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ADDENDUM TO THE ORDER BOOK No. 4

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PARLIAMENT

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Tuesday, August 23, 2016

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1950/30 of 20th January 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1951/28 of 28th January 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1956/10 of 29th February 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1957/5 of 8th March 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1960/59 of 01st April 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1966/26 of 12th May 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.7),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1967/57 of 20th May 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.8),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance relating to the Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 Sub Section 3 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/22 of 16th June 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1971/23 of 16th June 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1964/70 of 29th April 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1965/2 of 02nd May 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 C of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1967/5 of 16th May 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1967/52 of 19th May 2016, which was presented on 09.08.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Appropriation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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Law Commission (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

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The Minister of Regional Development,—Supplementary Sum—Head 147— Programme 1,— † That an amount not exceeding rupees five hundred ninety two million and nine hundred twenty five thousand (Rs. 592,925,000) be obtained as specified in the Schedule as financed by and at the discretion of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka out of the Consolidated Fund of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from any other fund or money belonging to the Government enabling transfer of anticipated savings under various Heads of Expenditure already approved by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to “Budgetary Support Services and Contingent Liability Project” of the Head of Expenditure of the Department of National Budget for prioritization and accelerating of development projects functioning under identified foreign funds and transferring them to relevant Ministries as Supplementary Provisions subject to provisions of Section 6.1 and 6.2 of the Appropriation Act, No.16 of 2015 provided that such funds will not exceed the limits of expenditure already approved by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the use of the financial year commencing on 01st January 2016 and ending on 31st December 2016.

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Schedule

Head	147	—	Ministry of Regional Development
Programme 1		—	Operational Programme
			Recurrent expenditure - Rs. 469,425,000
			Capital Expenditure - Rs. 123,500,000
			Total Expenditure - <u>Rs. 592,925,000</u>

(Rupees five hundred ninety two million and nine hundred twenty five thousand only.)

Advance to Govt. Officers- “B” Account

Maximum Limit of expenditure	- Rs. 2,000,000
Minimum Limit of Receipts	- Rs. 150,000
Maximum Limit of Debit Balance	- Rs. 3,500,000

(Cabinet approval signified.)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No. 2 of 2016 presented on 09th August, 2016.
Total of the Supplementary Estimate No.1, Rs. 55,000,000.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Tuesday, September 06, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

77/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(4)

- (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?

(5)

456/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the plot of land called Polwatta of Rotawewa which has been identified by the Hingurakgoda Pradeshiya Sabha as a site for disposing garbage is faced with the risk of getting contaminated and thereby contaminating the water sources in the said location;
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken to minimize the effects of this action on the people of this area where the issue of potable water and kidney disease is severe;
 - (iii) whether project to dispose of waste in a methodical manner without damaging the surrounding environment will be launched; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

464/16

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

- (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;
 - (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?

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?

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- (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?

598/16

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of private schools operating in Sri Lanka and providing education from grade one to upper grades?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately —
 - (i) of the names of the aforesaid schools;
 - (ii) of the locations of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) of the names of the persons running the aforesaid schools; and
 - (iv) of the number of students studying in the aforesaid schools?
- (c) Will he admit that —
 - (i) majority of those studying in government schools as well as private schools are Sri Lankan children and that exorbitant fees are charged by private schools; and
 - (ii) a methodology to monitor and regulate the provision of quality education to pupils studying in private schools and the charging of reasonable fees is urgently required?
- (d) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to formulate the methodology mentioned in (c) (ii) above; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (e) If not, why?

634/16

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that persons who have not completed the basic qualifications have been recruited as Samurdhi Officers in Wannai District without following a formal recruitment procedure;
 - (ii) of the details of the Samurdhi Officers who have been recruited without qualifications in this manner; and
 - (iii) whether quick steps will be taken to remove the persons recruited in an irregular manner and recruit new officers in a proper manner?
- (b) If not, why?

(7)

665/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an accord or agreement between the government of Sri Lanka and the government of India or an Indian Company to modernize the Palali Airport;
 - (ii) if so, whether that accord or agreement will be presented to this House;
 - (iii) whether the documents that have the approval and observation of the Cabinet of Ministers and the Department of Attorney General for the aforesaid accord will be submitted;
 - (iv) whether this contract has been handed over to the relevant company through an open tender procedure;
 - (v) the cost needed to modernize the Airport according to the contract; and
 - (vi) the time period that is needed to complete the modernization task?
- (b) If not, why?

