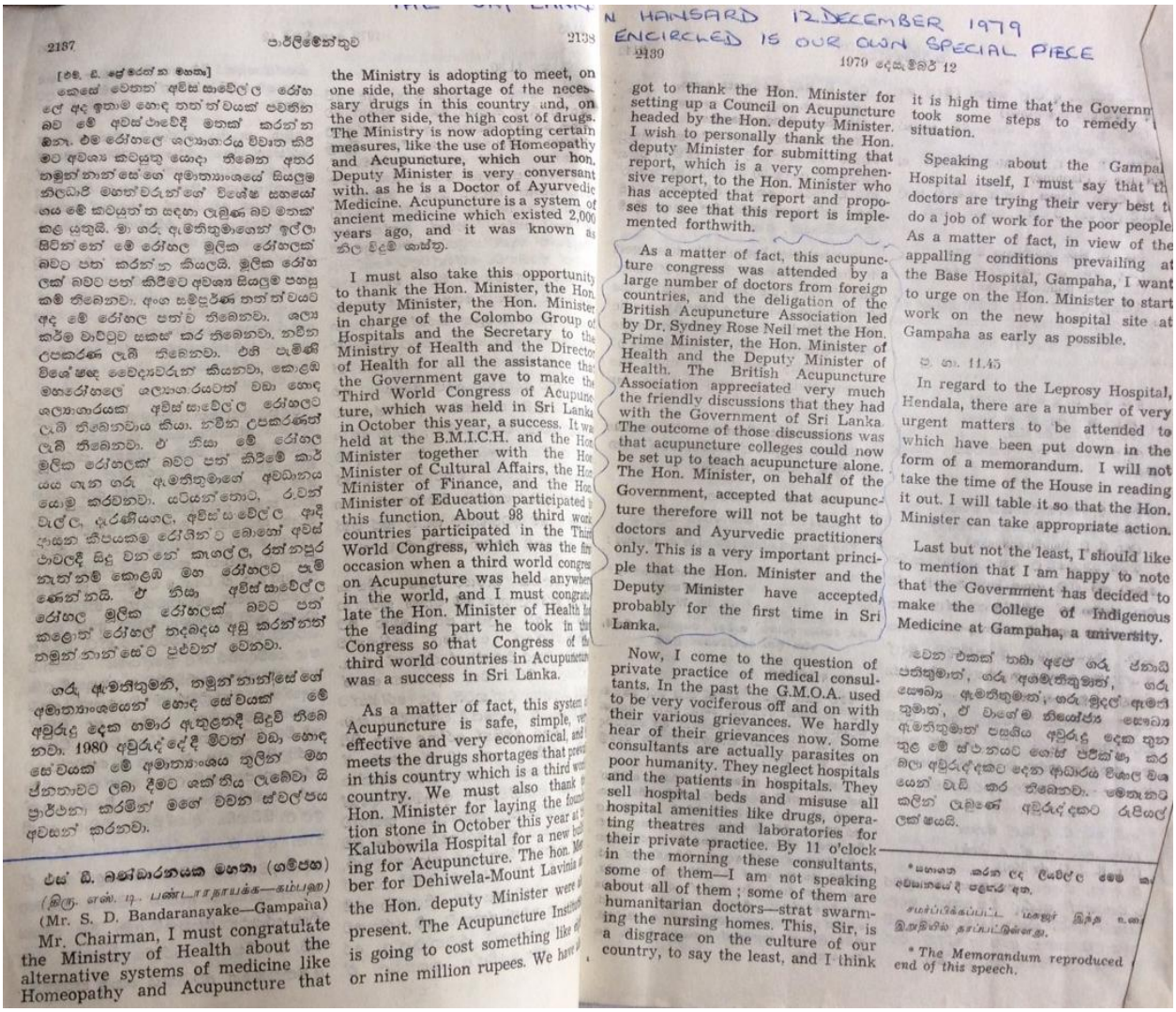
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කෙසේ වෙතත් අවිස් ඇවේදිල්ල රෝහලේ අද ඉතාම හොඳ තත්ත්වයක් පවතින බව මේ අවස්ථාවේදී මතක් කරන්න ඕනෑ. එම රෝහලේ ශල්‍යාගාරය විවෘත කිරීමට අවශ්‍ය කටයුතු සොඳා නිමෙන අතර තමුන්නාන්සේගේ අමාත්‍යාංශයේ සියලුම නිලධාරී මහත්වරුන්ගේ විශේෂ සහයෝගය මේ කටයුත්ත සඳහා ලැබුණු බව මතක් කළ යුතුයි. වා ගර. ඇමතිතුමාගෙන් ඉල්ලා සිටින්නේ මේ රෝහල මූලික රෝහලක් බවට පත් කරන්න කියලයි. මූලික රෝහලක් බවට පත් කිරීමට අවශ්‍ය සියලුම පහසුකම් තිබෙනවා. අංග සම්පූර්ණ තත්ත්වයට අද මේ රෝහල පත්ව තිබෙනවා. ශල්‍ය කර්ම වාට්ටුව සකස් කර තිබෙනවා, නවීන උපකරණ ලැබී තිබෙනවා. එහි පැමිණි විශේෂඥ වෛද්‍යවරුන් කියනවා, කොළඹ මහරෝහලේ ශල්‍යාගාරයටත් වඩා හොඳ ශල්‍යාගාරයක් අවිස්සාවේල්ල රෝහලට ලැබී තිබෙනවාය කියා. නවීන උපකරණත් ලැබී තිබෙනවා. ඒ නිසා මේ රෝහල මූලික රෝහලක් බවට පත් කිරීමේ කාර්යය ගැන ගරු ඇමතිතුමාගේ අවධානය යොමු කරවනවා. යටියන්තොට, රුවන්වැල්ල, දූරණියගල, අවිස්සාවේල්ල ආදී දුෂ්කර කිපයකම රෝගීන්ට බොහෝ අවස්ථාවලදී සිදු වන්නේ කෑගල්ල, රත්නපුර කැත්තම් කොළඹ මහ රෝහලට පැමිණෙන්නයි. ඒ නිසා අවිස්සාවේල්ල රෝහල මූලික රෝහලක් බවට පත් කළොත් රෝහල් හදබදය අඩු කරන්නත් තමුන්නාන්සේට පුළුවන් වෙනවා.

