A proposal to amend the Standing Orders increasing powers of all Committees including COPE and COPA will be presented soon - Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Leader of the House

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A motion to amend the Standing Orders and increase the powers of all Parliament Committees including COPE and COPA will be tabled in Parliament today or next week, the Leader of the House, Minister Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena said in Parliament today (20).

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, Leader of the House stated

Quote

“Government will submit to Parliament today or next week a draft amendment to the Standing Orders in a manner that empowers Committee on Public Accounts (COPA), Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) as well as the other committees.

At present the Hon. Committee Chairs do a great service by traditionally submitting a report to Parliament. The powers needed to go beyond that are not enough. As the Leader of the House, I will discuss and hand over the draft to you to obtain those powers to the relevant Committees. We hope that we will be able to move more effectively as a result.”

Unquote.