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Tuesday, July 05, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

11/15

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Defence,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware, that the services performed by Sri Lanka Navy such as providing security to domestic and foreign ships and surveillance activities in Ocean, prevention of piracy, have been entrusted to Avant-garde with effect from 18th September 2012?
- (b) Will he inform this House the agreement and its main conditions among Sri Lanka Navy, Avant-garde company and Rakna Arakshana Lanka Ltd.,?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the service relationship between Avant-garde company and Sri Lanka Navy;
 - (ii) whether the weapons and personnel of Sri Lanka Navy are provided for the security of the Avant-garde company; and
 - (iii) if so, the basis on which it is done?

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- (d) Will he also state separately—
 - (i) the income received by Avant-garde company; and
 - (ii) the amount of tax paid to the government;
during the period from the year 2012 up to 2015?
- (e) Will he also inform this House, whether action will be taken to revamp the decision taken by the then Secretary of Defence to remove from Sri Lanka Navy the Marine Security Service which earns a huge profit, and to misappropriate public property?
- (f) If not, why?

125/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Wharf Clerk Institutions in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of those Institutions;
and
 - (iii) separately, the number of employees working in each of the said Institutions?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the fees to be paid by Wharf Clerk Institutions to the government in renewing their permits;
 - (ii) value of each of the categories of fees;
 - (iii) separately in respect of each institution, the value of security bond paid by the Institutions indicated in (a) (ii) above in renewing their permits for the year 2014;
 - (iv) whether this security bond was a bank guarantee or a cash guarantee; and
 - (v) if it was a cash guarantee the bank to which the deposit was made, the name of the institution holding the account and whether it was a current, savings or fixed deposit account?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that an injustice has been caused to Wharf Clerk Institutions as a result of the revision of the new security bond fees;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to amend the said security bond fees; and
 - (iii) if so, the date from which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

424/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the percentage of growth of the All Share Price Index of the Colombo Stock Exchange and the Net Foreign Purchases in the years 2014 and 2015, separately?

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- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) the investors have lost confidence in the economy of Sri Lanka and the economic policy of the government as the All Share Price Index of the Colombo Stock Exchange has moved downwards within the last year; and
 - (ii) the foreign investors have lost confidence in the economy of Sri Lanka and the economic policy of the government as Net Foreign Purchases of the Colombo Stock Exchange within last year indicated a minus value?
- (c) If not, why?

438/16

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether sufficient financial allocations have been issued to Divisional Secretariats for Senior Citizens' Allowances for the year 2016;
 - (ii) what amount was issued for the year 2015; and
 - (iii) what amount is to be issued for the year 2016?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the allowance concerned will be provided to all the senior citizens who have applied for it;
 - (ii) if not, whether any restrictions have been placed;
 - (iii) if so, why; and
 - (iv) if no restriction has been made, whether he will take action to provide sufficient allocations and grant this allowance for all the senior citizens who have applied for it?
- (c) If not, why?

440/16

Hon. D. V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a housing programme that costs Rs.250,000/= was implemented under the Housing Development Programme by the National Housing Development Authority?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and the locations of the lands in which the aforesaid programme is being implemented;
 - (ii) whether the relevant plots of land have been identified by the district land use committee when those lands were distributed;

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- (iii) separately, the number of beneficiaries selected based on each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of those beneficiaries and the methodology adopted to select them;
 - (v) the names of the public officers who participated to select the beneficiaries; and
 - (vi) whether the qualifications of the beneficiaries who were selected to own a land are at a satisfactory level?
- (c) If not, why?

443/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of bank accounts maintained by the Sri Lankans in overseas banks;
 - (ii) the value of each account in respect of each country separately;
 - (iii) whether the holders of those bank accounts have deposited money violating the laws in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) whether legal action will be taken with regard to those accounts;
 - (v) if so, the way in which it will be done;
 - (vi) whether the government has made any requests at diplomatic level to get information on all those accounts through the relevant governments; and
 - (vii) if not, why?
- (b) Will he also inform this House that—
- (i) whether the Minister of Finance stated in his response to my question raised in this House on 03.03.2015 about the bank accounts in the HSBC in Switzerland, that action would be taken to amend the laws relating to the financial intelligence and necessary action would be taken in this regard in the next cabinet meeting; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that have been taken and the progress achieved after the amendments were made?
- (c) If not, why?

446/16

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) 7000 pine trees are being felled and removed in Samanalagama in Nawalapitiya range under the Department of Forest Conservation in Kandy district;

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- (ii) arrangements have been made to fell and remove through private traders the pine trees in 200 acres in Mapakanda, Nawalpitiya and in 50 acres in Malgolla, Dolosbage; and
 - (iii) eventhough permission had been obtained to remove only 2500 trees in Paragala section of Dolosbage, nearly 12000 trees have been felled and removed by now without authorization?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the procedures followed in granting approval for the removal of all the trees mentioned above and the names of the officers involved;
 - (ii) whether he admits that a huge amount of money due to the government has been lost as a result; and
 - (iii) of the legal action that would be taken against the officers involved in those fraudulent actions?
- (c) If not, why?

452/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) whether he is aware that the tax revenue loss incurred through 407 vehicles imported to Sri Lanka as a result of the action to underestimate the value of the vehicle model TRJ 150W by 8,836 dollars from 36,800 USD on 15th August 2014 to 27,944 USD (3,375,000 Japanese Yen) on 23rd March 2015, is approximately 3000 million rupees?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) as to who should be held responsible regarding this tax revenue loss;
 - (ii) of the measures that are taken pertaining to any loss that has incurred in the state revenue, if any; and
 - (iii) of the number of motor vehicles imported to the country under the duty free permit as a result of the underestimation of prices from the previous valuation?
- (c) If not, why?

457/16

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a report was called from the Secretary to the Ministry of External Affairs by the letter number MOJ/L2/2/3/12 dated 30.05.2014 of the Secretary to the Ministry of Justice with pertinence to the appeal made for the transfer of the person by the name of M.M.M. Bistham who is imprisoned in Maldives to a Prison in Sri Lanka (Case File No.175/2009-Court No.194 JC-2009), as per the Exchange Treaty signed between the governments of Sri Lanka and Maldives?

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- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the steps taken in relation to the transferring process of the aforesaid prisoner to a Prison in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) what its current progress is?
- (c) If not, why?

479/16

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of the year 2015—
 - (i) the total quantity of sugar that was consumed by the Sri Lankans in metric tons;
 - (ii) the quantity of sugar that was imported out of the total quantity consumed;
 - (iii) the value of the quantity of sugar that was imported; and
 - (iv) the quantity of sugar that was manufactured at local sugar factories?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately, the quantity of sugar manufactured by local factories in years 2014 and 2015; and
 - (ii) whether there was an increase in the production of sugar in the year 2015 when compared with the year 2014?
- (c) If not, why?

503/16

Hon. Chathura Sandeepa Senaratne,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the examination for the promotion of officers of the Government Translators' Service to the Special Grade of the Translators' Service has not been conducted after 1999;
 - (ii) owing to that, all positions of the said special grade have fallen vacant at present; and
 - (iii) these officers have been subjected to severe injustice for over 16 years as they have been deprived of the only promotional opportunity available to them?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the special grade of that service was down graded with effect from 01.01.2006 by the Public Administration Circular of 06/2006;
 - (ii) accordingly this grade which was at the level of island-wide Service was placed even below the supra grade of the Management Assistants' Service from 2006; and
 - (iii) this situation has resulted in officers vacating the service thereby creating a severe dearth of officers?

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- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the relief to be granted to those officers who lost promotion opportunities;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to grant this special grade of the service, the status that prevailed prior to 2006 through the new draft service minute; and
 - (iii) if so, whether those provisions will be implemented forthwith?
- (d) If not, why?

558/16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the Colombo Municipal Council has been dumping waste of the city of Colombo at a place in Meethotamulla for many years now;
 - (ii) although the permission to dump waste is limited to a site 02 acres in extent, waste has been dumped in an area that spreads over 12 acres; and
 - (iii) the people in Kolonnawa area have been depressed as they have been severely affected in terms of education, health and effects on the environment?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) what quantity of waste is brought from the city of Colombo to Meethotamulla every day;
 - (ii) whether the Colombo Municipal Council would choose an alternative place to Meethotamulla for dumping waste;
 - (iii) if so, on which date;
 - (iv) whether the Council will implement a measure to remove the existing waste, if steps are to be taken to send waste to another place; and
 - (v) if so, on which date?
- (c) If not, why?

563/16

Hon S. Shrirathan,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of pre-schools located across the island;
 - (ii) whether there is a formal education system for pre-school children in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the salary group under which the salary scheme of pre-school teachers is placed?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of pre-schools in the Northern Province, especially in the Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts;
 - (ii) of these pre-schools, the number of pre-schools under the Department of Civil Security; and
 - (iii) the basis on which salaries are paid to the teachers teaching in them?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether—
- (i) teachers associated with security forces can teach pre-school children who are about to commence school education;
 - (ii) this system is in operation in other parts of the country as well; and
 - (iii) he is aware that military insignias are affixed to uniforms of pre-school children?
- (d) If not, why?

575/16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr. S.M. Jezeer resides in the railway reserved land in Batticaloa, Polonnaruwa with his family (in punani, Rideethenna) since a long period of time; and
 - (ii) he has applied to get the aforesaid plot of land from Department of Railways on a long term lease (File No.ද.ස.ස/ද.ර.ක.ඒ./නව බදු දීම/2012) ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether it is considered to provide Mr. Jezeer who has been rendered helpless without having a land or permanent house to live, a part of the Railway Reserved land by a legal lease agreement?
- (c) If not, why?

142/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the public institutions which incurred losses during the financial year 2014 ;
 - (ii) the losses incurred by the aforesaid institutions, separately; and
 - (iii) the amount of money to be paid to other public institutions by the institutions mentioned in (i) above, separately?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money issued by the General Treasury to each of the aforesaid institutions to settle the losses, separately;
 - (ii) whether an inquiry has been conducted in regard to the reasons for the aforesaid losses;
 - (iii) if so, the reasons relevant to each institution, separately
 - (iv) Whether steps will be taken to make the aforesaid institutions profit making ventures; and
 - (v) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, July 07, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

156/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he table —
- (i) the extent of forest lands that comes under the Department of Wildlife Conservation;
 - (ii) the names of aforesaid forests; and
 - (iii) separately, the extent of each forest, in acres?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether boundaries of aforesaid forests have been demarcated;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which aforesaid demarcation was done;
 - (iii) if not, whether measures will be taken to demarcate aforesaid forests; and
 - (iv) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether there are houses, tourist hotels or other constructions, within the forests that were mentioned in aforesaid (a) (ii) above; and
 - (ii) if so, whether a study has been conducted, on the environmental impact caused by aforesaid constructions?
- (d) If not, why?