ගරු ඇමතිතුමනි, තමුන්නාන්සේගේ අමාත්‍යාංශයෙන් හොඳ සේවයක් මේ අවුරුදු දෙක හමාර ඇතුළතදී සිදුවී තිබෙනවා. 1980 අවුරුද්දේදී මීටත් වඩා හොඳ සේවයක් මේ අමාත්‍යාංශය තුලින් මහ ජනතාවට ලබා දීමට ශක්තිය ලැබේවා යි ප්‍රාර්ථනා කරමින් මගේ වචන ස්වල්පය අවසන් කරනවා.

එස් ඩී. බණ්ඩාරනායක මහතා (ගම්පහ)
(திரு. எஸ். டி. பண்டாரநாயக்க—கம்பஹ)
(Mr. S. D. Bandaranayake—Gampaha)

Mr. Chairman, I must congratulate the Ministry of Health about the alternative systems of medicine like Homeopathy and Acupuncture that the Ministry is adopting to meet, on one side, the shortage of the necessary drugs in this country and, on the other side, the high cost of drugs. The Ministry is now adopting certain measures, like the use of Homeopathy and Acupuncture, which our hon. Deputy Minister is very conversant with, as he is a Doctor of Ayurvedic Medicine. Acupuncture is a system of ancient medicine which existed 2,000 years ago, and it was known as නීල විද්‍යා ශාස්ත්‍ර.

