

**Meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on Ensuring Communal and Religious
Harmony in Sri Lanka at 9.30 a.m. on 19th April, 2018 in Committee Room No. 01
of the Parliamentary Complex**

Programme

- I. Arrival of the Ven. Maha Sangha, Clergy, Political VIPP and Public Officials.
- II. Arrival of the Hon. Speaker.
- III. National Anthem.
- IV. Conduct Religious Observances at the Inauguration
 1. Administering of the Five Precepts
 2. Hindu Religious Observances
 3. Islamic Religious Observances
 4. Christian/ Catholic Religious Observances
- V. Welcome Address and Explaining of the Objectives by the Hon. Speaker
- VI. Discussing the objectives
 1. To discuss;
 - i. the need to prevent the public dissemination of opinions, which are detrimental to harmony among different ethnic and religious groups;
 - ii. the possibility of imposing sanctions that could prevent the dissemination of opinions, which damage ethnic and religious harmony;
 - iii. the steps that could be taken to identify and to accord honours to the persons who had been committed to promoting harmony among different ethnicities and religious groups;
 2. To identify;
 - i. recent incidents, which have contributed towards damaging ethnic and religious harmony
 - ii. the steps that have already been taken to prevent the recurrence of such incidents and to discuss the success of such endeavours
 - iii. the steps that could be taken further against such incidents
 3. To identify and discuss the long term steps that should be taken to promote harmony among ethnicities and religious groups.
 - i. Identify the scope and functions of the Parliamentary Committee on Ensuring Communal and Religious Harmony in Sri Lanka
 - ii. Discuss future steps to be taken by the Committee

4. To identify the Role that could be played by the state and private print/ electronic media and social media Websites to ensure harmony among ethnic/ religious groups
5. To identify the Role that could be played by the Parliament Website to ensure harmony among ethnic/ religious groups
6. To identify the Ministries and other institutions with which to collaborate/ co-ordinate in order to promote harmony among ethnic/ religious groups
7. To identify the composition of the Parliamentary Committee on Ensuring Communal and Religious Harmony in Sri Lanka

VII. Reviewing the matters discussed.

VIII. Vote of thanks.

IX. Conclusion.

X. Offering of Daana / Lunch