

ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to announce that I have received the determination of the Supreme Court in respect of the Bill titled “**Inland Revenue**” which has been challenged in the Supreme Court in terms of Article 121 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

The Supreme Court has determined as follows:-

(1). Clauses 97, 98 and 100(1) (e) are inconsistent with the Article 12 of the Constitution,

Clause 167 is inconsistent with the Article 12, 13 and 14(1) (h) & (i) of the Constitution,

and these clauses may either only be passed by a special majority as per Article 84(2) of the Constitution or be amended as per the determination of the Supreme Court to remove the inconsistencies.

(2). Clause 200 is inconsistent with Article 3 and 4 of the Constitution and requires to be passed by a special majority as per Article 84(2) of the Constitution and approved by the people at a referendum by virtue of Article 83 of the Constitution.

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