I must also take this opportunity to thank the Hon. Minister, the Hon. deputy Minister, the Hon. Minister in charge of the Colombo Group of Hospitals and the Secretary to the Ministry of Health and the Director of Health for all the assistance that the Government gave to make the Third World Congress of Acupuncture, which was held in Sri Lanka in October this year, a success. It was held at the B.M.I.C.H. and the Hon. Minister together with the Hon. Minister of Cultural Affairs, the Hon. Minister of Finance, and the Hon. Minister of Education participated in this function. About 98 third world countries participated in the Third World Congress, which was the first occasion when a third world congress on Acupuncture was held anywhere in the world, and I must congratulate the Hon. Minister of Health for the leading part he took in this Congress so that Congress of the third world countries in Acupuncture was a success in Sri Lanka.

As a matter of fact, this system of Acupuncture is safe, simple, very effective and very economical, and it meets the drugs shortages that prevail in this country which is a third world country. We must also thank the Hon. Minister for laying the foundation stone in October this year at the Kalubowila Hospital for a new building for Acupuncture. The hon. Member for Dehiwela-Mount Lavinia and the Hon. deputy Minister were also present. The Acupuncture Institute is going to cost something like eight or nine million rupees. We have

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got to thank the Hon. Minister for setting up a Council on Acupuncture headed by the Hon. deputy Minister. I wish to personally thank the Hon. deputy Minister for submitting that report, which is a very comprehensive report, to the Hon. Minister who has accepted that report and proposes to see that this report is implemented forthwith.

As a matter of fact, this acupuncture congress was attended by a large number of doctors from foreign countries, and the deligation of the British Acupuncture Association led by Dr. Sydney Rose Neil met the Hon. Prime Minister, the Hon. Minister of Health and the Deputy Minister of Health. The British Acupuncture Association appreciated very much the friendly discussions that they had with the Government of Sri Lanka. The outcome of those discussions was that acupuncture colleges could now be set up to teach acupuncture alone. The Hon. Minister, on behalf of the Government, accepted that acupuncture therefore will not be taught to doctors and Ayurvedic practitioners only. This is a very important principle that the Hon. Minister and the Deputy Minister have accepted, probably for the first time in Sri Lanka.

Now, I come to the question of private practice of medical consultants. In the past the G.M.O.A. used to be very vociferous off and on with their various grievances. We hardly hear of their grievances now. Some consultants are actually parasites on poor humanity. They neglect hospitals and the patients in hospitals. They sell hospital beds and misuse all hospital amenities like drugs, operating theatres and laboratories for their private practice. By 11 o'clock in the morning these consultants, some of them—I am not speaking about all of them ; some of them are humanitarian doctors—strat swarming the nursing homes. This, Sir, is a disgrace on the culture of our country, to say the least, and I think it is high time that the Governm took some steps to remedy situation.

Speaking about the Gampa Hospital itself, I must say that t doctors are trying their very best t do a job of work for the poor people As a matter of fact, in view of the appalling conditions prevailing a the Base Hospital, Gampaha, I want to urge on the Hon. Minister to start work on the new hospital site at Gampaha as early as possible.

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In regard to the Leprosy Hospital, Hendala, there are a number of very urgent matters to be attended to which have been put down in the form of a memorandum. I will not take the time of the House in reading it out. I will table it so that the Hon. Minister can take appropriate action.

Last but not the least, I should like to mention that I am happy to note that the Government has decided to make the College of Indigenous Medicine at Gampaha, a university.

වෙන එකක් තමා අපේ ගරු ජනාධිපතිතුමාත්, ගරු අගමැතිතුමාත්, ගරු සෞඛ්‍ය ඇමතිතුමාත්, ගරු මුදල් ඇමතිතුමාත්, ඒ වැගේම නිශෝජ්‍ය සෞඛ්‍ය ඇමතිතුමාත් පසුගිය අවුරුදු දෙක තුන තුළ මේ ස්ථානයට ගෙස් පරීක්ෂා කර බලා අවුරුද්දකට පෙන ආධාරය විශාල මුදලින් වැඩි කර තිබෙනවා. මෙතැනට කලින් ලැබුණේ අවුරුද්දකට රුපියල් ලක්ෂයයි.

* සභාගත කරන ලද ලියවිල්ල මේ කථාවෙහි අවසානයේ දී පළවෙයි.

* The Memorandum reproduced at the end of this speech.