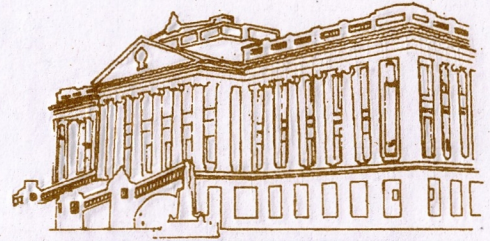




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Programme for the Budget Debate - 2025

According to the budget schedule approved by the Committee on Parliamentary Business, after presenting the Budget by the Hon. President as the Minister of Finance to Parliament on 17th February 2025, the debate on the Second Reading will commence on Tuesday, 18th February 2025, at 9.30 am and, will be continued till Tuesday, 25th February 2025. The vote on the Second Reading is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 25th February 2025 at 6.00 pm. The debate on the Committee Stage of the Budget is scheduled to be held from Thursday, 27th February 2025 to Thursday, 20th March 2025, and the vote on the Third Reading of the Budget is scheduled to be held on Friday, 21st March 2025, at 6.00 pm. A copy of the programme for the Budget Debate is annexed hereto, for your information.

02. During this period, official or personal foreign visits should not be undertaken by the Hon. Ministers. It may be further noted that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs would facilitate required representation for special occasions, through the Sri Lankan Missions abroad.

03. In this context, it would be appreciated if Hon. Ministers, Heads of Institutions and Departments coming under the purview of the Ministries, Chairpersons, Chief Executive Officers and Senior Officials are informed to refrain from participating in foreign visits other than those of an essential nature, during this period.

04. It is further informed that the participation of relevant senior officials on the dates of debate on the Committee Stage scheduled for the ministries is essential and other executive / staff grade officials should be ensured to stay in the Ministry, Department or Institutions.

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