420/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of students that had been specified to be enrolled for each course of study at state Universities in Sri Lanka in the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 separately according to the hand book issued by the University Grants Commission pertaining to the University admission;
 - (ii) the actual number of students that were enrolled for such courses of study in the years concerned;
 - (iii) if number of students lower than the number specified for each course have been enrolled, the reason for it; and
 - (iv) if number of students higher than the number specified for each course have been enrolled, the reason for it?
- (b) If not, why?

441/16

Hon. D. V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a Housing Loan Scheme of Rs. 50,000/= and Rs. 100,000/= is implemented by the National Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) the number of recipients in each Divisional Secretariat Division who have received that housing loan in 2015;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of those recipients;
 - (iv) the criteria considered in the disbursement of the loan; and
 - (v) whether he is aware of the fact that the recommendation of a branch union of a political party is required to consider for the loan?
- (b) If not, why?

460/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the monthly allowance of Rs. 2,000/= granted to the senior citizens over 70 years of age by the National Council for Elders and National Secretariat for Elders under the national re-awakening programme of the Mahinda Chinthana Vision for Future, was carried out continuously throughout the year 2015 even after the new government came into power?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to the year 2015 in each district separately —
- (i) the number of senior citizens who were granted that allowance; and
 - (ii) the amount spent for granting that allowance?

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- (c) Will he further inform this House whether he accepts the fact that the above mentioned allowance of Rs. 2,000/= has been reduced to Rs. 1,900/= since the beginning of 2016?
- (d) If not, why?

474/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the foreign debt of the Sri Lankan government as at 01.01.2015 and 31.12.2015 in US Dollars;
 - (ii) separately of the exchange rate between the US Dollar and Sri Lankan Rupee as at 01.01.2015 and 31.12.2015; and
 - (iii) of the rupee value of the increase in Sri Lanka's foreign debt as at 31.12.2015 as a result of the depreciation of the rupee against the US dollar during the year 2015?
- (b) If not, why?

480/16

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the occupation of the majority of the people, who are living in Kegalle and Kalutara districts, is rubber tapping;
 - (ii) the prices of latex and dry sheet rubber, are in a lower level since few months; and
 - (iii) the government stipulated a control price of Rs. 350/= for a kilo of rubber, as a remedial measure ?
- (b) Will he accept that the stipulated control price is not effective in the market by now?
- (c) Will he inform this House, if so, of the measures will be taken on behalf of the people whose livelihood is rubber tapping?
- (d) If not, why?

504/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Will he accept that—
 - (i) an order has been issued to the Criminal Investigations Department on 21.07.2007 to start an investigation on the matters raised by the ruling given in relation to the petition filed at the Supreme Court under No. SEFR 209/2007 regarding the irregular sale of the assets of Lanka Marine Services Ltd. (LMSL); and
 - (ii) the advice in that regard has not been received up to now, even though the investigations were carried out and the relevant extracts were referred to the Department of the Attorney General for legal advice on 08.12.2008?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether action will be taken to obtain such advices; and
 - (ii) whether such information would be intimated to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

513/16

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he accept that—
 - (i) tea and rubber prices have come down to the lowest during the last 15 years;
 - (ii) tea smallholders are responsible for 80% of the total tea exports and the tea export earnings have come down by 21% during the last 06 months; and
 - (iii) some tea smallholders have abandoned the tea production due to losses incurred in the production process;
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the government —
 - (i) pays Rs. 90/- per kg. of Green Leaf and Rs.350/- per kg. of Sheet Rubber as promised by them during their recent election campaign; and
 - (ii) takes necessary steps to offer a long term concessionary loan of One Million Rupees per hectare for tea smallholders on a nominal interest rate to be deducted in 10 years with the view of saving the industries by keeping their land as collateral;
- (c) If not, why?

560/16

Hon. S. Shriritharan,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a state owned agricultural farm and an agricultural school in Wattakachchi area;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of that farm in respect of the acreage of land and mud lands separately;
 - (iii) who administers this farm at present and who makes use of this farm;
 - (iv) whether this farm will be transferred to the relevant department; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to provide employment opportunities to its labourers and make it functional again?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to transform the agricultural school attached to the Wattakkachchi agricultural farm into a functional state;
- (ii) whether he is aware that this school functioned in the same manner that the agricultural schools in Vavuniya and Kundasale were functioned;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to make it functional again in that manner; and
- (iv) the time period that will be needed to transfer this to the relevant department and make it functional?

(c) If not, why?

576/16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware—

- (i) that the commercial establishment “Maulana Textiles” located in Bazaar Street, Kalpitiya, owned by M.H.M. Sali of Anawasar Street, Sinnakudiyiruppu, Kalpitiya, Puttlam was destroyed on 21.02.2002 by a mob of thugs by setting fire; and
- (ii) that even though an application, bearing No. REP/PV/App/2002 was forwarded by Mr. Sali who has been rendered helpless having lost the business, to the Rehabilitation of Persons, Property and Industries Authority, expecting compensation, no compensation has been granted to him until now?

(b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to provide his compensation without delay looking into this matter, since there is a tendency to pass time on aforesaid application for years, giving various excuses?

(c) If not, why?

580/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether members of the Uva Provincial Council took part in a foreign tour in the year 2016 using public funds;

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- (ii) if so, whether the approval of the President has been granted for the aforesaid tour;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money that was spent on that tour;
 - (iv) of the objective of that tour;
 - (v) whether any person other than the Members of the Provincial Council took part in that tour spending the funds of the Provincial Council;
 - (vi) if so, of the names and designations of such persons;
 - (vii) whether such persons are permitted to take part in a foreign tour using public funds in terms of the laws and rules currently in effect; and
 - (viii) whether a public servant who has obtained leave from public service and is acting as a coordinating secretary is permitted to take part in a foreign tour spending public funds?
- (b) If not, why?

594/16

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the quantity of rice imported to Sri Lanka through the CWE in the year 2014 and the total cost of that;
 - (ii) the quantity of rice sold by now out of that total quantity and the profit earned by the CWE through that; and
 - (iii) the quantity of rice that could not be sold and the loss incurred to the CWE through that?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that such losses are incurred as a result of the failure to consider the local market condition prior to importing rice;
 - (ii) if so, whether a proper methodology would be developed to carry out the loss incurring activities in a productive manner; and
 - (iii) if so, what that methodology is and the date on which it will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

606/16

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of foreign tours in which the Members of Parliament from the side of the government and Ministers have participated;
 - (ii) of the names of the Members of Parliament and Ministers including the Prime Minister who have participated in the aforesaid tours;
 - (iii) of the countries which they visited; and
 - (iv) out of the aforesaid foreign tours, separately of the official and personal tours taken;during the period from January to December in the year 2015?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether public officers have participated in the tours mentioned in (a) (i);
 - (ii) if so, of the number of aforesaid officers; and
 - (iii) of the total expenditure borne for the foreign tours in which Members of Parliament representing the government and Ministers have participated during the above period?
- (c) If not, why?

614/16

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,— (1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Galewela-Thonigala Road, which turns left from the Colombo-Anuradhapura main road at Galewela, runs via the embankment of the Kalaweva Tank, passes the Ihalagama Junction and links with A-9 Road at the Thonigala Junction, has not been reconstructed in fifty years;
 - (ii) it is possible to reach cities of Jaffna and Vavuniya easily by travelling from Galewela through this road and entering A-9 Road; and
 - (iii) this will bring economic benefits while minimizing vehicular traffic congestion on the main route?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons for not reconstructing this 46-km road, which facilitates people living in the Mahaweli area; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to reconstruct that road expeditiously?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether reconstruction work pertaining to the 7-km stretch of road from the Kekirawa town to Ganewalpola, which was commenced by the previous regime and has been stopped now, will be resumed; and
 - (ii) if so, on which date?
- (c) If not, why?

617/16

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Thirukkedishwara Kovil situated in Mannar District is a religious site of the Hindu people; and
 - (ii) a Buddhist temple is being constructed in an unauthorized manner on a land belonging to Mr. Kanpathipillei Wijayakumar which is situated in the close proximity of the Thirukkedishwara kovil?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to suspend the unauthorized construction of this temple?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, July 08, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

158/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the extent of acres in which pines and eucalyptus have been grown in the forests that come under the Department of Forest Conservation;
 - (ii) of the advantages and disadvantages that the environment experience owing to aforesaid afforestation; and
 - (iii) of the benefits that Sri Lankan economy achieve through pines and eucalyptus afforestation ?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) whether measures have been taken to grow a variety of local trees instead of pines and eucalyptus;
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid types of trees;
 - (iii) if not, whether measures will be taken to grow local trees, in time to come; and
 - (iv) whether plans have been made to that effect?
- (c) If not, why?

451/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the number of students that was to be admitted to each course of study of state universities during the 04 years from 2006-2009 as indicated in the University Entrance Handbook issued by the University Grants Commission; and
 - (ii) separately, the actual number of students admitted to each such course of study during the 04 years from 2006-2009?
- (b) If not, why?

481/16

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of types of animals housed in the Pinnawala Outdoor Zoo at present; and
 - (ii) the income earned since the date the zoo was opened?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) there are not sufficient number of animals in this zoo; and
 - (ii) that results in the visitors to the zoo becoming dissatisfied?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the steps to be taken to make the visits to the zoo entertaining and satisfying?
- (d) If not, why?

501/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of times that the vehicles of the Presidential Security Division, met with accidents during the period of time from 09.01.2015 to 31.03.2016 ;
 - (ii) of the number of persons died and got injured as a result of aforesaid accidents;
 - (iii) of the reasons led for the increase of accidents, in this manner; and
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken by the Presidential Security Division to minimize accidents?
- (b) If not, why?

577/16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the business establishment, 'Akbar Traders', located at Assessment No.58, Losan Street, Nuwara Eliya, owned by M.J.M. Akbar of No.288, Nawalapitiya Road, Jayamalapura, Gampola was set on fire by a mob of thugs in the time of Black July in 1983; and
 - (ii) a request (File No. 224/4/3/52 and 17/08/2005) was made to the authorities concerned, through Nuwara-Eliya Divisional Secretary asking for compensation for the loss caused on aforesaid business establishment?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons led for the delay of paying compensation to Mr. Akbar who has been rendered helpless, having lost his entire business which has been registered as a commercial company under No. 2342 due to the destruction caused; and
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to pay compensation without a delay?
- (c) If not, why?

