්ථාවක ඒ ගැන සාධාරණ යුක්තියක් ඉටු කරන්නට රජයට සිදු වෙනවා.

Further down I say:
මේ මිනිසුන්ට උසුලන්නටම බැරි තත්වයක් ඇති වුණු නිසා මන්නේබර් මාසයේ සිරිකොතට අවුත් අපේ පිළිසරණක් ඉල්ලුවා. " තමුත්තාන්දේලා සේවකයන් නොවෙයි. තමුත්තාන්දේලාට වෘත්තීය සමිති අයිතිවාසිකම් කෑ. වෘත්තීය සමිතියක් පිහිටුවන්නට බෑ. ඒ නිසා සාකච්චා මාර්ගයෙන් මේ ප්‍රශ්නය විසඳා ගන්න බලන්න "

That is what we advised them. That was on 8th December 1979.

On 21st December 1979 on the adjournment Motion Mr. Albert de Silva, (Kamburupitiya) said as follows :

ඩී. ජී. ඇල්බට් ද සිල්වා මහතා (කඹුරුපිටිය)
(නි. ල. ඩී. ජී. ඇල්බට් ද සිල්වා - කඹුරුපිටිය)
(Mr. D. G. Albert de Silva - Kamburupitiya)

ගරු නියෝජ්‍ය කථානායකතුමනි, මම ප්‍රධාන ඇමතිතුමාට ප්‍රශ්නයක් යොමු කරවන්නට කැමතියි. රෝද තුනේ කුලී රථ හෙවත් " ටුඩිනේ " 225 ක් පමණ දැනට සිරිකොත ගමේ තවතා තිබෙනවා. මෙම වාහන පදවන රියදුරන් මාස ගණනක් තිස්සේ කිසිම ආදායමක් නැතිව සිටින අතර මහජනතාවට අඩු කුලියකට කොලී මා අවට ප්‍රදේශවල ගමන් බිමක් යාමේ පහසුවක් මේ නිසා නැතිව ගොස් තිබෙනවා. ඒ නිසා සීමාසහිත එම්. එස්. හෙබුලාහෝයි නමැති මෙම රථ හිමි සමාගමක් රියදුරන් අතරේ ඇති වී තිබෙන මෙම අරමුදය විසඳන්නට වහාම ක්‍රියා කර තිසි සහනයක් රියදුරු මහතුන්ට ලබා දෙන ලෙස ප්‍රධාන ඇමතිතුමාගෙන් මා ඉල්ලා සිටිනවා.

එතකොට මහරගම හිටපු ගරු මන්ත්‍රීතුමා මෙහෙම කීව්වා.

ප්‍රේමරත්න ගුණසේකර මහතා (මහරගම)
(නි. ල. ප්‍රේමරත්න ගුණසේකර - මහරගම)
(Mr. Premaratne Gunasekera - Maharagama)

ගරු කථානායකතුමනි, මේ ප්‍රශ්නය ඉතාම වැදගත්. මේ රථ සේවය තිබුණා නම් මේ තත්වයට ගත අවස්ථා අවුරුදු 2 ක් පමණ අඩු ගාස්තුවක් ගෙවා සාමාන්‍ය මිනිසුන්ට ගමන් බිමක් යන්නට පුළුවනක්ම තිබුණා. දැන් මේ රථ සියල්ලම සිරිකොත මන්දිර ගමේ තවතා තිබෙනවා. අපට ඒ ස්ථානයට යන්න විධියක් නැත. සේවකයන් කියනවා, මන්ත්‍රීතුමා, අපට විසඳීමක් ලබා දෙන්න කියා. මේ නිසා අපට සිරිකොත ගමේ වාහනයවත් කවත්වා ගන්නට පුළුවනක්ම නැත. මේ නගර අපරාධයක්. ඒ නිසා කෙසේ හෝ මේ ප්‍රශ්නයට විසඳුමක් යොදා ගමන් මා ඉල්ලා සිටිනවා. මේක රටට ලොකු පාඩුවක්.

Then I also intervened in the Debate and what I said was :

"What the hon. Member says is correct. There are 225 Bajaj trishaws parked at Sirilotha, because the drivers cannot come to a favourable agreement with their proprietors."

Then further down I say :

"They were compelled to seek sanctuary at Sirikotha on 15th December.

Then further down :

"I would like to state the position of the owners. They have made no investment at all. This is not their money but the money of the bank. If Hebtulabhoy and Company make Rs. 10 million a year, they are liable to pay Rs. 6 million by way of income tax. The Government allows them a lump sum depreciation of Rs. 6 million, they have invested Rs. 10 million on these Bajaj trishaws. Of this Rs. 10 million, Rs. 6 million is the sum they would normally would have had to pay, by way of income tax. Now they are saved of that. They are left with Rs. 4 million and that is the money that would have been left to them if they did not invest it after having paid Rs. 6 million as income tax.

The owners buy these vehicles and then mortgage them to the bank and they get 60 per cent, that is, Rs. 6 million. They have now got back Rs. 4 million which was in any event theirs and also Rs. 2 million more. As a result of this exercise they have got Rs. 2 million more which they can spend. What is the position of the workers ? Now these workers have to pay Rs. 60 per day."-(Interruption). We had an inauguration ceremony where His Excellency the President was present and he and I travelled in a trishaw from Siri Kotha to the Cabinet Office.

