

## ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to make an announcement with regard to the Private Member's Bill entitled **"Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment)"**.

This Bill which was presented by the Hon. M. A. Sumanthiran, M.P. on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 was referred to all Provincial Councils in terms of Article 154G(5)(a) of the Constitution and Provincial Councils were requested to submit their views in terms of Standing Order No. 46A(2)(a) of Parliament.

Eastern, Western, Southern, Sabaragamuwa, Central, North Central and Uva Provincial Councils have expressed their consent to the Bill.

North Western and Northern Provincial Councils have expressed their consent to the Bill subject to their amendments.

I order the views of the Provincial Councils be referred to the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development.