597/16

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of casual operators of Railway Crossing Gates, in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) of the monthly allowance given to them by Sri Lanka Police Department?
- (b) Will he accept that—
 - (i) the operators of Railway Crossing Gates are a group of people who provides a great service to the society;
 - (ii) the monthly allowance provided to them by Sri Lanka Police Department is insufficient; and
 - (iii) so, they should be paid a sufficient monthly allowance?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether appropriate measures will be taken for their job security and whether they are paid a sufficient allowance; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (d) If not, why?

615/16

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the dam of ancient Yodha-Ela of Kala Wewa, that brings water to Tissa Wewa from Batuwatta junction has not been reconstructed since 1977; and
 - (ii) since no action has been taken to reconstruct this canal which has a length of about 12.5 km, a large number of farmers who use this road have found it difficult to carry their yield and farming equipment?
- (b) Will he inform this house the reason for not taking action to reconstruct the dam?
- (c) If not, why?

618/16

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a Buddhist temple is being constructed in an unauthorized manner on a land belonging to Mr. Thirughanasambandhar Maniwannadasar in Kokilai area of Mullative District; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to immediately suspend the unauthorized construction of this temple which is subject to massive demonstration by the public?
- (b) If not, why?

638/16

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he state whether the Northern Water Supply Project that was implemented in Anuradhapura District is operative, now?
- (b) Will he inform this House, if the project is operative—
 - (i) whether benefits of the projects will be transferred to the public within anticipated time period;
 - (ii) separately, of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions covered by the project;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions, coming under aforesaid Divisional Secretariat divisions;
 - (iv) of the number of beneficiary families; and
 - (v) whether measures have been taken to expedite the project?
- (c) If not, why?

649/16

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the second phase of the Ruhunupura Water Supply Project that had been planned to be implemented in Hambanthota has been commenced; and
 - (ii) the amount that has been estimated to be spent for it?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions that are covered under the second phase;
 - (ii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions to which pipe borne water connections have been given by now; and
 - (iii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions to which pipe borne water connections have not been given?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to provide pipe borne water connections to the Grama Niladhari Divisions to which pipe borne water connections are not provided at present; and
 - (ii) the period of time that will be taken for it?
- (d) If not, why?

651/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he table —
- (i) the mean monthly and annual per sub usage in respect of fixed and mobile subs of each operator by domestic on net, off net and international calls;
 - (ii) the mean monthly and annual answered calls per sub in respect of fixed and mobile subs of each operator by domestic on net, off net and international calls;
 - (iii) the mean monthly and annual bill per sub in respect of fixed and mobile subs by domestic on net, off net and international calls;
 - (iv) the mean monthly and annual per user usage in Giga Bytes (GB) for each ISP;
 - (v) the mean monthly and annual per sub bill for internet use in respect of each ISP; and
 - (vi) the distribution of items (i), (iii), (iv) and (v) listed above preferably by deciles if not ,at least by quintiles?
- (b) If not, why?

383/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of family health service officers deployed for the Southern Province;
 - (ii) the number of such officers who are serving at present; and
 - (iii) the date on which the family health service officers were recruited for the last time?

(22)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are family health service officers who were not recruited to the service after the completion of the training;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such officers; and
 - (iii) the date on which they will be recruited?
- (c) Will he also inform this House that—
 - (i) whether there is a dearth of family health service officers in the General Hospitals in the Southern Province that come under the Central Government and the Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken to fill those vacancies?
- (d) If not, why?

459/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the current status of the Mihindupura Middle Class Housing Project of Kirulapone, Colombo-06 which was launched by the National Housing Development Authority in the year 2014;
 - (ii) of the date on which the aforesaid housing project was completed;
 - (iii) of the number of houses of which construction work has been completed; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money spent by the National Housing Authority for this purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the local company which was in charge of the construction work of the housing project is using the aforesaid state owned land with approximately 2 acres to park their private heavy vehicles;
 - (ii) of the monthly rental paid to the government by the aforesaid company in lieu of using the said land; and
 - (iii) if land is being utilized without making any payment, of the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that chemicals are used in cultivating and ripening fruits and vegetables in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he accept that—
 - (i) the health condition of the people, gets deteriorated due to the consumption of the vegetables and the fruits for which chemicals have been used;
 - (ii) people are subjected to hazardous diseases like cancers and excessive deposit of cholesterol due to the exposure to aforesaid chemicals?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the measures taken by the government to minimize the use of chemicals?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reasons for not appointing Mr. Suhada Gamlath, who was the most senior officer of the department, to the post of Attorney General ;
 - (ii) whether there are recent precedents of appointing a junior officer to the post of Attorney General instead of the most senior officer ;
 - (iii) the year in which such precedents were set, the name of the junior officer who received the appointment, the name of the senior officer who was aggrieved and the names of the heads of state at that time; and
 - (iv) whether he admits the fact that the appointment of a junior officer by the president in this manner without giving reasons for not appointing the most senior officer is a disappointment to the people who were assured of an independent public service through the 19th amendment to the constitution?
 - (b) If not, why ?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.8/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making use of Government Schools and Universities for education units, during vacations,— That this Parliament resolves that adult and non formal education units should be started on concessionary rates with the involvement of business community, Non Government Organizations, Chambers of Commerce and community based organizations during school holidays and afternoon sessions and University vacations.

P.9/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting up of an efficient system to make acting appointments on Grama Niladari Posts that fall vacant,— That this Parliament resolves that a post of Grama Niladari's be set up in each divisional secretariat office with a view to appointing Grama Niladari's from that pool to Grama Niladari Divisions that fall vacant, since appointing the Grama Niladari of the adjoining division on acting basis on a meagre allowance when vacancy occurs in a Grama Niladari Division leads to the breakdown of efficiency in both divisions and also to provide for the Grama Niladari's of that pool to be deployed in any productive field or duty assigned to them by the Divisional Secretary.

P.10/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Granting official recognition to prevailing Civil Defence Committees,— That this Parliament resolves that a Parliamentary Act to be enacted to enable official recognition be granted to Civil Defence Committees operational at present and to make it more convenient for those committees comprising of the Chief Incumbent, Priest of the religious institutions, the Principal, Grama Niladhari, Samurdhi Development Officer, Agriculture Research Assistant, Janasabha Secretaries, an officer representing the Police Station of the area, representatives from the voluntary organizations, public and private sector employees who are residents of the Grama Niladhari Division, be set up and to facilitate proper co-ordination with the relevant authorities against criminal acts, vices and various illegal activities taking place in the Grama Niladhari Division.

P.11/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating outdated laws and regulations currently being in operation in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that since laws and regulations introduced during the Colonial Era are still in operation, that committees be appointed to review such laws and regulations and a national programme be implemented to update outdated penalties, fines etc.

P.12/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Holding all elections on the same day,— That this Parliament resolves whereas during the 22 year period from 1988 to 2010 an election of some kind has been held every year except for the years 1990, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2003 and 2007 whereas the holding of such elections is having a huge impact on every field such as economy and administration of the country, though it is a worthy criterion in gauging the public opinion, that an appropriate amendment be introduced to the Constitution to revise the official term of office of entities such as Local Government Authorities, the Parliament and the Presidency and to devise an appropriate system of election, enabling the holding of elections for them on the same day.

P. 13/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to strengthen Parliamentary Democracy,— That this Parliament resolves that an amendment to the Constitution required to design a system to ensure the representation of the heads of the Local Government Bodies in the Provincial Councils and the heads of Provincial Councils in the Parliament, be introduced for the maintenance of proper coordination between the Parliament and the Provincial Councils and between the Provincial Councils and the Local Government Bodies in order to make democracy in the country more stronger.

P. 14/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to create national integrity,— That this Parliament resolves that, with the aim of promoting national integrity, a national programme be implemented with the assistance of the state and private electronic and print media to commence the conducting of the Sinhala language training programmes in areas where the Tamil speaking people live and the Tamil language training programmes where the Sinhala speaking people live with the assistance of Government, non-government and private institutions.

P. 15/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to the party rendered helpless due to the improper behavior of the spouse,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary laws be drafted to prevent the spouse together with the children becoming utterly helpless due to the husband or the wife being engaged in alcoholism, gambling and other improper behaviors and selling or transferring to others land or household goods on his or her own will, when a married couple are living under the same roof.

P.16/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing Committees on Ethics,— That this Parliament resolves that a Committee on Ethics should be established to look into the matters connected with the maintaining of credibility and good ethical conduct of the Members of Parliament in Sri Lanka.

P.17/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Issuing a new Electronic Identity Card,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Identity Card with a new electronic number and containing important and necessary details about the relevant individual such as blood group, bank account number, credit card number, educational qualifications, driving licence number and passport number, be issued to facilitate administration and suppression of crimes and other fraudulent activities and that information of all residents of Divisional Secretariat Divisions be computerized early at Grama Niladhari Division level and those information be updated from time to time.

P.18/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Option of retirement after a 20 year period of service for male Police Officers,— That this Parliament resolves that the option of voluntary retirement available for female Police Officers after the completion of 20 year period of service shall be made applicable to the male Police Officers as well, and a scheme shall be formulated for this purpose.

P.19/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting up Committees for repealing regulations,— That this Parliament resolves that committees to look into the possibility of repealing redundant regulations shall be set up since the formulation of regulations as well as the repealing of regulations is an ongoing process.

P.21/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Assurance Committees,— That this Parliament moves that committees be established to ensure that the Government fulfills its' responsibilities as there are occasions when the Government fails to meet the assurances given in response to questions raised in Parliament and the obligations of the Government.

P.22/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Enhancing the productivity of the lands owned by the Department of Railways,— That this Parliament resolves that the income received by the Department be enhanced by removing speedily the unauthorized constructions and occupants from the lands owned by the Department of Railways and by reviewing the agreements regarding authorized constructions and that the lands that do not affect development work of the Department directly be provided to the private sector on long-term lease and funds thus obtained be utilized for modernization of the Railway Network.

P.23/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a scheme to protect the lives of the beggars,— That this Parliament resolves that lands for cultivation be provided to beggars and their safety of life and nourishment be ensured through the income received from such lands, as there is a serious threat to the lives of the beggars at present.

P.24/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a system to prevent the harm caused by stray dogs to human lives,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a system to allocate a portion of land for the purpose of confining stray dogs and caring for them with a view to preventing the harm caused by them to human lives.

P.25/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Imposing severe punishment for cases of child abuse,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to expedite the hearing of cases of child abuse by passing new rules and regulations, if the existing rules and regulations in that respect are not sufficient as a situation has arisen where child abuse increases speedily day by day, throughout the Island.