රිචඩ් පතිරණ මහතා
(නි. ල. රිච්චඩ් පතිරණ)
(Mr. Richard Pathirana)

පත්තරේ පින්තුරේන් තිබුණා.

සිරිල් මැතිවී මහතා
(නි.ස. සි.නි.ම. ම.ම.ම.)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

පත්තරේ පිත්තරේත් තිබුණා.

So it is not for anyone to say that no one knew about it. The entire government knew about it.

There was another ceremony when we handed over the ownership of these vehicles to the people who had first paid the full amount. At that ceremony too His Excellency the President was present.

ලක්ෂමන් ජයකොඩි මහතා
(නි.ස. ලක්ෂ්මන් ජයාචාර්යයා)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

What about the Deputy Minister? Your Deputy Minister must have been there.

සිරිල් මැතිවී මහතා
(නි.ස. සි.නි.ම. ම.ම.ම.)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

I cannot remember. He might have been there.

අනුර බණ්ඩාරනායක මහතා
(නි.ස. අනුරා පණ්ඩාරනායක)
(Mr. Anura Bandaranaike)

An unmistakable figure.

සිරිල් මැතිවී මහතා
(නි.ස. සි.නි.ම. ම.ම.ම.)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Sir, I think I have made a fairly full statement of my position and the position of SEP regarding this matter which has been clouded with all kinds of misrepresentations. I am sorry that they had to do this type of thing in the House. But I must state, Sir, on behalf of the SEP and myself that every action we took was honourable, justified and correct and we have nothing to be ashamed of. We have nothing to hide from anyone. The SEP is a private limited liability company. They have made a lot of money. What they do with their money and the position is their business. Of course, the Government can take it over as they have. That is a different matter.

අනුර බණ්ඩාරනායක මහතා
(නි.ස. අනුරා පණ්ඩාරනායක)
(Mr. Anura Bandaranaike)

Is the hon. Member against the acquisition?

සිරිල් මැතිවී මහතා
(නි.ස. සි.නි.ම. ම.ම.ම.)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Of course, I am. This is a project for which we have done so much of service. We have put in self-employment 500 workers who would have been slaves to Hebtulabhoy. We have made them owners of the vehicles and we were going to expand that field. We took over two petrol sheds. We were paying them

incentives. Then we were going to have a taxi service from Kátunayake to Colombo, if the Government permitted us to get the vehicles without duty. We had large development plans. The whole thing has collapsed now.

I have nothing more to add. I am very thankful to you for having given me this opportunity.

There is one matter, Mr. Speaker, which I will have to take up with you. That is about a breach of Privilege that I mentioned when you were not here. I shall bring that to your notice tomorrow morning. Thank you.

ඒ. ඩී. පුච්චිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ස. ඉ. ඩී. ඩී. පුච්චිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHILAME)

ගරු කථානායකතුමනි, මගේ අදහසක් තිබුණේ තැනැ මේ විවාදයට සහභාගී වෙන්න. [බාධා කිරීමක්] විරුද්ධ පක්ෂයට අයිතිවාසිකම තිබෙන්නේ විරුද්ධ පක්ෂය රැක ගැනීමටයි. අපි ආණ්ඩුවේ කොටස්කරුවන්. එම නිසා ආණ්ඩු පක්ෂයේ මන්ත්‍රීවරයෙක් හැටියට මගේ යුතුකමක් තිබෙනවා ආණ්ඩුවට විරුද්ධව යම්කිසි අඟුණ වෝදකාවක් ඉදිරිපත් කරනවා නම් එය පහද දෙන්න.

කැලණිය ගරු මන්ත්‍රීතුමා (සිරිල් මැතිවී මහතා) ඊයේ කථා කළ වේලාවේදී කීවා කර්මාන්ත හා විද්‍යා කටයුතු පිළිබඳ නව ඇමතිතුමා ගරුයට පමණක් පැවරීමට තරයෙන් වාගේය කියා. නමුත් මට නම් පෙනෙන්නේ එහෙම එකක් නොවෙයි. වල්ගය කපා ගන්න තරයකුගේ වැඩක් වාගේ තමයි මට නම් දැන් මෙය පෙනෙන්නේ.

අනුර බණ්ඩාරනායක මහතා
(නි.ස. අනුරා පණ්ඩාරනායක)
(Mr. Anura Bandaranaike)
කවද තරය?

ඊටඩී පතිරණ මහතා
(නි.ස. ඊ.පී.පී. පතිරණ)
(Mr. Richard Pathirana)
දැන් ඉන්න ඇමතිතුමාද?

ඒ. ඩී. පුච්චිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ස. ඉ. ඩී. ඩී. පුච්චිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHILAME)

නමුත් නාන්දේට සිංහල තේරෙන්නේ තැනැ, ඉංග්‍රීසි තේරෙන්නේ තැනැ. දෙමළ තේරෙන්නේ තැනැ. නිකම් "ජර. . . ජර. . ." ගතා ඉන්නවා. ගබඳ තැනිව, අහගෙන ඉන්නවා පොඩ්ඩක්. ගුරුවරයෙක්වෙලත් ඉස්කෝලේ ඉඳගෙන මොනවා ඉගැන්වුවාද දැන්නේ තැනැ පොඩ් උට. [බාධා කිරීමක්] වල්ගය කපා ගන්න තරයකුගේ කථාවක් වාගේ තමයි මේක.

