

Mr. Jayawarden continued on the various aspects of the District Development Councils and then added that the District Ministers and the Pradeshiya Ministers must be a member of the Parliament as otherwise he will only be an "in like Minister" which will not be acceptable to the Tamil groups. Then he went into detail about the 2nd Chamber - vide JR's statement on 14.12.84 (page-12) in the Council of States as also the "Statement of Object and Reasons of the proposed legislation" and said "if you are not interested - you may ignore that part". The members of the Council together with those of 2 or more districts within a province can merge to form a provincial council. The Chief Minister, the Provincial Minister and the District Minister will have the same power as that of Government Ministers and will be appointed by the President. Ordinance enacted for the District Council/ Provincial Council would become law when approved by the President. If the President disagrees they will have three months to amend or change to make it "acceptable" to the President. Mr. Jayawarden read out in detail pages 11 and 12 of the President on the APC plenary sessions on 14.12.84 and explained the various provisions in Gramadaya Mandalayas, Pradeshiya Sabhas, District Councils, Provincial Councils etc. He read out certain portion of paras 1 and 3 of the object and the reasons of the proposed legislation of the APC as well as the proposed tenth amendment to the constitution " 154 A onward". He also gave a chart showing the districts of the various organizations and concluded that what they offered is similar to the powers between centre and the union territories in India and privately Hector told one of the Tamil group members this has the approval of the Prime Minister of India. He made it clear that the bodies mentioned can not be given the powers available in the States in India - Also that the District Councils are the units of major decentralization of power.

Note: No mention was made of the Annexure 'C' of the APC that Hector conceded yesterday, but delved into great and unnecessary details of the APC decisions as given out on 14.12.84 which according to the Tamil

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