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Managing the Public Expenditure during the remaining period of 2019

As per the paragraph '212 of the Budget Speech 2019, 15% of the Capital Expenditure has already been saved in consultation with all spending agencies, i.e Ministries, Departments and Spending Units, from the allocated amount for 2019. National Budget Circular No. 03/2019 dated 08.04.2019 was issued to this effect.

02. Given the constrains on the Government Borrowing programme it is required further to have a compulsory savings of 10% out of the capital expenditure, which are allocated for 2019, due to the facts that expected target of Government Revenue for 2019 cannot be achieved in the context of unfavorable economic conditions following of the easter Sunday attack.

03. In this circumstances, your attention is drawn to identify the non-priority nature projects, the projects which have not yet been started including those associated with budget proposals and purchase of non-essential items such as, furniture, office equipment etc. and then to postpone them for the next year. Further, purchasing of vehicles under National Budget Circular No. 03/2018 dated 16.07.2018 is temporarily terminated until further notice and those agreed procurement for which the process has not yet been initiated should also be suspended with immediate effect.

04. Hence, all spending agencies are requested to take necessary actions to send the expenditure plan for the next 03 months period of 2019 (i.e. October - December) before 30th of September to the Department of National Budget with a copy to Director General Treasury Operations, enabling the General Treasury to manage the cash flow for the remaining period of the year.

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