ඊටඩී පතිරණ මහතා
(නි.ස. ඊ.පී.පී. පතිරණ)
(Mr. Richard Pathirana)

අර ඉඩම් අක්කර ටික බෙර ගන්න මිනැ.

ඒ. ඩී. පුච්චිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ස. ඉ. ඩී. ඩී. පුච්චිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHILAME)

ගරු කථානායකතුමනි, අපේ කැලණිය ගරු මන්ත්‍රීතුමාගෙන් මම අහන්න කැමතියි "තිරෝමා" කියන සමාගම හඳුනා ඒ සමාගමට මේ "සෙප්" සමාගමේ පාලනය භාර දෙන්න හේතුව මොකක්ද කියල.

ආනන්ද දසනායක මහතා
(නි.ස. ආනන්ද දසනායක)
(Mr. Ananda Dassanayake)
ඒක පැහැදිලිව කීවා.

ඒ. වි. පුංචිනිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සී. ඩී. පුංචිනිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

තමුත්තාත්තේගේ තොටෙයි මම ඇහුවෙ. මම ඇහුවෙ කැලණියේ මත්තිතුමාගෙන්. [බාධා කිරීමක්]

තමුත්තාත්තේගේ මරුවේ මොකුත් නැහැ. ඒ නිසා ශබ්ද නැතිව තිබීම ඉන්න. පෙත්තක් අරගෙන වාඩි වෙන්න.

රිචඩ් පතිරණ මහතා
(නි.ප. රිච්පාඨ පතිරාණ)
(Mr. Richard Pathirana)

තමුත්තාත්තේට ඉඩම් වගයක් දීල තිබෙනවා පසුගිය දවස්වල. ඒක බොර ගන්නයි මය කැ ගන්නේ.

ඒ. වි. පුංචිනිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සී. ඩී. පුංචිනිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

මට ඉඩම් දීල තිබෙන්නේ අද ඊයේ තොටෙයි. තමුත්තාත්තේ දත්ත කෙහෙල්මලක් නැහැ. අර, බලන්නොයි අපේ ගම් පලාතේ මිනිසුන් දත්තවා රජ පරම්පරා කාලයේ ඉඳල අපි ඉඩම් අයිතිකරුවන් බව. තමුත්තාත්තේලා වාගේ මිනිසුන් තොටෙයි අපි. තමුත්තාත්තේ ඉදිකට්ටක් හිට්ටන්න නැතත් නැති පොල් ඉරට්ටක් හිට්ටන්න නැතත් නැති මිනිසුන්. ඒ නිසා කට වගගෙන නිකම් ඉන්නවා ඔහුට වෙලා. මෙතනට ඇවිත් බඩ පැලෙන්න කනවා. ඒට පස්සෙ හිතීන් මහජනතාව බොරු කෙලල අරිනවා.

කථානායකතුමා
(சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Speaker)

Order, please! Will you confine yourself to the subject?

ඒ. වි. පුංචිනිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සී. ඩී. පුංචිනිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

Sir, they are disturbing me.

කථානායකතුමා
(சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Speaker)

Do not take any notice.

ඒ. වි. පුංචිනිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සී. ඩී. පුංචිනිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

Sir, we must take notice.

කථානායකතුමා
(சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Speaker)

Please do not disturb him. You will have a chance to speak and then say what you have to say.

ඒ. වි. පුංචිනිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සී. ඩී. පුංචිනිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

එය " නිරෝමා " සමාගමට භාර දෙන්න හේතු වුණා. අපි හිතමු එයේ භාර දීම සාධාරණයි කියා. You gave it for management.

සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා
(නි.ප. සිරිල් මැතිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

No.

ඒ. වි. පුංචිනිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සී. ඩී. පුංචිනිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

Why, you said that yesterday?

සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා
(නි.ප. සිරිල් මැතිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

Sir, the hon. Member does not seem to have followed the debate. He does not seem to have followed what I said.—(Interruption).

ඒ. වි. පුංචිනිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සී. ඩී. පුංචිනිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

I am not asking you. I am asking the hon. Member for Kelaniya.

සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා
(නි.ප. සිරිල් මැතිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

The trishaws were managed by Self Employment Project Ltd. The Self-Employment Projects Ltd. wanted to hand over certain share holdings to the owner drivers. Instead of handing over to them, they created a trust. The trustee was Niroma Ltd. There is no question of handing over anything. The ownership which was in the drivers was given over to the trust, to Niroma Ltd. Now I cannot understand what the hon. Member is speaking about handing over.

රිචඩ් පතිරණ මහතා
(නි.ප. රිච්පාඨ පතිරාණ)
(Mr. Richard Pathirana)

දත් තේරුණොද?

ඒ. වි. පුංචිනිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සී. ඩී. පුංචිනිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

දත් මට තේරුණා. ඉස්කෝලේ මහත්මයා, හොඳට තේරුණා.

