

IT is announced with the deepest sorrow that the Right Honourable D. S. SENANAYAKE, Prime Minister, passed away peacefully at 3.30 this afternoon.

All officers of the Public Service will observe mourning till after the late Prime Minister's funeral. It is hoped that other persons would also observe mourning during this period as far as they are able to do so.

It is ordered that flags be flown at half-mast daily till after the funeral.

The body will lie in state in the Assembly Hall of the House of Representatives from 10 a.m. on Monday the 24th March.

The funeral procession will leave the House of Representatives at 3 p.m. on Saturday the 29th March.

The day of the funeral will be observed as a Public and Bank Holiday.

O. E. GOONETILLEKE,
Minister of Home Affairs and Rural Development.

Ministry of Home Affairs and Rural Development,
Colombo 7, March 22, 1952.

IT is hereby notified for general information that the correct mourning attire is as follows :—

Gentlemen :

In Uniform .. Mourning bands, crepe or black cloth, on left arm.
Plain Clothes .. Tropical dress (or dark suits) with a black tie but without a mourning band.

Ladies :

Black dresses, white dresses, or black and white dresses.

B. F. PERERA,
Permanent Secretary.

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