

## Session 08-Transformative Solutions to Current National Challenges

### Key Takeaways

#### 1. Government policy on Private Medical Colleges:

In the context of private medical colleges, the government is in the process of contemplating a way forward that will find sustainable solution to all parties embroiled in this issue are finally satisfied and compromised.

- As suggested by Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA), a minimum standard has to be met as desired by the medical council.
- The government is striving to find a way to compromise all parties involved in this issue to have a sustainable solution. To enter into a PPP where the government holds 51% and the private Sector holds 49%, etc.
- To ensure the job guarantee to graduates who qualify from Private Medical colleges
- As legal system is equipped to facilitate the private education system, people to be provided with unlimited access to education
- Politically motivated forces are behind the escalation of current objections on SAITM. GMO does not object the medical degree given by Kotlawala medical college even though it has lesser facilities than SAITM.
- The government right now does not intend to make the medical education be run as a state monopoly but wants to open to the private sector as well.

#### 2. One stop shop for Investments:

BOI has become an obsolete institution for the current system. Most of the business community who are trying to do their businesses in a legitimate manner, are always being discouraged by the BOI. Under present circumstance, the BOI has become more of a regulator than a facilitator for businesses. Taking into consideration the adversities caused by the BOI for development of local business and attracting FDIs, it has been suggested that either the BOI be closed or fully restructure to suit the current needs. With a view to facilitate the development of business and attracting more FDIs, The Ministry of Development Strategies is looking at restructuring the BOI in due course.

#### 3. Eradication of Corruption:

Corruption cannot be totally irradiated by efforts only make the government. The efforts make by the government has to be supported by the General public also. If general public is to pay bribes to any state official to get their work expedited for their own convenience, it is an encouragement to corruption and bribery. As these systems have been evolved for years, eradication of corruption needs more time. The government through ministries introduces systems to minimize loopholes and to make more

transparent leaving no space for bribes. Feels that steps taken by the government to bring people who committed mass scale corruption to books is insufficient. As politicians cannot implement law, eradication of corruption and investigation on corruption could not be done by politicians. Good governance does not provide provision to instruct the police of the Bribery commission who is responsible in addressing these issue should act independently and impartially.

**4. Waste Management:**

As a lasting solution to garbage issue, an alternative garbage dump has been identified in Puttable area and also planning to set up a project to convert garbage into power.