ගරු කථානායකතුමා, මේ නිරෝමා සමාගමේ කොටස්කරුවෝ වෙලා ඉන්නෙ කැලණියේ ගරු මත්තිතුමාගේ පවුලේ උදවිය. මම හිතන්නෙ සියයට හැත්තෑපහක්ම ඒ පවුලේ උදවිය. මේ යෝජනාව ගෙනෙන්නට හේතුවක් ඒකමයි කියලයි මම හිතන්නෙ. රජයට හැසීමක් ඇති වි තිබෙනවා ඇමතිවරයෙක් හැටියට සිටියදී මේ විදියේ සමාගමක් පිහිටුවා එතුමා යටතේම තිබුණු සංස්ථාවක කොටස්—

සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා
(නි.ප. සිරිල් මැතිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

සංස්ථාවක කොටස් තොටෙයි, තෝරා දුන්නා නේ?

ඒ. වි. පුංචිනිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සී. ඩී. පුංචිනිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

තෝරලා දෙන්න.

සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා
(නි.ප. සිරිල් මැතිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

කි සැරයක් තෝරලා දෙන්නද?

The Sri Lanka Tobacco Corporation owns the vehicles. SEP Limited was only a managing company, a private limited liability company.

ජී. වී. පුංචිචලමේ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පුංචිචලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

And you gave the trishaws to be managed by Niroma Ltd.

අනිල් මුණසිංහ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. මුණසිංහ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)
No.

ජී. වී. පුංචිචලමේ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පුංචිචලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

Why, you gave money ?

රිචඩ් පතිරණ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පතිරණ)
(Mr. Richard Pathirana)

ඒ මන්ත්‍රීතුමාට තේරෙන්නේ නැහැ මේක. තේරෙන්න මොලයක් නැහැ.

ජී. වී. පුංචිචලමේ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පුංචිචලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

ගරු කථානායකතුමනි, මුදල් දුන්න.

අනිල් මුණසිංහ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. මුණසිංහ)
(Mr. Anil Moonesinghe)
නැහැ, "ට්‍රැඩර්" එකක්.

සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. මැතිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

"ට්‍රැඩර්" එකක් පමණයි.

ජී. වී. පුංචිචලමේ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පුංචිචලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

හරි, භාරාකාරිත්වයක්. මම කැමතියි, එහෙම දැනගන්නට -

අනුර බණ්ඩාරනායක මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. බණ්ඩාරනායක)
(Mr. Anura Bandaranaike)

කිසි දෙයක් දන්නේ නැතුව කතා කරන්නෙ.

ජී. වී. පුංචිචලමේ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පුංචිචලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

දන්න හරිය මම කියන්න ගියොත් අපි දෙන්නා තරඟ වෙතවා.

අනුර බණ්ඩාරනායක මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. බණ්ඩාරනායක)
(Mr. Anura Bandaranaike)

නැහැ, නැහැ.

ජී. වී. පුංචිචලමේ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පුංචිචලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

ඒ තියා සර්ද නැතුව ඉන්න. කරුණාකරලා පොඩ්ඩක් ඉන්න. සර්ද නැතුව ඉන්න. [බාධා කිරීමක්] ගුරුතුමා පෙන්නක් අරගන්න. අරගෙන සර්ද නැතුව ඉන්න වාඩිවෙලා.

ගරු කථානායකතුමනි, දැන් මෙතැන කියවුණා රජයේ දුමුණ තිබෙතවා, ඒ වාගේමක තවත් දෙවල් තිබෙතවා කියා. කැලණියේ ගරු මන්ත්‍රීවරයා (ඩී. සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා) ඇමතිවරයෙක් හැටියට අවුරුදු 8 ක් සිටියා. දැන් මේ ඊයේ පෙරේද තමයි අස්වුණේ. අට අවුරුද්දක් තුළදී මේ දුමුණ ගැන කතා කළේ නැහැ.

රිචඩ් පතිරණ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පතිරණ)
(Mr. Richard Pathirana)

අස්වුණේ නැහැ, අස් කලා. තමුන්නාත්තේ ඒක දන්නෙත් නැහැ.

ජී. වී. පුංචිචලමේ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පුංචිචලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

යොදයි, අස් කලා හරි අස් වුණා හරි දැන් නැහැ නේ ?

රිචඩ් පතිරණ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පතිරණ)
(Mr. Richard Pathirana)

තමුන්නාත්තේ ඒක දන්නෙත් නැහැ. අස්වීමෙයි අස් කිරීමෙයි වෙනස දන්නෙ නැහැ.

ජී. වී. පුංචිචලමේ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පුංචිචලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

කට වගගෙන තිකා ඉන්නවා. තමුන්නාත්තේ මේ ලෝකේ දෙයක් තේරෙන්නෙ නැහැ.

රිචඩ් පතිරණ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පතිරණ)
(Mr. Richard Pathirana)

තමුන්නාත්තේට බැහැ අපේ කට වගගෙන. අපේ කට වගගෙන මැරෙන්න මිනි. ඒක තමුන්නාත්තේ දැනගන්න.

ජී. වී. පුංචිචලමේ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පුංචිචලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

කට වගගෙන මනොම වාඩිවෙතවා.