720/16

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people who are mostly engaged in agricultural livelihoods reside in the district of Anuradhapura;
 - (ii) many large and small tanks of this area have been abandoned without renovations; and
 - (iii) especially 16 large tanks and 48 small tanks require expeditious renovations?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the date on which the reconstruction of the tanks mentioned in a (iii) above will be initiated?
- (c) If not, why?

724/16

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the cost incurred by the government on laying a main pipeline close to the peripheral villages of Panahaduwa village close to the Panahaduwa wholesale storage tank of the Udawalawa Water Supply Scheme without providing water supplies to those villages;
 - (ii) the number of consumers who have been benefitted by that; and
 - (iii) approximately the cost incurred by the government per consumer?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether is he aware that pipe lines have been laid upto a distance of 850 metres to 3 plots of land without houses;
 - (ii) whether there is any personal relationship between the Ratnapura Regional Manager and the recipients of those water supplies;
 - (iii) whether he admits that this officer has misappropriated public funds by using his official status;
 - (iv) if so, the amount so misappropriated; and
 - (v) the steps that have been taken to recover that amount?
- (c) If not, why?

729/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that a new tax called ‘Mansion Tax’ was proposed through the interim budget of 2015 and that it was further empowered through the budget proposals of 2016;
 - (ii) the basis on which the said ‘Mansion Tax’ is levied;
 - (iii) the total tax revenue received by the government in the years 2015 and 2016 from this tax; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of persons who paid the Mansion Tax in the above years?
- (b) If not why?

779/16

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Ven. Dalupotha Upali Thero who served as a school teacher for 30 years in Morawaka Education Division, Matara District retired 2 years ago, has been given the Pension Number 02/110/6342 by the Director General of Pensions; and
 - (ii) the Ven. Dalupotha Upali Thero has not been paid the due pension up to now;
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he direct the Director General of Pensions to pay Ven. Dalupotha Upali Thero’s due pension payments without further delay?
- (c) If not, why?

784/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that there are nearly 5000 persons involved in the flowers and exotic leaf related industry in the Gampaha district with nearly 28 societies was provided with encouragement by the previous government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a census has been conducted on Divisional Secretariat Divisions level on the persons involved in this industry;
 - (ii) if so, the number of cultivators and sellers of Orchid, Anthurium and exotic leaves and the number of small, medium and large scale cultivators and exporters of flowers in relation to each divisional secretary's divisions separately; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken in 2015 and in the first quarter of 2016 to encourage and retain the persons mentioned in (a) above in the industry and absorb novices into it as well as the concessions granted, amount of money allocated for that and the number of beneficiaries?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the number of researches conducted, species of flowers produced and the number of flower businessmen to whom plants were given to by the Tissue Culture Centre established in the Gampaha Botanical Garden through the University of Kelaniya by the previous government at a cost of Rs. 22 million?
- (d) If not, why?

790/16

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Victoria Home situated in Rajagiriya consists of 14 wards and 153 persons with incurable disabilities reside in it;
 - (ii) approximately 08 million rupees is annually provided by the government for all the expenses of the residents of this Home and for administrative expenses including the settlement of water and electricity bills and the salaries of the staff;
 - (iii) the aforesaid amount of money is not adequate for the said matters;
 - (iv) the existing staff is insufficient but new recruitments cannot be made because the salaries paid to the employees are not sufficient; and
 - (v) there is an issue with regard to obtaining an optimum service from the workers who have been mentally distressed as a result of not having sufficient staff quarters and due to not getting a adequate salary?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the salaries and to provide other facilities to obtain an optimum service from the present employees; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to recruit employees anew?
- (c) If not, why?