P.26/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing beach access roads for the promotion of tourism,— Since the obstruction caused to local and foreign tourists and fishermen in accessing the coastal belt as a result of constructions going on apace within the coastal zone of the Island has hindered the promotion of tourism as well as the fisheries industry, that this Parliament resolves that a beach access road network should be established with a view to preventing this situation and to promote these industries.

P.27/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Rectifying the salary anomalies of the officers in the Education Administrative Service,— That this Parliament resolves that since there exist a salary anomaly in Principals' Service, Teacher Education Service and Education Administrative Service, a methodology should be formulated to rectify the aforesaid situation enabling them to receive a salary which is sufficient to maintain their dignity.

P.28/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promoting Buddhist Bhikku Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be formulated to establish separate Bhikku Education Institutions specially meant for improving Buddhist Monks' oratorical skills, listening skills, computer literacy and their knowledge on psychology and counseling, in addition to the existing Bhikku Education Institutions, with a view to promoting their knowledge on Dhamma.

P.29/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the Notary Service operative in Sri Lanka at present,— Since the Notary Service operative in the Island at present has been based on obsolete laws, this Parliament resolves that this service has to be reconsidered and laws have to be introduced to suit the present situation in the country.

P.30/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Strengthening the economy of the chena cultivators in the dry zone,— That this House resolves that Co-operative Societies Limited be set up in order to increase the yield of crops such as paddy, kurakkan, green gram and gingelly cultivated by the chena cultivators in the dry zone, process products of high quality through the introduction of new technology to process products, and strengthen the base in the local and international markets to sell those products.

P.31/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Teacher Advisory Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Teacher Instructor posts which was initiated nearly 20 years ago with the objective of ensuring quality development in education in Sri Lanka, and has been in operation ever since, be established as a separate Teacher Advisory Service unit.

P.32/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing new technology to popularize rice flour instead of wheat flour among the public,— That this Parliament resolves that with the aim of retaining the huge amount of wealth drained from this country to foreign countries on wheat flour, to popularize food prepared with rice flour which could be used as a substitute, and to grind rice which is a fibrous type of grain more finely similar to the consistency of wheat flour, machinery and new technology of the type used to grind wheat flour be introduced.

P.33/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to those who have become disabled due to the war,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to provide some monthly allowance for those disabled due to war, as a considerable number out of those who earned a living as laborers and those who were engaged in permanent jobs have become deformed and disabled due to the war that existed for a period of nearly 30 years and live helplessly burdened by the cost of living.

P.34/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing a travelling allowance for all V.I.P. security personnel,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to pay an equal amount as a travelling allowance to the officials engaged in Presidential security service, Prime Minister's security service as well as other V.I.P. security services

P.35/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Converting courses conducted by the universities into job-oriented courses,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic program should be drawn up for the co-ordination of public sector and private sector institutions with all universities with a view to providing employment opportunities for those graduated whereafter converting those degree courses conducted exclusively for scholarly education by all government and private sector universities of the island into job-oriented, professional degree courses.

P.36/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting proper standards for vans transporting school children,— That this Parliament resolves that standards should be introduced for school vans in order to maintain a school van service with proper standards and to ensure the safety of school children who make use of this service, and a code of disciplinary rules should be introduced for maintaining good conduct among employees of school vans since school van services operated throughout the island do not meet the required standards and the conduct of some employees of school vans is not at a satisfactory level.

P.37/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a methodology to increase production to suit future national and international demand,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology to increase production, through inter-relations among all sectors affiliated to relevant products, while making maximum use of modern technology, be formulated, after making a projection of industrial and agricultural productions that suit the demand from the national and international community.

P.38/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Creating a digital library to protect the traditional heritage of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a modern library making use of digital technology be set up for all sectors including the environment, indigenous medicine, agriculture and traditional industries, as an extensive national programme has become necessary to protect and nurture the traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people, and pass it on to the future generation, and to prevent the abuse of genetic resources and biological heritage, and steps be taken to formulate a joint programme in that respect, bringing together all relevant sectors including the World Intellectual Property Organization, National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka and the Bio-diversity Unit of the Ministry of Environment.

P.39/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Commencing a national programme to conserve the traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be commenced, jointly by the relevant sectors including the Bio-diversity Unit and the National Intellectual Property Office, by obtaining information from people representing various sectors such as systems of medicine, agriculture, food preservation and handicrafts where traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people is used, to conserve such knowledge.

P.40/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Obtaining patents for genetic resources in medicinal herbs endemic to Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a special programme be prepared, jointly by all responsible institutions including the Bio-diversity Unit, National Intellectual Property Office and the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine, to prevent foreign countries from identifying active chemicals and genetic resources contained in valuable medicinal herbs endemic to Sri Lanka and obtaining patents for them fraudulently, by obtaining patents for the relevant active chemicals and genetic resources for Sri Lanka, and to use those properties for producing and upgrading pharmaceuticals.

P.41/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Abandoning of honorary titles of representatives of the people,— Since all representatives of the people representing the Parliament, the Provincial Councils, the Pradeshiya Sabhas including the President and the Prime Minister receive salaries and/or allowances monthly for the duties they perform, and since none of the holders of the above posts render an honorary service with altruistic concerns, and since the use of titles such as His Excellency, Honourable or Sir with the name or the post has become an object for ridicule, that this Parliament resolves that necessary action be pursued to discontinue the use of honorary titles of the representatives of the people.

P.42/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Extension of the Maintenance Board for Elders Programme at Provincial, District and Divisional Secretariat levels,— That this Parliament resolves that the Maintenance Board for Elders Programme, functioning under the Secretariat for Elders of the Ministry of Social Services to lodge complaints against injustices caused by various parties by neglecting elderly citizens, be extended at Provincial, District and Divisional Secretariat levels.

P.43/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a Loan Scheme for the elderly community that enables them to contribute towards the economic development of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, since the non-existence of a Loan Scheme in the Banking System for the elders who have passed 60 years of age that enables them to contribute to the overall economic development of Sri Lanka and strengthening their means of livelihood is social discrimination against them, a proper programme be formulated to prevent this injustice caused to the elders.

P.44/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a programme for persons who are over the age of 60 to make them active members of the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be adopted to create awareness in the society including the school community to formulate a programme to make the elders over the age of 60, who laboured for the social economic progress and who are now in an inactive and left out state without any recognition in the society, active members of the society.

P.45/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expanding the knowledge of school children regarding Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be drawn up to include Motor Mechanics as a subject in the school syllabus, as a solution for the unemployment problem of the future youth of Sri Lanka and with the aim of meeting the demand for skilled workers in comparison to the advancement of the field of Motor Mechanics.

P.46/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a College of Education to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a College of Education be established to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics at school level so that the demand for skilled workers in the field can be met in a manner that keeps pace with the growth and development taking place in the field of Automotive Technology in Sri Lanka and abroad.

P.47/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated to change and update the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics that are 25-30 years old, since the government technical colleges and the affiliated institutes related to the Motor Mechanics still follow such archaic syllabuses.

P.48/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Ensuring security of Employment of those who are engaged in occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be prepared expeditiously to develop the economic strength of youth, retired members of the Armed Forces and senior citizen groups living in Sri Lanka who are willing to engage in direct and indirect occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes, with the objective of obtaining their contribution to the total national production and thereby adding the active contribution of those who are involved in the aforementioned field to the national economy.

P.49/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Broadening public attitudes on Sri Lankan/local cookery in the country,— That this Parliament resolves that a broad attitudinal change should be effected in the public about the Sri Lankan/local cookery and culinary arts by introducing measures such as the inclusion of Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts as a subject in the curricula of schools, universities and tertiary educational institutions, making new discoveries through the promotion of research with the intervention of both public and private sector and the creation of Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Post-graduate courses with the involvement of the institutions connected to the field with a view to changing the public attitudes towards the Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts sector.

P.50/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Integrating Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching and learning process,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to uplift the Sri Lankan identity internationally, by transferring Sri Lankan food culture to the future generations through teaching and learning methodologies and spreading our food culture among locals and foreigners, in the context that the Sri Lankan food culture has been formed with a number of sectors including the art of flavours and blending, art of cookery, art of colouring and cutting technique.

P.51/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Targeting development activities of Ministries when preparing research theses of students of Universities and Tertiary Education Institutes,— That this Parliament resolves that, since it is important to utilize the research theses submitted by students of universities and tertiary education institutes as part of their courses of study for economic, social, cultural and developmental activities, a systematic programme should be introduced enabling the realization of future development processes and timely objectives of the ministries by appointing an officer from the ministry relevant to the theses for proper coordination between the lecturers who supervise the theses and ministries for which the theses are applicable.

P.52/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Entering the name in the Register of Electors immediately upon completion of 18 years of age,— That this Parliament resolves that a practical arrangement be made to enable a person completing 18 years of age to get his/her name entered in the Register of Electors on the very date that person completes 18 years of age, prior or subsequent to the date that the Department of Elections is due to make annual revision of the Registers of Electors.

P.53/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Putting in place a formal mechanism to produce saline in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that with the intervention of the government, a formal mechanism be put in place to produce saline in Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Government, private and co-operative sectors and by utilizing the local technology with a view to saving the foreign exchange that flows out of the country every year to import saline which is used in massive quantities in Sri Lanka annually.

P.54/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing new products made using coconut water,— That this Parliament resolves that a process be implemented to introduce new products made using coconut water with the help of new technology, targeting the local and international markets under a proper methodology, as a huge amount of coconut water is wasted within Sri Lanka annually.

P.55/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Exploring new resources in the ocean,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal further study on oceanic resources should be conducted with a view to creating a large number of employment opportunities, and to earn wealth, as Sri Lanka is a country with a large marine zone, that has given priority only for the fishing industry and since there is a vast amount of natural resources connected to the ocean.

P.56/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Prevention of Sri Lankan fishing resources being harvested by foreigners,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be devised and implemented by the Government to prevent foreigners from fishing in the Sri Lankan waters and to prevent foreign vessels from using it as a port for fishing since the fisheries resources within the Sri Lankan marine zone are harvested by foreigners thus causing a severe economic disadvantage to Sri Lankan fishermen.

P.57/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Increasing Jackfruit production and exporting associated products,— That this Parliament resolves that since the country can earn a huge amount of foreign exchange by exporting Jackfruit based products through expansion of the cultivation of Jackfruit, which is a very delectable fruit with medicinal qualities, that can be cultivated without agrochemicals, a systematic programme should be drawn up with the intervention of the government toward this end.

