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To all Treasury Representatives on the Boards of Public Enterprises

Improving Governance in Public Enterprises

Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) have expressed concerns on the role played by the Treasury Representatives as members of the respective Boards of Public Enterprises. There have been several instances of non-compliance with accountability concerns due to lack of professionalism in the management of Public Enterprises.

Chairman also has expressed concerns that the Audit & Management committees of Public Enterprises have not been properly constituted and operated effectively in many instances.

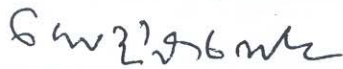
The Committee was of the view that, if the Treasury Representatives have played their role effectively, most of the lapses could have been avoided.

All Treasury Representatives are therefore requested to play an effective role by assisting the Board in managing the Public Enterprises. Any matters of concern should be brought to the notice of the Director General of the Department of Public Enterprises immediately, who in turn, will bring it to the notice of relevant Deputy Secretaries to the Treasury and submit the same to the COPE as requested.

I would appreciate if utmost importance is given to all financial management issues to improve Governance in Public Enterprises.

The Director General of Public Enterprises will be arranging a briefing by the 1st week of December 2004 at the Auditorium of the Ministry of Finance, in this regard notified.

You are also required to assist the relevant Board in interpreting Treasury Circulars and guide them to adopt the spirit of such provisions in enterprise operations.


S.B. Divaratne
Deputy Secretary to the Treasury

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2. Secretaries of all Ministries
3. Chairmen of all Public Enterprises

} All possible actions should be taken to improve performance of Public Enterprises through good governance, transparency and accountability

