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ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to inform this house that I have received the determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bills entitled "Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers" and "National Minimum Wage of Workers" which have been challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121(1) of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court has determined that the Court has no jurisdiction to proceed further with the petitions, as the jurisdiction of the court has not been duly invoked because the petitioners have failed to satisfy the requirement that not less than three fourth of the members of the petitioners' union are Citizens of Sri Lanka.

I order that the determination of the Supreme Court be printed in the Official Report of today's proceedings.