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To all Secretaries to the Ministries

“Deyata Kirula” National Development Programme and Exhibition
Oyamaduwa – Anuradhapura-2012

Your kind attention is drawn to the instructions contained in the letter issued on 29th June 2011 to Secretaries to the Ministries by the Coordinating Secretary- Deyata Kirula on Deyata Kirula National Development Programme and Exhibition - 2012 .

2. The Government has decided to implement the Deyata Kirula National Development Programme -2012, in Anuradhapura district and to hold the Deyata Kirula Exhibition at Oyamaduwa area. The main objective of this programme is to illustrate the overall development activities being implemented in the country through Deyata Kirula exhibition and also to develop the entire district along with the Deyata Kirula.

3. It is expected to organize the exhibition centre using permanent facilities which can be used as basic infrastructure, houses, resting places, and common amenities such as community centers once the exhibition is over. The overall plan and necessary instructions in this regard will be issued separately. Construction of these facilities should be planned accordingly and utilization of such facilities as exhibition stalls will curtail unnecessary expenditure. Instructions in this regard will also be issued shortly.

4. In the selection of projects for the Deyata Kirula National Development Programme, priority should be given for the development of infrastructure and common facilities such as education and health services in the area with the prime objective of enhancing the living standards of people in all Divisional Secretariat areas of Anuradhapura District.

5. It is emphasized that when selecting projects, attention should be paid on the experiences gained through the programmes and projects implemented by your ministry under the Deyata Kirula Programmes held in 2009, 2010 and 2011. The ministries should also take the responsibility of overcoming the drawbacks identified in the

implementation of projects in the previous years. The expenses incurred by various ministries and institutions should contribute to sustainable development which will be beneficial to the people living in the area once the exhibition is over.

6. According to the reports received by the Treasury, the total expenditure incurred in relation to Deyata Kirula Programme and exhibition held in Moneragala in 2011 including the expenses associated with development of roads, irrigation schemes, schools and hospitals was exceeding Rs. 5,023 million. A schedule prepared based on the information received by Treasury on the costs incurred by your ministry for this programme from 2009 - 2011 is attached herewith for your reference.

7. Further, you are kindly requested to identify a separate line item for the proposed Deyata Kirula Development Programme and Exhibition under capital expenditure in the preparation of budgetary estimates for the year 2012. In respect of construction work related to the implementation of the programme, priority should be given for those who are engaged in the relevant fields of work in the area. It should also be ensured that the people in the respective area are benefited by the development activities implemented through the exhibition.

8. Action has been taken to allocate the required provisions for other general expenses related to Deyata Kirula Exhibition, 2012 under the District Secretary /Government Agent of Anuradhapura, who will perform the relevant activities in consultation with the Deyata Kirula Secretariat.

9. In the selection of projects related to the national development programmes, special emphasis should be paid to the problems specific to the respective field. Areas such as livelihood development, agriculture, irrigation, highways, health, education and other common facilities covering the entire District should be given special attention while directing investment in a sustainable manner for targeted programmes.

10. As stipulated in Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the future, published by the Ministry of Finance and Planning in line with 2011 a specific programme has been identified under "Rajarata Udanaya" aiming at a diversified balanced regional development within the Development Policy Framework of the Sri Lankan Government, by making Sri Lanka an Emerging Wonder of Asia. A combined development programme has to be planned with the expectation of achieving the targets of domestic production of the area, increase in per capita income, reduction in poverty ratio and improvement of health and education standards to facilitate achieving the stipulated performance targets by 2016. It is expected that the Deyata Kirula programme 2012 will be the core programme to promote Raja-Rata Udanaya. It has already been identified to implement these programmes with the required investments identified under the Medium Term Expenditure Framework of the Central Government's Annual Budget as well as Provincial Councils Investments. Priority should also be given to identify revenue generating sources of the province in order to cover up the future expenses associated in maintaining and rehabilitating all the infrastructure facilities constructed under the development programme.

11. It estimated to provide approximately Rs. 6,000 million directly to various ministries for Deyata Kirula 2012. The proposed programmes should contribute to upliftment of the living standards of people in the area in such a way that benefits derives from the development of Sri Lanka as a middle income level country should be filtered down to regions such as the North-Central Province. Deyata Kirula will be a part of the national development process and your cooperation to make it a success is very much appreciated.

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