P.58/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Organizing an Annual National Farmers Awards Ceremony,— That this Parliament resolves that a farmers awards ceremony that is implemented through a proper organizational structure be organized annually with the intervention of the Government, so that the farmers who enrich the country are made to feel proud about their vocation as agricultural prosperity is fundamental for the advancement of a country.

P.59/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing LED bulbs to consumers at a concessionary price,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic program should be formulated to provide LED bulbs to consumers at a concessionary price and on an instalment based payment system with the intervention of the Electricity Board so that a large amount of electricity could be saved and an extra income could also be earned by the Electricity Board by making LED bulbs popular among people as qualitative LED bulbs which are used to light up houses are expensive.

P.60/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expansion of small scale Toy Factories,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper procedure be formulated in view of expanding the toy industry in rural areas since it is an industry which can be sustained at a very low cost and as a lot of foreign exchange is drained out towards China and other countries, to purchase toys, owing to the fact that less toys are produced although a large market is available for toys in Sri Lanka.

P.61/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Starting Pharmaceuticals Production Factories in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that as a country with developed human resources the government should intervene and provide facilities to establish pharmaceutical production factories in Sri Lanka to produce essential pharmaceuticals within the country since the production of pharmaceuticals in Sri Lanka is at a minimum level at present and a large amount of foreign exchange is spent annually to import pharmaceuticals.

P.62/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Including the subject of psychology in the school curriculum,— That this parliament resolves that a subject named “Psychology and Meditation”, a methodically planned combination of Buddhist psychology and Western psychology be introduced to the school curriculum to be taught from Grade six in order to mould the student community into a group who can take intelligent decisions with healthy minds.

P.63/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing support centers for pensioners,— That this parliament resolves that the government should take measures to build pensioners support centers throughout the country for the pensioners so that they can obtain welfare services like counseling, medical facilities and daycare facilities, which are required by the elderly, under the same roof, and to provide them the opportunity to earn some extra income to ease their lives by directing them to engage in some economic activity through such centers.

P.64/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing a new lottery with a view to strengthening the economy of the pensioners,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to introduce a new lottery to the market in order to generate funds required to remove the salary anomalies of the pensions paid to the retired public servants and for their welfare activities.

P.65/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Training Tourist Guides,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal programme to train Tourist Guides be formulated in order to make Tourist Guides a group of professionals who can provide an efficient and polite service to tourists and enhance the professionalism of these Tourist Guides.

P.66/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Amendment of the existing laws on lands,— That this Parliament resolves that due to the fact that a racket of selling lands, having made forged deeds is being carried out at present in Sri Lanka, and the law is executed at a minimum level in this regard, the existing legal system should be amended in order that the security of entitlement to lands is enhanced and severe punishment could be inflicted on the offenders.

P.67/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protection of coral reefs in the Sri Lankan territorial waters,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be planned and implemented through a committee of experts, to bring about a change in the statutory framework, and a change in the attitudes of people where human action can be controlled to ensure the protection of corals, owing to the fact that the coral reefs available in the Sri Lankan territorial waters are confronted with the threat of getting destroyed as a result of human activities.

P.68/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Employing women for school service vehicles,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate legislation be formulated making it compulsory to employ women to serve in all the school service vehicles in order to enhance the quality of the school vehicle service and to ensure the safety of the school children who are transported in these vehicles.

P.69/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reducing the prices of medicinal drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene in reducing the prices of medicinal drugs, declaring the National Medicinal Drugs Policy in Sri Lanka and initiating the sale in their generic names, with immediate effect.

P.70/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Curtailing the rackets carried out via the internet including the sale of medicinal drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that it is proper to formulate an appropriate programme and implement it in order to restrain the ongoing hefty sale of substandard medicinal drugs, medical equipment, and cosmetic products via internet since these rackets pose a huge threat on the health and the wellbeing of the people in our country.

P.71/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Cultivation without use of agrochemicals,— That this Parliament resolves that it is prudent for the government to intervene to take steps to provide for the people with healthy meals devoid of harmful effects, by setting up a Committee consisting of agriculture experts and environmentalists to conduct research in order to introduce an environmental friendly cultivating method and banning highly toxic agrochemicals in Sri Lanka by obtaining their recommendations.

P.72/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Freeing school children from addiction to narcotic drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be implemented to free the school children from addiction to narcotic drugs since the tendency for drug addiction is on the increase in Sri Lanka at present.

P.73/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appointment of a National Productivity Committee,— That this Parliament resolves that the Heads of Institutions who have driven their institutions to high productivity levels be identified during productivity improvement programmes conducted by the government and that a National Productivity Committee be established consisting of the aforesaid Heads of Institutions so that their knowledge and experience can be used and programmes and methodologies implemented in their institutions can be applied to other institutions.

P.74/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Developing medical consultancy services on community medicine,— That this Parliament resolves that the government must intervene to formulate plans to develop medical consultancy services in the field of community medicine which is an essential aspect of the healthcare service and take action to resolve the issues after observing issues prevalent in the field.

P.75/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Designating as National Heroes those Sri Lankans who were branded by British Colonial rulers as traitors,— That this Parliament resolves that all those Sri Lankans, who had fought death-defiantly against British Colonial rulers in the name of the country and had been branded as traitors from the year 1815 up to the Independence in the year 1948, should be designated National Heroes by a Gazette Extraordinary.

P.76/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to prevent food unsuitable for consumption from coming to the market,— That this Parliament resolves that action should be taken to solve the problems faced by the Special Raids Units of the Consumer Affairs Authority, in carrying out raids against persons and institutions that are engaged in producing and selling food unsuitable for consumption, those aiding and abetting in such acts and provide the Authority with the necessary facilities, and to amend the Legal System so that maximum punishment could be meted out to offenders.

P.77/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promotion of poison free food products,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to initiate a programme for the local producers, who are engaged in food production and other related products, and to confer awards of honorary title to the entrepreneurs, who produce poison free food, with a view to change their attitudes and create awareness among them about the services that can be provided to the country, by giving high quality, healthy food to the consumers.

P.78/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Acquisition of encroached lands that belong to sanctuaries,— That this Parliament resolves that since various types of people and organizations have encroached lands in the areas that have been declared as sanctuaries in Sri Lanka, the Government should intervene immediately to acquire those lands back.

P.79/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Implementation of a plan to uplift the indigenous community,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate census should be conducted about the indigenous community of Sri Lanka, and the problems encountered by them in their day to day life should be systematically identified, and a viable plan necessary to create an environment in which they can live with dignity be brought in to action through a panel of experts, inclusive of the leaders of the indigenous community.

P.80/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conservation of artefacts in the North and the East damaged by the war,— That this Parliament resolves that it is advisable to appoint a committee consisting of expert archaeologists with the aim of conducting a research and gathering information on the existing artefacts in the North and the East and conserving, protecting and restoring the said artefacts since artefacts in the Northern and Eastern provinces were severely damaged as a result of the 30 year war.

P.81/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Popularising local seeds for cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary plans be formulated and implemented, to improve the research and technology required to identify the local seed varieties that could be cultivated using local organic fertilizer without using agro chemicals and increase their production and distribute them throughout the country speedily, in order to provide the people food free of toxic chemicals.

P.82/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing facilities to study foreign languages,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary plans be formulated and implemented to expand the facilities required to study key foreign languages other than English, as language ability is a key factor that decides the comprehensive nature of a person's intellect.

P.83/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Limiting the expenditure incurred on all election campaigns,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be enacted enabling the restriction of expenditure incurred on elections, since certain candidates spend excessive amounts of money in all the elections held in Sri Lanka, and as it is unfair for the educated category of people who can genuinely serve the country, but are not economically capable enough to spend money.

P.84/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Regaining the archaeological artefacts that have been taken away from Sri Lanka during the Colonial Era,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be carried out by the Government to take necessary action in view of regaining the archaeological artefacts back to our country subsequent to conducting a survey on the artefacts with an archaeological value that have been taken away from our country to Portugal, Netherlands and Great Britain during the period in which Sri Lanka had been a Colony.

P.85/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Bhikku Court,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate Bhikku Court be established for the Judicial purposes of the Bhikkus in order to safeguard their dignity and protection, with Legal Force granted for the decisions of such court.

P.86/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Statutory Bhikku Council,— That this Parliament resolves that a Statutory Bhikku Council comprising of eminent Bhikkus with experience and superior knowledge on governance, law, foreign affairs and social activities and to be elected by the consensus of the Bhikkus be established, with legal authority to provide advice and guidance to people's representative bodies including the Parliament and to propose amendments to legislations.

P.87/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of an Institute of study on tank culture,— That this Parliament resolves that an Institute of study on tank culture be established with the intervention of the government to conduct researches needed to revitalize, protect and develop the hydro technology and to conduct courses to create people armed with necessary knowledge about the above subject.

P.88/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of an Institute to study the Mahawansa,— That this Parliament resolves that an institute by the name of "Mahawansa Study Research National Institute" be established with the intervention of the Bhikku and with the patronage of the Government to study the Mahawansa, that reveals the evolution of history of Sri Lanka.

P.89/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Putting an end to Anti-Buddhist Activities,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the government to put an end to anti Buddhist activities and publications and to the emergence of misinterpretations relating to Buddhism through formulating a mechanism which enables a certain work of art to be presented to a Board of Scholars of Sangha with legal authority and expertise on the analysis of dhamma books and publications prior to launching the particular work of art and be amended if not suitable for social integration, through the establishment of such a Board.

P.90/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appreciation of patriotic work of art,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the government to formulate a methodology to annually appreciate work of art with a national and cultural value in a manner that generates patriotism and self-dignity.

P.91/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to improve the discipline of school children in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements be made to direct school children in Sri Lanka to engage in a sporting activity of their preference and to participate in a practical training on discipline with the objective of integrating them into society as healthy, disease free and physically fit citizens.

P.92/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Buddhist Cultural Information Centre,— That this Parliament resolves that information on Buddhist places of worship that are located in Sri Lanka, other related and consequential aspects as well as information on the Bhikkus etc. be gathered and computerized in a methodical manner and that an institution called “Buddhist Cultural Information Centre” complete with new technological equipment and sufficient human and physical resources be established with state patronage.

P.93/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Revising and updating of Dhamma School textbooks,— That this Parliament resolves that Dhamma Schools be provided with textbooks that have been designed to provide practical training and to support intellectual development, that are aimed at creating a well disciplined society and authored by a board of scholars, in place of the existing textbooks which are examination oriented and knowledge centered.

P.94/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appointing a Board to regulate International Schools,— That this Parliament resolves that a Board with full powers be appointed to regulate the scope of International Schools to suit the Sri Lankan culture, ethics and social sustainability.

