

BY COURIER

8<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, M.P.,  
2, Amarasekere Mawatha,  
Colombo 5.

Dear Karu,

**Issues pertaining to the Sale of 90% Shares of  
Lanka Marine Services (Pvt) Ltd. (LMSL) to John Keells Holdings Ltd.**

Attached is a copy of a Letter I addressed to Chairman, COPE on the above subject, the contents of which I draw your kind attention to.

You, as then Minister of Power & Energy, had forwarded the Cabinet Paper on 21.6.2002 and approval therefor had been confirmed and forwarded by Secretary to the Cabinet on 21.8.2002 (*Copies annexed*).

I am sure you will agree, that no action, whatsoever, could have been taken on the subject matter, until after notification of Cabinet Approval on 21.8.2002. I verily believe that you have not been aware of what had taken place, as disclosed in my Letter !

Furthermore, the question of appointment of a TEC and the absence of a CATB, and the questionable ramifications of this transaction, causing a huge loss to the Government, I am sure, ought to be of concern to you, inasmuch as the Cabinet Paper is under your hand. PERC, however, came under then Minister of Economic Reforms, your colleague, Hon. Milinda Moragoda, M.P.

Given your commitment on good governance, and in the given facts and circumstances, it is incumbent on your part to ensure that proper action is taken and the miscreants dealt with in terms of the law and the huge loss to the Government i.e. the people, is recouped; *giving leadership to the troubleshooting yourself in the given facts and circumstances.*

Yours truly,



Nihal Sri Amersekere