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Hon. Dilan Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to Investigate the Country's Economic Setback from November 2019 to date and Report to Parliament and Submit its Proposals and Recommendations in this regard,—

Whereas, due to the fact that the economy of this country has by now plunged into an unprecedented severe economic crisis, it is the responsibility of the Parliament, which is vested with full control over Public Finance as per Article 148 of the Constitution, to investigate the persons who should be held responsible for it;

And whereas it is the responsibility of the Parliament to investigate whether this economic crime was committed with a plan by Monetary Board failing to provide to the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance analytical reports with forecasts on economic indices such as the cost of living, inflation, money supply and the international balance of payment which should have been provided to him as required by sections 64(2), 65, and 68(1) of the Monetary Law Act No. 58 of 1949 or by the Cabinet of Ministers or Officers neglecting their duties;

And whereas the country's economic deterioration was caused due to factors such as providing tax relief, non-payment of loan installments, imposition of import restrictions, allowing for a rapid depreciation of the rupee, the decline in official remittances from migrants, the increase in inflation to a high inflation level and the increase in the cost of living; and

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to investigate and report to Parliament, and submit its proposals and recommendations on the following matters:—

- (a) the fact whether the country experienced an unprecedented economic crisis as a result of those in the positions of responsibility during the times of concern failing to perform their duties properly;

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- (b) the fact whether the relevant authorities took adequate measures to prevent and/or minimize the effect of the economic crisis;
 - (c) the fact whether there were shortcomings in the state machinery that caused it to fail to prevent and/or minimize the effect of the economic crisis;
 - (d) the fact whether there were other factors that contributed to such economic crisis;
 - (e) the fact whether there are other factors which may cause the country to undergo such economic crisis in future; and
 - (f) the course of action that should be taken to minimize such economic deterioration in future.
2. (a) that the Chair and Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker; and
- (b) that in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 101 of Parliament, the Committee shall not consist of more than twelve (12) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to —
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment or prorogation of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of three months (03) from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.

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Hon. Madhura Withanage,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report to Parliament its observations and recommendations on producing and distributing films internationally for uplifting the local film industry, methodologies to screen films on other digital media in addition to screening films in cinema halls,—

Whereas it is essential to prepare a priority list for uplifting the plight of the local film industry currently face with and re-establishing its business principles, regain the spectator attraction as during the 1971-1979 period;

And whereas it is essential to update the production of local films and the post production process in line with the progress made by digitalization instead of traditional film making;

And whereas the creation of a fully state sponsored film academy to train young persons with talent and passion who leave school for entering the field of cinema should be included in the state policy;

And whereas there are universities to produce doctors, nurses, lawyers, engineers and architects and there are no such universities for people to study cinematology and television on full time basis; and

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed, to look into and report to Parliament its observations and recommendations with regard to producing and distributing films internationally, methodologies to screen films on OTT platforms including NETFLIX and PRIME VIDEO through digital media in addition to screening films in the cinema halls and enter into pre-agreements with those companies and submit its observations and recommendations to Parliament.

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