P.95/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the National Education Commission more dynamic,— That this Parliament resolves that the National Education Commission be made more dynamic in the direction of transforming the entire education system by way of a National Education Policy that will be modeled in a manner in which a winning citizen, who is armed with knowledge on local history, morals, production capability, intelligence, traditional know-how, patriotism, healthiness, skillfulness, and wealth of attitudes, could be formed.

P.96/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Improving the specialist field of family medical service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to take action expeditiously, to observe and solve the issues that exist in the specialist family medical service which is an integral part of the health services, and to carry out the planning intending the improvement of aforementioned service.

P. 97/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Offering the services of Ayurvedic doctors to foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that it is advisable to draw up and implement a programme, to make available, foreign employment opportunities to graduates who complete the Ayurvedic Medical Degree.

P. 98/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Amending the Ayurveda Act,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to present forthwith a new Ayurveda Act by amending the existing obsolete Ayurveda Act with a view to addressing professional issues of Ayurveda practitioners and upholding the honour and dignity associated with this profession.

P. 99/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Creating a railway protection system,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to create and implement a railway protection system through a committee which comprises of the inventors who created the railway protection system in Sri Lanka, the academics related to that field and the experts in all the fields of the Railway Department.

P. 100/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Enhancing the quality of the passenger transport service,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme should be formulated and implemented in order to reduce the risk that would cause in the long run for the existence of the bus passenger transport service, through action taken to retain the 1% - 2% of the passengers who defy that service annually, by enhancing the quality of that service.

P. 101/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting a Standard for the Sinhala Language,— That this Parliament resolves that a procedure that can ensure that sustainability of the Sinhala Language be made through the appointment of a panel of experts to set a standard for the language by taking into consideration the changes that occur over time since the syntax and the use of certain letters, particularly 'ඛ, ඞ, ට, ඬ,' are controversial.

P. 102/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Controlling environmental pollution that occur through the use of Persistent Organic Pollutants,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal programme be formulated and implemented in order to control the emission of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) as those pollutants which let emitted to the environment in the process of the use of pesticides and industries consist of twelve types of polluting agents which are very harmful to human health.

P. 103/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Incorporation of the Buddhist Philosophy into Governance,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to plan and implement a programme that will enable all Members of Parliament, Provincial Councils and Local Government institutions of the governing party and the opposition to contribute to good governance of the country by raising their awareness of the teaching of Lord Buddha found in Saptha Aparihaniya Dharma, Dasa Raja Dharma, Rajovada Jathaka, Kuru Dharma Jathaka, Ganda Ninduka Jathaka, Thesathura Jathaka, Devadharmā Jathaka, Sathara Sangraha Wasthu, Chakkawaththi Sihanada Sutta and Dharma Pradeepika.

P. 104/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Disposal of electronic waste,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated for the disposal of electronic waste and action be taken to protect the environment as heavy metals such as arsenic, cadmium, mercury, lead, etc. are added to the environment when fluorescent bulbs, telephones, mobile phones, electrical equipment, batteries, computers and parts of computers etc. are disposed to the environment as waste.

P. 105/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of good Governance in the country,— That this Parliament resolves that a plan be formulated and implemented towards the establishment of good governance in the country since it is evident that improper administration is visible in the country owing to the existence of features of improper administration like arbitrary policy formulation, bureaucracy, passive and unfair laws, abuse of executive powers, less contribution from the citizens towards politics and the spread of corruption in our country.

P. 106/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reacquisition of Sri Lankan Ola leaf books which are available in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be formulated and implemented in view of integrating the ancient knowledge included in Ola leaf books by obtaining them back to the country owing to the fact that many precious Ola leaf books belonging to Sri Lanka are available in many countries in the world including Europe and since the present Sri Lankan society is deprived of the knowledge included in the said books.

P. 107/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Using agriculture for the protection of bio diversity,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme that directs farmers to protect the bio diversity of the country through popularizing mixed crop cultivation instead of single crop cultivation, removing chemicals that harm bio diversity from use in agriculture and promoting the use of integrated pest control systems in the country be implemented.

P.108/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Safeguarding the peoples' right to food,— That this Parliament resolves that, steps be taken to guarantee the basic right of the people to food, by formulating a formal programme, with the intervention of the Government, to ensure that prices of food are controlled and the people of the country receive a healthy meal, as the formulation and implementation of policies by the government is depriving the people of Sri Lanka the basic right to food in accordance with the system of human rights of the United Nations, whereas the responsibility of solving the food problem is fully vested with the Government as per aforesaid conventions.

P. 109/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Management of inorganic substances,— That this Parliament resolves that the measures should be taken to manage the inorganic substances for the wellbeing and the safety of the ecosystem of the country by devising a mechanism to collect inorganic substances that are discarded after use, regularizing Environmental Laws with regard to utilization of inorganic materials, minimizing the utilization of inorganic substances and by recycling them.

P. 110/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the school students aware of the indigenous medicine and home remedies,— That this Parliament resolves that the measures should be taken to make the school students aware of the indigenous medicine and the home remedies, by introducing a subject to the school syllabus, that embraces the orderly specifics of indigenous medicine and popular medicine, with the basic aim of creating a healthy nation and establishing the wellbeing of the Local Ayurvedic medicine.

P.111/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Eradication of maternal and child malnutrition,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme which gives its priority to provide people with nutritious food that are necessary for the eradication of maternal and child malnutrition be implemented since the ratio of low-weight childbirths is as high as 25% in Sri Lanka and the main factor for it is the lack of nutritious food.

P.112/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Building a healthy country by protecting the environment,— That this Parliament resolves that since it may be difficult even to diagnose the cause of certain diseases which people contract in the future in the face of the increased radiation in food and water due to increased environmental pollution in Sri Lanka, that the health of the people of the country be ensured through appointing a committee of academics to carry out further investigations in this regard, summoning a report from such committee, and implementing its recommendations.

P.113/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protecting agriculture to ensure the security of the country,— That this Parliament resolves that the future of this country should be secured by promoting sustainable agricultural practices and establishing policies to protect farmers in the country with a view to rescuing Sri Lanka from the risks of environmental pollution, unhealthiness and lack of hygienic food which are the problems faced by the world population at present as the agricultural lifestyle has completely changed with the green revolution in the aftermath of the world war two which is the third period of capitalism.

P.114/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the problems faced by the people due to the complex global market,— That this Parliament resolves that there is a need for an awareness programme and an intellectual dialogue in this country to make people aware of how to lead a relieved lifestyle and solve the problems created by the complex life style formed within the market economy because the world trade pattern introduced by the globalization has invaded the human mind and the uprooting of traditional values and developed philosophies from the mindset of human beings has become a common factor among Sri Lankans.

P.115/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka within the country,— That this Parliament resolves that factories required for producing and refining the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka be established, functioning with proper management, efficiency and planning, the sugar industry be protected as the country possesses the resources required for the production of the sugar requirement.

P.116/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protecting the Knuckles Forest Reserve,— That this Parliament resolves that the independent existence of the Knuckles Forest Reserve be ensured speedily by removing the threats posed to it by humans, because the Knuckles Forest Reserve which is a sensitive ecosystem that could affect the entire ecosystem of Sri Lanka is under serious threat by now as a result of human activities and because the safety of the present generation as well as the future generation will be compromised due to this destruction of the environment

P.117/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conducting a systematic study about king Ravana,— That this Parliament resolves that a study should be conducted about king Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on king Ravana enables to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that king Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him are not available.

P.118/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Eliminating intellectual poverty,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematically planned national program should be implemented covering all age groups in order to eliminate the intellectual poverty of the people in this country due to the fact that, even though intellectual poverty is a major problem

prevailing in the country arising through ignorance, which has raised its head as a result of knowledge, intellect and systems of human values not reaching people in comparison with the speed at which the material commodities move and since there is less concern in the country regarding that.

P.119/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Stopping the use of expired pharmaceuticals,— That this Parliament resolves that an action plan should be formulated with the involvement of all relevant parties of the state sector to take action to remove expired drugs from the market and to stop the importation of such drugs due to the presence of the risk that such expired drugs would enter into the market and come to use in the government hospitals.

P.120/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Controlling the spread of AIDS,— That this Parliament resolves that a productive and appropriate project should be expeditiously initiated to identify cases of AIDS, to direct the identified patients for treatment and to prevent the spread of that disease as it has been reported that there are approximately 3000 unidentified cases of AIDS in Sri Lanka at present.

P.121/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to women who are subjected to sexual harassments in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that a committee consisting of experts and aggravated parties must be appointed in order to formulate and implement a formal methodology to resolve issues that have been created within the Sri Lankan society as a result of pregnancies that occur due to sexual harassments faced by Sri Lankan women who migrate as housemaids.

P.122/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating laws to strengthen the security of forest reserves and sanctuaries,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme must be formulated to create an attitudinal change within the people, and that existing legal provisions must be amended to regularize them and make them more stringent, in order to prevent the destruction of forest reserves and sanctuaries since it has continued to increase in recent times and it is posing a grave threat to the ecological balance of Sri Lanka.

P.123/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Studying the impact of the activities of various religious groups on the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a committee consisting of recognized religious leaders and scholars be appointed to carry out an examination into the activities of various groups, that have been integrated into society pretending to have organized for religious or other purposes and are integrating their own definitions and clarifications into society in the guise of sub divisions of mainstream religions while criticizing the ideologies of those religions and spreading new ideologies for mobilizing persons who support those ideologies, and to provide an assessment of their ideologies, activities and the impact exerted on society by such groups and implement the recommendations of that committee.

P.124/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing high quality clay pots,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to plan and implement a national level programme to carry out research on producing clay pots which quickly absorb heat so that gas and electricity are not wasted on cooking and to introduce such clay pots to the market and to educate the public on the possibility of cooking hygienic food using clay pots.

P.125/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Exerting the influence of Buddhism on Parapsychology,— That this Parliament resolves that, as certain insights into the human mind defined by Lord Buddha are too deep to be captured by modern science, interventions be made by the government by appointing a committee consisting of local and foreign scholars to carry out research and to propose definitions and solutions to the issues that the field of parapsychology is currently facing and to popularize Buddhism locally and internationally, to enhance Sri Lanka's reputation and to bring about a revival in the sphere of Parapsychology through such measures.

P.126/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Popularizing Archaeology among scholars,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken to formulate a well-planned, long-term national programme to basically include the subject of Archaeology in the school curriculum and to further expand the scope of the subject of Archaeology at universities, while making arrangements to upgrade the required facilities with the objectives of obtaining a productive service from the scholars who are thus produced through the expansion of the subject of Archaeology throughout the country.

