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I wish to make an announcement with regard to the Private Members' Bill entitled **“Plastics and Rubber Institute of Sri Lanka (Incorporation)”**.

This Bill which was presented by Hon. (Dr.) Mrs. Thusitha Wijemanna, M.P. on 11th July 2019 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 before 11th September 2019 in terms of Standing Order 51 (2) (a) of the Parliament.

Uva Provincial Council has informed that the Bill has been rejected by majority vote of the Provincial Council.

All other Provincial Councils have been dissolved and the Chief Secretaries of Western and Southern Provincial Councils have informed that their views on the Bill cannot be submitted, as the said Provincial Councils stand dissolved.

However, the Governor of Northern Provincial Council and the Chief Secretary of Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council have conveyed their views but not according to the regular procedure laid down in the Constitution.

Eastern, North-Western, Central and North Central Provincial Councils have not responded.

I order that the views of Provincial Councils be referred to the Ministry of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development.