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Economic Report on Ceylon

My comments are given below:

1. Summary, paras 10 and 11: The word "billion" in the phrases "Rs. 280 billion (US\$60 million)" and "Rs 300 billion (US\$63 million)" should obviously read "million".
2. Text, Chapter I: At the risk of appearing to be officious, I would remark that some of the language used sounds too strong for a Bank report. Obviously, the Bank cannot avoid expressing judgments on even political matters that have an economic bearing (as for example, in para 54). Still, it seems to me that more tactful language could have been used instead of sentences like "... the Bandaranaike Government chose to lean on and carry favor with the Sinhalese peasantry as its strategy for maintaining political power".
3. Text, para 8: There seems to be something wrong in the sentence: "Thus the struggle for social recognition became increasingly transformed into one for a lesser share in employment and income". Not all Buddhists are monks.
4. Text, para 73: It would be useful I think to explain what is meant by "assweddumized" land". The underlined word is very probably not used outside Ceylon.
5. Table III: (a) heading incomplete; (b) no source.
6. Table VII: (a) no source; (b) the heading of the footnotes should obviously read "Notes on Table VII".
7. Tables VIII, IX, X, XI and XV: no source.

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