P.127/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a special standards institute to carry out studies on poisonous substances mixed with food items,— That this Parliament resolves that due to the non-availability of a special standards institute to carry out studies on the poisonous substances mixed with food items in Sri Lanka, such an institute be established as poisonous substances are added to food items as a result of extensive use of chemicals in agriculture.

P.128/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Rehabilitating children who are being used for begging by beggars,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be planned and implemented in order to prohibit beggars from engaging in begging together with children, to rehabilitate the children who are being used for begging by beggars and to integrate them into society as good citizens.

P.129/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a systematic programme for the continuation of the Bhikkuni Sasana in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should commence a due dialogue under the guidance of all parties including the Mahanayaka theras of the three Nikayas in order to provide due recognition to the Indian Bhikkuni Sasana commenced by Maha Prejapathigothami

theri, which was re-established by the Rangiri Dambulu Chapter of the Shyamopali Maha Nikaya recently, due to the fact that the aforesaid Bhikkuni Sasana became defunct later though it was duly established in Sri Lanka with the arrival of Sangamiththa theri to Sri Lanka and a programme should be formulated at the end of the aforesaid dialogue in order to continue the Bhikkuni Sasana in Sri Lanka, through a systematic methodology.

P.130/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formalising the Bhikku society of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to devise a system to create uniformity within the Bhikku society, as the Bhikkus in Sri Lanka are structurally disorganized as they belong to various sects, and that the lack of unity among them reflects harmfully on Sri Lanka at national and international rituals.

P.131/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation a profitable venture,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to create the environment to appoint a panel of experts to formulate plans to develop the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a pro-people and profitable venture and make it an efficient public institution by solving the problems of fraud, corruption and administrative issues based on the recommendations of the above panel.

P.132/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Granting permission to Indigenous Medical Practitioners to cultivate cannabis to the extent needed for medicines,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary legislation shall be amended in order to grant permission to Indigenous Medical Practitioners registered with the Government who use cannabis as an essential ingredient in producing Ayurvedic medicines, to cultivate cannabis within certain restrictions since the quality of indigenous medicines produced using chemically contaminated cannabis smuggled into the country through unlawful means from India adversely affect the quality of the indigenous medicines.

P. 133/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing a reasonable price to vegetable farmers,— That this Parliament resolves that a market free from undue influences shall be created with the intervention of the state sector trade institutions with the prime objective of ensuring a reasonable price for the farmer since the plans implemented hitherto for providing a reasonable price to vegetable farmers have failed owing to the organized trade monopolies built through activities such as extortion and the price determination in the wholesale marketing of vegetables.

P.134/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Raising the awareness of society about the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to plan and implement a national level programme to explain to the parents, teachers, sports coaches and school van drivers, the value of children in simple terms, through sociological and psychological methods and conduct a dialogue on how the child should be protected from social challenges for the future benefit of the country and the society.

P.135/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing oppression of women,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to alleviate the oppressive environment and provide relief for the benefit of Sri Lankan women, as various forms of oppression of women within the current global society such as subjection to labour and sexual exploitation, evolution of the private property system in a male focused manner, discrimination and obstruction of labour mobility as a result of being trapped within the family are common to Sri Lanka women as well.

P.136/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promoting the Department of Archaeology,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the Government to take necessary steps to provide the required resources after looking into the needs of the Department of Archaeology through a panel of experts, since the Department of Archaeology is unable to preserve the artifacts located in Sri Lanka due to the scarcity of human and physical resources.

P.137/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Facilitating the passengers traveling in long distance buses to get healthy food,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be planned and implemented by the Government to enable the conduct of constant follow-ups in order to uplift the standards of the restaurants, since the standard of the restaurants where the long distance buses stop for refreshments is at a very low level and since it is harmful to public health.

P.138/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Converting the state-owned Plantation Companies into profit earning entities,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the government to increase profit of the said companies having formulated recommendations which are required to increase profit of the said entities by appointing a committee of experts and through implementing said recommendations, since the state owned plantation companies have become loss incurring entities.

P.139/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Stopping illegal activities taking place in forest reserves,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene in order to establish a forest protection police unit which is specially empowered to carry out raids on human activities such as illegal cultivations, various construction activities, clearing of forest areas and altering the boundaries of reserves which occur in forest reserves of Sri Lanka causing the destruction of forests.

P.140/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conserving coral reefs,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene in order to formulate and implement new regulations required for protecting coral reefs in the coastal waters surrounding Sri Lanka and for creating eco systems conducive for the formation of new coral reefs since coral reefs are facing the threat of destruction as a result of the increase of ocean temperature and human activities.

P.143/15

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Reserving suitable grazing land for cattle,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable grazing land in the Trincomalee district be declared, reserved, and published in the Gazette, since there are roughly 250,000 animals there that need grazing land and the Government policy of increasing the milk production is hindered by the non availability of dedicated grazing land in the district.

P.145/15

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Establishing an institution to look into the harassments that are inflicted to the public by the Government institutions,— That this parliament resolves that a Government institution with legal authority, be set up in order to look in to the harassments and the injustices that are caused to the public who visit Government institutions to get various services done and to examine aforesaid injustices.

P.150/15

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— Developing a proper methodology to provide employments to graduates,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be developed for serving justice to graduates in Sri Lanka in giving them employments in place of the system that has been in existence so far of taking into consideration the political parties they supported and that action be taken to adopt it as a policy in order to ensure that graduates are not belittled before politicians.

P.151/15

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— Improving the living standards of the Tamil people living in estate areas,— As facilities like electricity, water supply and other infrastructure facilities available in the living environments of the Tamil people in the estate areas are at a minimum level, and as this situation has affected the education of the children and the private life of the people in those areas, that this Parliament resolves that a programme be commenced expeditiously to build new housing schemes consisting of separate houses for those people putting an end to the existing culture of line houses.

P.154/15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Establishing a Multi-Storey Housing Scheme in the Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme to provide houses to the houseless middle class people in the Kandy District should be implemented by initiating a multi-storey housing scheme on uncultivated land belonging to plantation institutions of the government in the Kandy District, as a solution to the shortage of land and houses throughout the Kandy District.

P.155/15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Granting pension to members of the three armed forces who have been engaged in operational duties for 12 years,— That this Parliament resolves that since a retirement scheme is in operation for service personnel of the three armed forces after the completion of 22 years in service, and since those who have been engaged continuously for a period of 12 years in operational duties in the North and East and left the service are in a state of despair at present, that a scheme shall be formulated forthwith to grant them a semi pension in order to grant relief to such members of the three armed forces and police.

P.156/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Minimizing traffic congestion in the Kandy town,— That this Parliament resolves that an immediate solution shall be offered to minimize the traffic congestion in Kandy, since Kandy which is the second largest city in Sri Lanka is a tourist centre of local and foreign visitors and since the large number of people visiting Kandy daily are immensely inconvenienced by the heavy traffic congestion on the roads in and around Kandy.

P.157/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Starting a Muslim Boys' School within the city of Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary arrangements be made to establish a Muslim Boys' School in the city of Kandy as a large number of Muslims live in the Kandy district and also because that a Muslim Boys' School be established has been a long standing request of the Muslims.

P.158/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Construction of new buildings for the grade one pupils of the popular schools situated within the city of Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that new buildings be speedily constructed to hold the grade one classes of the prominent schools within the city of Kandy, as admission of children to those schools have become very difficult despite the large number of applications for admission to grade one, due to the limited space available in those schools.

P.159/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Systematic expansion of the Free Industrial Parks of Pallekale, Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that since a large number of youth are affected by unemployment in the Kandy District and it is necessary to arrange employment opportunities for them without delay, the two Free Industrial Parks located in Pallekale, Kandy should be streamlined expeditiously in order to make opportunities for more people to get employment.

P.160/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Re-establishing the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made expeditiously to re-establish the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission in a streamlined manner in order to remedy the injustices caused to Up-country people as the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission which was established for the purpose of granting relief to residents of Up-country areas who were rendered destitute during the imperial regime reached an inactive state in the period of the last Government.

P.162/'15

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Filling the vacancies of the special category of employees in Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service prevailing in the Northern Province Department of Education, based on the seniority and merit and placing the selectees in Grade III exempting them from the competitive exam,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper analysis should be made in regard to the filling of vacancies in the special category of employees in Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service in the Northern Province Department of Education, and the officers in Sri Lanka Principals Service and Sri Lanka Teachers' Service who are engaged in the relevant duties should be appointed to the aforesaid positions based on their seniority

and merit, and they should be placed in Grade III of Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service exempting them from the requirement of sitting for the competitive exam.

P.163/15

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Appointment of the acting principals serving in the schools under the Provincial Council of the Northern Province to Grade III of Principals' Service after exempting them from sitting for the competitive examination for the recruitment of Principals,— That this Parliament resolves that the aforesaid officers be appointed to Grade III of the Principals' service of Sri Lanka after exempting them from sitting for the competitive examination for the recruitment of Principals taking the seniority and competency of the acting principals belonging to the Teachers service of Sri Lanka who have been thus serving for a long time in the schools coming under the Northern Provincial Council into consideration.

P.168/16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—Advancement of national reconciliation among nationalities,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sinhala medium section should be established in every Tamil Medium School in Sri Lanka, in support of initiating long term goals of building more effective advancement of national reconciliation, mutual understanding and the unity among nationalities.

P.169/16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Introducing a New Sports Act,— That this Parliament resolves that a new Sports Act should be introduced for the uplift and development of sports in Sri Lanka by introducing a new methodology instead of the system of electing officers to the Boards of Control for Sports by the vote of district sports societies and thereby make the conduct of the aforesaid officers be responsible to the public or Parliament.

P.177/16

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— Introducing a Haj Pilgrimage Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should introduce a "Haj Pilgrimage Act" in order to resolve issues faced by pilgrims who go on annual Haj pilgrimages from Sri Lanka and to establish an institutional structure and formulate legal provisions for the same

P.178/16

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Building a Memorial for the people who lost their lives due to the war and declaring a common day to commemorate them,—That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate day should be declared to commemorate the people of all religions and nationalities that speak all languages who lost their lives due to war and take measures to celebrate that day annually, and a Memorial should be built in order to honour their dedication, in the name of the motherland, in an appropriate place in Omanthei of Northern Province, commemorating as Sri Lankans, the people of all religions, social levels and all nationalities that speak all languages who were killed due to the war and due to the anomalous conditions that prevailed during the recent past, since the people are ushering in peace overcoming the war like situation that prevailed in the Northern Province for number of decades.

