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Census on medical centres in May- Minister

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The government will conduct a census on medical centres of doctors, Healthcare and Indigenous Medical Services Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi said.

This census is planned for May, 2020, she said. A census has

last been conducted from April, 2017 to January, 2018.

The minister was replying UNP MP Budika Pathirana concerning the number of private medical centres belonging to doctors in the country. According to statistics, 657 private medical centres are operating now. **TO PAGE 06**

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MP Pathirana pointed out to the minister that the recorded number of medical centres and the actual number differ. In agreement with the matter raised, Minister Wanniarachchi said that the government will pay special attention to the matter

and submit a report to Parliament concerning it before long.

Meanwhile, Minister Wanniarachchi in reply to a question by JVP MP Dr. Nalinda Jayatissa said that the government will promote the consumption of liquid milk while encouraging dairy

farming. Wanniarachchi said the supply of liquid milk is not sufficient to cover the demand now. "We do not have milch cows to meet this demand. So we need to take time and gradually increase liquid milk consumption" she said.