රිචඩ් පතිරණ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පතිරණ)
(Mr. Richard Pathirana)

අපේ කටවල් වගගෙන තමුන්නාත්තේට බැහැ.

ජී. වී. පුංචිචලමේ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පුංචිචලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

තමුන්නාත්තේ පෙන්නක් අරගෙන සර්ද නැතුව ඉන්න. තමුන්නාත්තේට ඒකයි කරන්න තිබෙන්නෙ. මම පෙන්නක් ගෙනත් දෙන්නද ?

කථානායකතුමා
(ආචාර්යවරයා)
(Mr. Speaker)

I told the hon. Member to address the Chair. If you cannot do it, sit down.

ජී. වී. පුංචිචලමේ මහතා
(නි. ශ්‍රී. ඩී. පුංචිචලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

I am sorry, Sir. Please ask them not to disturb me.

කථානායකතුමා
(ආචාර්යවරයා)
(Mr. Speaker)

You address the Chair.

ජී. ඩී. පුංචිතිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සේ. බී. පුංචිතිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

ගරු කාර්යාලයකදී, දැන් මේ හාරකාර්තවය, පුනයි, දුටයි, බැනයි දමලා සමාගමක් හදලා ඒකට හාරදෙනෙකට මේ ගරු මන්ත්‍රීතුමාට සිද්ධ වුණේ ඇයි? වෙන සමාගම් තිබුණේ නැද්ද?

සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා
(නි.ප. සිරිල් මැතිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

That is not my action. It is the action of SEP. SEP is a private limited liability company. They can make any decision they like. I have no control over them unless they come to me for advice. They wanted to give certain shareholdings to the owner-drivers. Instead of handing over to the owner-drivers, they formed a trust, and the trustees are liable to hold that in trust. The hon. Member should understand that. I cannot explain any further.

ජී. ඩී. පුංචිතිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සේ. බී. පුංචිතිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

මොනවා කීවා වුණත් ගරු ඇමතිවරයා හැටියට සිටියදී [බාධා කිරීමක්] කට වහගෙන ඉන්නවා. අහගෙන ඉන්න බැරි නම් යනවා යන්න. හැබැයි, මම එකක් කියන්නම්, තමුත්තාන්සේලාට මේ අට අවුරුද්දටම හිතාදෙන. කතා කරන්න මොකක් හරි අවස්ථාවක් ලැබුණා නම්, ඒ මෙන්ම මේ අවස්ථාව තමයි. ඒක තියා දැනෙන්න හිතාදෙන. ගෙදර ගිහිල්ලත් හිතාදෙන. යන්න. පුළුවන් නම්, මහියාගතට ගිහිල්ලා මේවා කියලා ජන්දය ගන්න.

රිචඩ් පතිරණ මහතා
(නි.ප. රිච්ඡාඩ් පතිරණ)
(Mr. Richard Pathirana)

ඒවා ඉස්සරහට.

මන්ත්‍රීවරයෙක්
(අභ්‍යන්තරව ඉරුවරු)
(A Member)
මුල්කීර්ගල?

ජී. ඩී. පුංචිතිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සේ. බී. පුංචිතිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

මව්, එතැනට ගියාම මෙතැනට, මෙතැනට ආවාම එතැනට අපි කතා කරනවා හැම තැනටම. අපි මුල්කීර්ගලටත් එනවා.

අනුර බණ්ඩාරනායක මහතා
(නි.ප. අනුර බණ්ඩාරනායක)
(Mr. Anura Bandaranaike)
පුතා අපට උදව් කරනවා.

ජී. ඩී. පුංචිතිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සේ. බී. පුංචිතිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

මනොම තමයි අපි ගිය හැම තැනකදීම කීවා.

අනුර බණ්ඩාරනායක මහතා
(නි.ප. අනුර බණ්ඩාරනායක)
(Mr. Anura Bandaranaike)
මහෙයෙ පුතා සල්ලි දුන්නාද.

ජී. ඩී. පුංචිතිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සේ. බී. පුංචිතිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

මව්, මව්, මහේ පුතා සල්ලි දෙයි. මට කියන්න හිතෙනවා. ඉතුරු වක මම ඒක කියන්නම් එළියට ආවොත්. තවත් ඒවා දෙයි එයා.

You do not have that much.

අනුර බණ්ඩාරනායක මහතා
(නි.ප. අනුර බණ්ඩාරනායක)
(Mr. Anura Bandaranaike)
who told you that?

ජී. ඩී. පුංචිතිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සේ. බී. පුංචිතිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

මේ සමාගම පිහිටුවීම ගැන කැලණියේ මන්ත්‍රීතුමා (සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා) කරුණු කීවා. එතුමා ඇමතිවරයෙක් හැටියට හිටියා. මේ 'සෙප්' නමැති සමාගම පිහිටුවා තිබුණේ ඒ ඇමතිවරයා යටතේ කේද?

සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා
(නි.ප. සිරිල් මැතිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

"සෙප්" සමාගම මගේ යටතේ නොවෙයි තිබුණේ. [බාධා කිරීමක්] ඒක ස්වාධීන සමාගමක්.

