

8. We are indeed fortunate that within a relatively short time after independence, we are able to govern our country fairly well. We have a workable constitution; we have a good legal system; our judiciary is completely independent; our civil service is efficient and reliable, and so are our police and armed forces; we uphold and practise parliamentary democracy. Let us not belittle what we have achieved, in such a comparatively short time, in the political, social and economical fields.