791/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether it is true that Sri Lankans have joined the organization called ISIS, which spreads terrorism for a world Islamic state;
 - (ii) if so, how many Sri Lankans have been revealed to be fighting for ISIS terrorism at present;
 - (iii) whether there are persons who have been found to have died fighting in this way; and
 - (iv) if so, how many have so died, what their names are and within which countries they have died?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether it is true that the ISIS has envisaged Sri Lanka as a battleground of theirs for the year 2020, according to the plans prepared on their expansion;
 - (ii) what instructions have been given by the state intelligence sections to counter the spread of the ISIS terrorism in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) whether there exist barriers to the implementation of such instructions; and
 - (iv) whether any political party, organization or a non-governmental organization in Sri Lanka maintains links with the ISIS?
- (c) If not, why?

799/'16

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the open and limited examinations for recruitment to Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service (SLEAS) and Sri Lanka Administrative Service (SLAS) are conducted only in Colombo; and
 - (ii) the candidates in far away areas face difficulties due to the fact that the aforesaid examinations are conducted only in the examination centres in Colombo?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to conduct such examinations in Northern and Eastern Provinces in the future paying attention to the difficulties faced by the candidates?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, September 07, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

384/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders are called in procuring transformers required for the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) if so, the institutions that submitted tenders during the last five years separately in respect of each year;
 - (iii) separately, the value of tenders submitted by the said institutions; and
 - (iv) of them, the institutions selected, separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the institution that supplies transformers to Ceylon Electricity Board at present;
 - (ii) the owner/owners and/or the Board of Directors of the said institution; and
 - (iii) the positions they hold in the Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which tenders will be called again for procuring transformers; and
 - (ii) the measures to be taken to minimize the inconveniences that would be faced by other tenderers?
- (d) If not, why?

(12)

458/16

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that although different development projects were implemented in the Kandy district during the past period, the main road from Peradeniya to Delthota was not developed, thereby posing a hindrance to transportation activities of the public; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to carpet and renovate the main roads from Peradeniya town to Delthota, Rikillagaskada and from the Galaha bridge of Peradeniya to Delthota?
- (b) If not, why?

465/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (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?

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 kilogram of rubber, as a remedial measure?
- (b) Will he admit that the stipulated control price is not effective in the market by now?
- (c) Will he inform this House, if so, of the measures that will be taken on behalf of the people whose livelihood is rubber tapping?
- (d) If not, why?

721/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) a great dearth of doctors prevails in the rural hospitals in Anuradhapura District;
 - (ii) the patients are faced with severe difficulties as a result; and
 - (iii) the central dispensary in the village of Ithirigollawa of the Medawachchiya Divisional Secretariat Division belonging to the Anuradhapura District has remained closed down for a long period of time?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which doctors will be appointed to hospitals mentioned in (a)(i) above where there is a dearth of doctors; and
 - (ii) of the date on which Ithirigollawa Central Dispensary will be opened to the public?
- (c) If not, why?

732/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts;
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew;in the District of Colombo?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employee Trust Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) over 150 National Schools are functioning without properly appointed principals and the administration of those schools are severely handicapped;
 - (ii) the Ministry of Education has called for applications from suitable teachers to be selected as principals for those national schools;
 - (iii) the Ministry has conducted an examination for this purpose at the end of the year 2015;
 - (iv) the Ministry has held interviews in March 2016 based on the results of the examinations; and
 - (v) so far, no action has been taken by the Ministry to fill these vacancies?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) reasons for the delay in appointing Principals; and
 - (ii) whether the necessary steps will be taken to fill those vacancies based on the marks obtained by the candidates?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, in accordance with the important financial details published for the year ended 31st December 2015 by the Employees' Provident Fund Department of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka—
 - (i) the value of property, plant and equipment given in the balance sheet and the difference;
 - (ii) the value of reserves given in the balance sheet and the difference;
 - (iii) deterioration of financial assets (business shares); and
 - (iv) amount of housing loans approved to the members and the difference;in respect of the years 2014 and 2015?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House the reasons that caused the difference mentioned in the (a) i, ii, iii and iv above?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, September 08, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

487/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of unemployed graduates by the end of 2015 in the country;
 - (ii) to how many of them the government jobs will be provided within the year 2016; and
 - (iii) what course of action will be taken regarding the rest of the graduates?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to channel unemployed graduates to employment opportunities available in the private sector; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will Table such plan?
- (c) If not, why?

