# CENTRAL BANK OF CEYLON



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OF THE MONETARY BOARD TO THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

FOR THE YEAR

1970

THE HON. DR. N. M. PERERA, M.P.,
MINISTER OF FINANCE,
COLOMBO.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 35 (1) of the Monetary Law Act (Cap. 422), I submit herewith the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Ceylon covering the Bank's operations during the year 1970.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
W. TENNEKOON
Governor.

Central Bank of Ceylon, Colombo. 31st March, 1971.

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#### THE MONETARY BOARD

(As at December 31, 1970)

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Governor

M. RAJENDRA

Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Finance.

J. TYAGARAJA

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Auditor - General to the Ceylon Government.

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#### PREFACE

This, the twenty-first annual report of the monetary Board of the central bank of ceylon, is issued in accordance with section 35 of the monetary law act (cap. 422).

THE BANK'S FINANCIAL YEAR IS THE CALENDAR YEAR. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH THE YEAR 1970.