ජී. ඩී. පුංචිතිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සේ. බී. පුංචිතිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

හා හොඳයි. [බාධා කිරීමක්] කට වහගෙන ඉන්නටකො. පින් සිද්ද වෙයි කට වහගෙන ඉන්නට. 'සෙප්' සමාගම එතුමා යටතේ නොවෙයිද තිබුණේ. එතෙම නම් දුම්කොළ සංස්ථාව කාගෙ යටතේද තිබුණේ? කර්මාන්ත අමාත්‍යාංශය යටතේ.

සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා
(නි.ප. සිරිල් මැතිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

දුම්කොළ සංස්ථාව තිබුණේ කර්මාන්ත අමාත්‍යාංශය යටතේ. ඒක කවුරුත් දන්න දෙයක්.

ජී. ඩී. පුංචිතිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සේ. බී. පුංචිතිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

ඒක බාර ඇමතිවරයා වශයෙන් හිටියේ තමුත්තාන්සේ නොවෙයිද?

සිරිල් මැතිව් මහතා
(නි.ප. සිරිල් මැතිව්)
(Mr. Cyril Mathew)

මව්, මමයි. දුම්කොළ සංස්ථාවයි. 'සෙප්' එකයි කොටස් දෙකක්. [බාධා කිරීමක්]

ජී. ඩී. පුංචිතිලමේ මහතා
(නි.ප. සේ. බී. පුංචිතිලමේ)
(Mr. G. V. PUNCHINILAME)

දුම්කොළ සංස්ථාව යටතේ තමයි මේක පිහිටුවා තිබෙන්නේ. [බාධා කිරීමක්]

එකල්හි වේලාව අ.හා.3.30 වූයෙන් කටයුතු අත්හිටුවා විවාදය කල් තබන ලදී. එතැන් සිට විවාදය 1985 අප්‍රේල් 11 වන බ්‍රහස්පතින්ද පවත්වනු ලැබේ.

අවසානය වී. ප. 3.30 මණ්ඩපයේ වැඩ නැවැත්වීම. නිලධාරීන් විවාදය නවතා දීම. 1985 අප්‍රේල් 11, බණ්ඩාරනායක මහතා විවාදය නවතා දීම.

It being 3.30 p.m., Business was interrupted, and the Debate stood adjourned.

Debate to be resumed on Thursday, 11th April, 1985.

கவர்ணமகவு
(சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Speaker)

Will the Hon. Minister move the adjournment.

There is a lot of confusion going on at the back there.

**கிழிவிலி
ஓத்திவைப்பு
ADJOURNMENT**

பி. வினசெரி பெரேரா மகவு
(திரு. எம். வினசெரி பெரேரா)
(Mr. M. Vincent Perera)

I move,

“That the Parliament do now adjourn.”

ஓத்திவைப்பு கிழிவிலி
வினசெரி பெரேரா
Question proposed.

லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி மகவு
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

I have asked a question from the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs. Apparently, he is not here, but I think there are a couple of responsible Ministers, in fact a whole lot of them are here, including the Hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Hon. Minister of Finance; the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. Minister of Health Services; the Hon. Minister of Women’s Affairs, the Hon. Minister of Scientific Industries, and so on and so forth.

This is the question I wanted to ask at Adjournment time pertaining to an agreement.

கவர்ணமகவு
(சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Speaker)

The Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs will be in the House tomorrow.

லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி மகவு
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

I will ask the question now and he can answer it tomorrow.

கவர்ணமகவு
(சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்)
(Mr. Speaker)

There are two questions. You are not asking question No. 1 ?

லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி மகவு
(திரு. லக்ஷ்மன் ஜயக்கொடி)
(Mr. Lakshman Jayakody)

There are two questions. One is about CEYNOR which I have asked yesterday. But the Hon. Minister said that he is not available to answer it today, but he is prepared to answer it tomorrow. I agreed to that. Therefore I need not ask that question. Therefore I am now asking the second question.

This is consequent to the Agreement that the Government of Sri Lanka has entered into with the Voice of America. We are aware that the Government of Sri Lanka has entered into an Agreement and in that Agreement there is what you call the schedule of programme where it has to be released to the Government of Sri Lanka before the relay broadcast from the VOA station from Sri Lanka. This particular clause was introduced mainly to see that we do not, from our soil project any information or broadcast that will hurt the feelings of the neighbouring countries.

Now, in order to do that it was necessary that certain steps had to be taken. The broadcast had to be in about 48 languages like Uzbek, Afghan, Pushto, Mizo, Naga and some of the tribal languages of India as well as Pakistan and also some of the tribal languages on the borders of the Soviet Union, in the Middle-East as well as in Africa. Therefore, Sir, the Sri Lankan Government has to ensure that it has enough interpreters who will have to know at least 48 languages in order to see that we do not broadcast through the Voice of America which is relayed from Sri Lanka, anything that will hurt the feelings of some of the countries where the broadcasts are to be heard. Therefore, I want to find out what will be the procedures that will be followed in order to see that we do not cause embarrassment to any of these countries that hear these broadcasts. So I want to find out from the Hon. Minister what steps he has taken, because it is not a small matter, it is going to be a serious problem. We should have people who at least know these 48 languages. We would need translators. For instance, if something goes out from Washington and if it is boosted from our Voice of America here and it comes out in Uzbek, then someone here from Sri Lanka must be there to find out what this language is and what they broadcast through that language.