Wednesday, July 20, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

117/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the methodology applied in appointing an officer to the post of Director General in the Department of Coast Conservation, which fell vacant on 01.05.2014;
 - (ii) the basic educational qualifications and the stipulated basic qualifications in public service to be fulfilled to hold the aforesaid post, separately;
 - (iii) the educational qualifications and other qualifications of the officer named Mrs. Indrani Mangalika Wickremanayaka, who was attached to the aforesaid post on a temporary basis on 02.06.2014, separately;
 - (iv) the period of time for which she has been in public service on a permanent basis from 03.03.2003 up to 11.02.2013; and
 - (v) the person who is authorized to appoint an officer to act on the post of Director General of Coast Conservation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that an inquiry is being made against this officer before the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption in regard to financial irregularities;
 - (ii) if so, the legal basis of giving a post of Director General to such an officer;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to cancel the relevant appointment; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

464/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) separately, the number of Advisors, Secretaries, Coordinating Officers, Personal Assistants and such other officers that have been appointed by the President to his staff as at 01 January 2016;
 - (ii) the total number of officers as per (i) above;

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- (iii) separately, the names of the officers mentioned in (i) above and the salary, allowances, the staff and other facilities that have been provided to each of those officers; and
- (iv) separately, the educational and professional qualifications of each of the officers mentioned in (i) above?

(b) If not, why?

490/16

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the criteria that was taken into consideration to provide Samurdhi assistance for the years 2015 - 2016;
- (ii) whether he is satisfied that the Samurdhi assistance has been given based on the aforesaid criteria;
- (iii) whether he accepts that there are families who do not receive assistance though they are entitled to receive assistance;
- (iv) whether steps will be taken to provide assistance to them; and
- (v) if so, when?

(b) If not, why?

555/16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the private land bearing land plot No. 101 of ௫.௪.௯. 2285 belonging to Mr. A.H.M.Haneefa and Mr. U.M.A.L. Salahudeen residing at No. 262/2, Kandy Road, Galhinna was acquired through the Gazette Notification No. 1306/37 dated 19.09.2003 with the implementation of the project to expand the main street of Kurunegala; and
- (ii) compensation has not hitherto been paid on behalf of the aforesaid land transferred 10 years ago and the aforesaid business building which was demolished and removed?

(b) Will action be taken to provide compensation without any delay for the aforesaid land and the building which was demolished and removed?

(c) If not, why?

556/16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of vacancies available in the Public Service at present;
 - (ii) separately of the sectors in which the aforesaid vacancies exist;
 - (iii) whether the unemployed graduates will be recruited for the aforesaid vacancies;
 - (iv) if so, of the sectors for which recruitments will be made;
 - (v) of the number of graduates that can be recruited for the vacancies; and
 - (vi) of the period in which unemployed graduates will be recruited for the vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

566/16

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the land located at No.47, Beach Road, Matara in the Kotuwegoda Grama Niladhari Division of the Matara Divisional Secretariat Division which belongs to Mr. Siraj Cader of No. 793, Sapumal Place, Pelawatta, Battaramulla, was taken over from him temporarily and returned by the District Secretary of Matara in order to hold the Victory Celebrations in years 2014 and 2015;
 - (ii) a notification had been issued by the Divisional Secretary of Matara on 04.12.2014 under Section 2 of the Land Aquisition Act in order to aquire the said land which was returned to Mr. Cader after the celebration in 2014;
 - (iii) Mr. Cader has made a request through the letter dated 19.12.2014 to the effect that the land aquisition order mentioned in a(i) above be cancelled; and
 - (iv) the aforementioned owner is unable to develop the said land in a productive manner since the said notification has not been cancelled up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken immediately to cancel the aforementioned land acquisition notification?
- (c) If not, why?

568/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the objectives of the GPS Technology Project launched by the National Transport Commission;
 - (ii) of the added services which are expected to be provided to passengers through this service;

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- (iii) of the number of GPS machines installed;
 - (iv) of the amount of public funds utilized for the installing of GPS machines; and
 - (v) if money for this purpose was charged from the bus owners, of the amount of money that was charged?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) whether payment of money to maintain these machines has been stopped from the beginning of year 2014;
 - (ii) if so, the paragraph of the maintenance agreement which is the basis for stopping payment; and
 - (iii) whether consent of the bus owners was given to stop the service charge?
- (c) Will he also state —
- (i) whether GPS machines which were installed were functioning;
 - (ii) whether all GPS machines have not been functioning since the latter part of 2014;
 - (iii) whether bus owners were unable to track their buses using GPS machines as a result of this situation; and
 - (iv) whether objectives mentioned in a(i) above have been fulfilled?
- (d) If not, why?

570/16

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the project that has been proposed for modernizing Anurdhapura weekly fair including the fish market area of the Anuradhapura Municipal Council and for removing the contaminated water in those areas for which a provision of Rs.15 million has been approved for implementing Phase I —
- (i) whether Phase I will be completed and be commissioned before 31st December as planned;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be commissioned;
 - (iii) whether funds have been allocated for Phase II of this project;
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which activities of Phase II will be commenced; and
 - (v) of the date on which Phase II has been planned to be commissioned after completion of that phase?
- (b) If not, why?

128/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) agro-chemicals are not needed for cultivating indigenous varieties of paddy that have been in existence since ancient times; and
 - (ii) cultivating such old indigenous varieties of paddy needs a minimal amount of water and the use of conventional methods cause minimum damage to man and nature?

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- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of old varieties of paddy identified to have been used in Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) the names of such varieties of paddy;
 - (iii) the names of old varieties of paddy cultivated at present; and
 - (iv) the reasons for not cultivating the other old varieties of paddy?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the acres of paddy lands that are cultivated with old indigenous varieties of paddy as seed paddy by 2014;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to promote these varieties as seed paddy throughout Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not why?

465/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the foreign tours that His Excellency the President engaged in, within the year 2015; and
 - (ii) of the names and the designations of the individuals who participated in each of the aforesaid foreign tours and, separately, of the expenditure borne by the government and semi government institutions on aforesaid individuals?
- (b) If not, why?

491/16

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the project for establishing free Wi-Fi zones under the 100 day programme is currently in operation;
 - (ii) the number of free Wi-Fi zones established under this project;
 - (iii) whether he is satisfied with this number; and
 - (iv) whether they are in operational condition?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether free Wi-Fi zones have been established in the Kegalle district;
 - (ii) if so, the locations of such zones; and
 - (iii) the areas in which free Wi-Fi zones are to be established in future?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a complaint has been lodged with Weligama Police under CIB/2-138/37 by Mr. Aruna Deshapriya Mahagamage residing at Udupila, Weligama on 03.03.2015;
 - (ii) whether this complaint has been investigated into; and
 - (iii) if it has not been, why?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. M.A. Deshapriya has lodged a complaint with the Police Headquarters under IGP/PAC/O/53/16 on 29.01.2016 in respect of the above complaint;
 - (ii) if so, whether the Police Headquarters has conducted an investigation regarding that complaint;
 - (iii) if so, as to how it was resolved; and
 - (iv) if it has not been, why?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, July 21, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) as to what are the types of food seasonings which were banned from importation, from 01.07.2014; and
 - (ii) separately, of the reasons led to ban each aforesaid food seasoning?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) same as aforementioned banned seasonings, “Ajinomoto” or Monosodium Glutamate (MSG) is also harmful for human body;
 - (ii) it is a factor for cancer, neurological disorders and serious diseases; and
 - (iii) over 2200 metric tons of aforesaid seasoning are imported every year to our country?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to ban the use of Monosodium Glutamate; and
 - (ii) if so, that date?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Lankaputhra Development Bank has given Rs. 75 million, to a lady politician on behalf of a fishermen's association in Trincomalee District;
 - (ii) of her name;
 - (iii) of the security kept, to obtain aforesaid loan;
 - (iv) of the amount that has been recovered by now;
 - (v) if not, of the measures that have been taken on the frequent defaults;
 - (vi) whether a detailed report will be tabled, in that regard; and
 - (vii) whether deeds of temples, the lands which were leased out by the state or quartz can be produced as security in obtaining loans from Lankaputhra Development Bank?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a mother and a daughter were killed after getting hit by a vehicle on the pedestrian crossing in front of the Gnanasinharama Temple, Dematagoda on the Baseline Road on or around 16th January 2016; and
 - (ii) a number of accidents have occurred on the aforesaid pedestrian crossing even before this?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he admits the fact that the road being sloped on both sides of the pedestrian crossing is contributing to the frequent occurrence of accidents in the aforesaid manner;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not taking action to move the said pedestrian crossing to an alternate location or to install road signs on both sides of the pedestrian crossing; and
 - (iii) of the date on which the said pedestrian crossing will be moved to an alternate location or road signs will be installed on both sides of the said pedestrian crossing?
- (c) If not, why?

471/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the different taxes charged on all types of telephones belong to Sri Lanka Telecom and the rates at which they are charged separately;
 - (ii) what percentage Sri Lanka Telecom can collect on the total charges for its services when all the taxes referred to above are added up; and
 - (iii) under which specific sections of law those charges are levied?
- (b) If not, why?

483/16

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the income earned up to 31/12/2015, from the Expressways constructed by the previous government;
 - (ii) whether that income has exceeded the expected target;
 - (iii) if so, whether he admits that the Expressways contribute to the development of the economy;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to construct the proposed Colombo-Kandy Expressway; and
 - (v) if so, when?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that there was a huge traffic congestion on the expressways during the year end long holiday season of 2015; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to prevent the recurrence of such congestion in future?
- (c) If not, why?

500/16

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Muslims lived in Kinniya in Trincomalee district since ancient times; and
 - (ii) the Muslims who were displaced by the terrorist activities in the area have not been resettled in that village so far?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Muslim families in Kinniya that was displaced by terrorist activities and the number of members of those families; and
 - (ii) whether arrangements will be made to resettle those people in that area as soon as possible?
- (c) If not, why?

553/16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that approximately 1500 families residing in Kaludawala village of Batticaloa District engage in betel cultivation as their main livelihood activity?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been banned to cut and transport the “supporting stakes for betel” from Rottakulam area of Pothuvil, which are essential for a successful betel cultivation; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to authorize them to do the above as per Circular: Supporting stakes for betel 2011, dated 13.05.2014 of the Department of Forest Conservation?
- (c) If not, why?

498/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of registered pharmacies in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of registered pharmacists in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) separately, in respect of each year from the year 2011 to 2015, the number of candidates who sat for the pharmacist external examination;
 - (iv) separately, the number of candidates who passed the said examination from the year 2011 to 2015;
 - (v) whether he accepts that there is a shortage of pharmacists in the island; and
 - (vi) if so, the steps to be taken to overcome this shortage?
 - (b) If not, why?
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