

ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to make an announcement with regard to the Sri Lanka Sustainable Development Bill.

This Bill was presented to Parliament on 09 January 2017. It was referred to each Provincial Council in terms of Article 154G (5)(a) of the Constitution and the Provincial Councils were requested to report their views to Parliament within a period of one month from 10 January 2017, in terms of Standing Order No. 46A (2)(a) of the Parliament.

The views of the Provincial Councils reported to Parliament are as follows:-

- North Central Provincial Council has expressed its consent to the Bill after it was considered.
- Central, North Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern, Western and Uva Provincial Councils have expressed their consent subjected to amendments after consideration.
- Northern Provincial Council has reported their disagreement to the Bill while Eastern Provincial Council has reported that it has decided to postpone the consideration till the constitutional reforms are implemented.

The views of all Provincial Councils be referred to the Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs and the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development.