Therefore this is a very serious matter, and in order to see that no improper action is taken by one of these contracting parties, the Voice of America, it is the duty of the Sri Lankan Government to see that we do not allow them to broadcast what will hurt the susceptibilities of the people of those countries, and also to see that they ensure friendly and good neighbourly relationships in those countries. So I would like the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs to give me an answer to this Question tomorrow. I am prepared to give him time. I know it is a very important Question and I hope he will give me an answer tomorrow.

කථානායකතුමා
(*சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்*)
(Mr. Speaker)

Hon. Member for Galle, are you asking your Question ? - (*Pause*) - Hon. Member for Akmeemana can ask his Question now.

රිචඩ් පතිරණ මහතා
(*திரு. ரிச்சட் பதிராண*)
(Mr. Richard Pathirana)

ගරු කථානායකතුමනි, මම අද උසස් අධ්‍යාපන නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමතිතුමාගෙන් ඇසීමට ප්‍රශ්න දෙකක් කල් දී තිබෙනවා. පළමුවැනි ප්‍රශ්නය මේකයි : විශ්ව විද්‍යාල සංශෝධන පනත පිළිබඳව මේ මස 2 වැනිදා කොළඹ විශ්ව විද්‍යාලයේදී රැස්වීමක් පැවැත්වීමට නියමිතව තිබුණා. ඒ ශිෂ්‍යයෝ එය සංවිධානය කර තිබුණේ ඒ රැස්වීම පිළිබඳ සියළු කටයුතු යෙදවීමට පස්සේ විශ්ව විද්‍යාලයේ බලධාරීන් විසින් මේ මස පළමුවැනිදා විශ්ව විද්‍යාලය වසා දමා විශ්ව විද්‍යාල ශිෂ්‍යයෝ බලහත්කාරයෙන් විශ්ව විද්‍යාල ගුමියෙන් තෙරපනු ලැබුවා. ඒ රැස්වීමේ කවිකයෙකු ගැටියට විශ්ව විද්‍යාල ශිෂ්‍යයෝ මටත් ආරාධනය කර තිබුණා. ඒ රැස්වීමට ගිය විට මට දැන ගන්නට ලැබුණේ ශිෂ්‍යයන් බලහත්කාරයෙන් විශ්ව විද්‍යාල ගුමියෙන් තෙරපා දමා විශ්ව විද්‍යාල ගුමිය වටේ තුන් හාර සියයක පොලීස් හමුදාවක් යොදා විශ්ව විද්‍යාල ශිෂ්‍යයන්ට විශ්ව විද්‍යාල ගුමිය ට ඇතුළු වීම තහනම් කර තිබෙන බවයි.

විශ්ව විද්‍යාල සංශෝධන පනත පිළිබඳව නොයෙක් විවෘත අභියෝග තිබෙන බව තමුත්තාන්සේලා දන්නවා. මේ පිළිබඳව ලංකාවේ ඕනෑම තැනකදී විවාද කරන්න කැමති බවට ගරු ජාතික ආරක්ෂක ඇමතිතුමාත් ගරු උසස් අධ්‍යාපන නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමතිතුමාත් රජයේ තවත් නොයෙක් ඇමතිවරුන් අභියෝග ඉදිරිපත් කර තිබෙනවා. ඇමතිවරුන් මේ විධියට අභියෝග කරන අතර, මේ ගැන කතා කරන්න විශ්ව විද්‍යාල ශිෂ්‍යයන් විශ්ව විද්‍යාල ගුමිය තුළ රැස්වීමක් සංවිධානය කළ විට ඇයි රජය මේ තරම් හය ? රජය විවෘත අභියෝග ඉදිරිපත් කරනවා. උසස් අධ්‍යාපන නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමතිතුමා පාර්ලිමේන්තුවේදී ඉදිරිපත් කළ විවෘත අභියෝගය මමත් පිළිගෙන තිබෙනවා, ඕනෑ තැනකට විවාදයකට එන්න. [බාධා කීරීමක්] ප්‍රශ්නය වී තිබෙන්නේ මේ ප්‍රශ්නය අතර වේලාවේදී උසස් අධ්‍යාපන නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමතිතුමා මේ සතාවේ නොසිටීමයි.

