

Announcement

I wish to make an announcement regarding the issue that arose in the Chamber yesterday in relation to the progress reports provided to the Hon. Members of Parliament by the relevant Ministries at the Committee stage debate on the Appropriation Bill (2016).

The Committee on Parliamentary Business which met on 21st October 2011 has taken a decision to provide those reports in the form of CDs or DVDs instead of printed reports, as a measure to minimize the high cost of printing such reports submitted to Parliament.

In pursuance of the said decision, the relevant ministries were briefed that instead of printed reports sent by various ministries and statutory bodies established under them to be presented in Parliament, they should be submitted in the form of CDs and DVDs and were also informed to submit a limited number of printed copies.

I wish to inform that arrangements can be made to keep the copies of the said reports placed in the library of Parliament at one place in chamber for the use of the Hon. Members of Parliament as required.

Further, if the Hon. Members want such reports in the printed form itself, the matter can be discussed at the Parliamentary Business Committee in order to revise the previous decision and necessary measures can be initiated from next year.