මේ රැස්වීම තැවත පැවැත්වීමට විශ්ව විද්‍යාල ශිෂ්‍යයන්ට අවසර දෙනවාද ? එසේ නොදෙන්නේ නම් ඒ මන්ද ? මේ පනත ගැන ඕනෑම තැනක සාකච්ඡා කරන්න එන්නය කියා අභියෝග කරනවා. තමුත් විශ්ව විද්‍යාල ශිෂ්‍යයන් රැස්වීමක් සංවිධානය කළ විට හතරවැනිදා වැසීමට නියමිතව තිබූ විශ්ව විද්‍යාල පළමුවැනිදාම වහලා ලමයින් වික බලෙන් එල්ලා පත්සියයක පමණ පොලීස් හමුදාවක් එහි දමලා. මම එහි යන විට පොලීසිය විතරක් ඉන්නවා. ඒ පොලීස් නිලධාරී මහත්වරුන් සමග මේ ගැන කතා කර වැඩක් නෑ. මම ආපසු හැරී ආවා. ගරු කථානායකතුමනි, අන්න ඒකයි තත්ත්වය. එම නිසා මම අහන්න කැමතියි. මේ රැස්වීම තැවත පැවැත්වීමට අවසර දෙනවාද කියා. තැවත වනවිට අපි තමුත්තාන්සේලාට අභියෝගයක් කරනවා. මෙම අංශය හාර ගරු නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමතිතුමා විසින් හෝ රජයේ වෙනත් කෙනෙකු විසින් හෝ අපේ අභියෝගය පිළිගන්න බැරි නම් විශ්ව විද්‍යාල ශිෂ්‍ය සංගමයේ සභාපතිවරයා කළ අභියෝගය පිළිගෙන කරුණාකර ඒ කියන ස්ථානයකට ගොස් විවාදයකට සහභාගී වෙන්නය කියලා ඉල්ලීමකුත් කරන අතර මේ රැස්වීමට අවසර දෙනවාද කියලා අහන්න කැමතියි.

මගේ ඊළඟ ප්‍රශ්නය මෙයයි. පංති වර්ජනයට සහභාගී වූ විශ්ව විද්‍යාල ශිෂ්‍යයින්ගේ මහපොළ ශිෂ්‍යත්ව, ශිෂ්‍ය ණය, ශිෂ්‍යාධාර ආදිය ක්‍රම ක්‍රමයෙන් කපා හැරීමට පටන් ගෙන තිබෙනවා. මෙය සම්පූර්ණයෙන්ම අසුක්තියගෙන, අසාධාරණ තීරණයක්. රුහුණ විශ්ව විද්‍යාල උපකුලපති මහාචාර්ය සමරවික්‍රම මහතාගේ අත්සන යොදා තිබුණු කරන ලද නිවේදනයක් මා ළඟ තිබෙනවා. මම දැන් එය කියවන්නම්.

* දැන්වීමයි.

මහපොළ, ශිෂ්‍යත්ව, ශිෂ්‍යාධාර හා ශිෂ්‍ය ණය ගෙවීම

මහපොළ ශිෂ්‍යත්ව, ශිෂ්‍ය ණය, ශිෂ්‍යාධාර හා වෙනත් ශිෂ්‍යත්ව හිමි සිසුන්ට ඒ ඒ මාසයකට වාරික මුදල් ගෙවීම කරනු ලබන්නේ ඔවුන්ගේ දේශන වලට පැමිණීම පදනම් කරගෙනය. කිසියම් මාසයක දේශන වලට නොපැමිණී දිනකට 5% බැගින් දින 9 ක් දක්වා වාරික මුදලින් අඩු කරනු ලැබේ. දින 10 ක් හෝ ඊට වඩා දේශන වලට නොපැමිණියොත් ගෙවීමට නියමිත වාරික මුදල් ගෙවීම අත්හිටුවනු ලැබේ.

පෙබරවාරි මාසයේ දේශන වලට නොපැමිණීම වෙනුවෙන් නියමිත අඩු කිරීම මාර්තු මස වාරිකයෙන් අඩු කරනු ලැබේ. සෑම මාසකටම නියමිත වාරිකයක් පසු මාසයේ ප්‍රථම සති දෙක තුළ දී ගෙවනු ලබන බව සැලකුව මැනවි.

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මෙන්න මේ විධියේ දැන්වීමක් දමා පංති වර්ජනය කළ ශිෂ්‍ය ශිෂ්‍යාවන්ගේ ශිෂ්‍යත්ව මුදල්, ආධාර මුදල් ගෙවීම තතර කීරීමට විශ්ව විද්‍යාල උපකුලපතිවරු දැන් කටයුතු කරගෙන යන නිසා උසස් අධ්‍යාපන නියෝජ්‍ය ඇමතිතුමාගෙන් මේ අවස්ථාවේදී අහන්න කැමතියි. මෙම නියෝගය අවලංගු කිරීමට වහාම ක්‍රියා කරනවාද නැද්ද කියා. පසුව පිළිතුරක් දුන්නත් කමක් නෑ. කලින් අහනු එකකටවත් තවම පිළිතුරු හමිම වුණේ නෑ. මේ ප්‍රශ්නයට පසුවත් පිළිතුරක් ලැබුණොත් හොඳයි.

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(*சபாநாயகர் அவர்கள்*)
(Mr. Speaker)

Is anyone answering on behalf of the Deputy Minister of Higher Education ?

එම්. වින්සන්ට් පෙරේරා මහතා
(*திரு. எம். வினசன்ட் பெரேரா*)
(Mr. M. Vincent Perera)

I shall bring it to his notice, Sir.

ප්‍රශ්නය විමසන ලදීත්, සභා සම්මත විය.
வினா விடுக்கப்பெற்றது எற்றுக் கொள்ளப்பட்டது.
Question put, and agreed to.

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அதன்படி, பி. உ. 3.41 க்கு பராமுடிமன்றம், 1985 ஏப்ரல் 11, வினாக்கிழமை மு. ப. 10 மணிவரை ஒத்திவைக்கப்பட்டது.

Adjourned accordingly at 3.41 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Thursday, 11th April, 1985.

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