517/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the abortions are legally banned in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) illegal abortions are taking place in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) that the places where these abortions are done in an unsafe and illegal manner?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of illegal abortion centres which have been identified and legal action was constituted against during the period from 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2015;
 - (ii) the measures that can be taken against these centres as per the Penal Code;
 - (iii) whether he acknowledges that these laws are not adequate;
 - (iv) if so, whether action will be taken to amend these laws; and
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to legalize abortions?
- (c) If not, why?

643/16

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the primary section of Mo/Alupotha Muslim Central College in the Monaragala Education Zone was separated when it was included in the programme for the development of 1000 secondary schools; and
 - (ii) the primary section which was named Mo/Alupotha Muslim Primary School in the year 2013 does not have a permanent building, required physical resources including a suitable teaching staff?
- (b) Will he state whether he will take speedy measures to construct a permanent building, provide necessary physical resources and appoint a suitable teaching staff for this primary school?
- (c) If not, why?

705/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that in some depots of Sri Lanka Transport Board the salary for the month of March 2016, had not been paid by 28th April 2016;
 - (ii) the depots that failed to pay the salary of the employees for the month of March 2016 on the due date; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to ensure that the salaries will be paid on due date in the future?
- (b) If not, why?

733/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew; in the District of Colombo?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employee Provident Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House
 - (i) separately, as per for each year from 2000 to 2014 of the rupee value of the foreign grants that the Sri lankan government received;
 - (ii) of the amount of projected foreign grants with regard to the annual estimation for the year 2015;
 - (iii) of the total amount of foreign grants, received by the government of Sri Lanka, in the year 2015;
 - (iv) of the reasons, led for the decline of the foreign grants received for the year 2015; and
 - (v) whether a positive change on the projected foreign grants in 2016, is anticipated?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether diplomatic passports which had been issued for Mr Udayanga Weerathunga, former Sri Lankan Ambassador to Russia, and his wife, have been canceled;
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date;
 - (iii) whether general passports have been issued for him and his wife;
 - (iv) if so, of aforesaid date;
 - (v) whether the Ministry of External Affairs has made any recommendation to the Controller of Immigration and Emigration;
 - (vi) If so, whether aforesaid letter will be tabled;
 - (vii) whether Mr.Udayanga Weerathunga came to Sri lanka to get the general passports that were issued for them;
 - (viii) if not, who has collected aforesaid passports; and
 - (ix) of the date on which aforesaid passports were collected?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon Lakshman Ananda Wijemanne,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the administrative activities of the 11 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Trincomalee District have been carried out so far in accordance with the old demarcations, and the new demarcations are being marked in accordance with the Transfer of Powers Act, No. 58 of 1992 and the Gazette Notification No.935 dated 02.08.1996;
- (ii) this demarcation divides the Grama Niladhari Divisions of 31 J Sinhapura, 31 F Old Medawachchiya and 31 M Samanpura in Padaviya Sri Pura division into two divisions;
- (iii) a part of the 233 C Mailawewa Grama Niladhari Division in Gomarakadawala Division and some parts of the Seruvila Division are divided among other divisions ?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) the Grama Niladhari Divisions and villages into which the 11 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Trincomalee District have been divided according to the old administrative division system;
- (ii) the Grama Niladhari Divisions / Villages which came under the demarcation limits of other divisions when marking the demarcation lines in accordance with the Act mentioned in (a) (i);
- (iii) whether new demarcation lines are marked according to the decisions of the Delimitation Committees functioning at present;
- (iv) if so, the aforesaid basis; and
- (v) whether the concurrence of the occupants of each division is sought for it?

(c) If not , why ?

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total number of foreign investors who have come to Sri Lanka from 10.01.2015 to date to invest in this country and the value of the total investments they have made during that period in US dollars;
 - (ii) separately of the names of the countries from which such investors came, the names of those foreign business firms and their addresses, and the amount invested by each of those investors; and
 - (iii) separately of the names of the areas where such investment projects have been located in Sri Lanka and the nature of those investment projects?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the number of Sri Lankan citizens employed in each of the aforesaid projects;
 - (ii) if there are differences between the numbers of employment opportunities the investors had agreed to provide before signing the agreements and the actual number of employment opportunities they have provided after implementing the projects, of the names of such projects;
 - (iii) whether there are investors who have not implemented their projects so far after obtaining the relevant facilities provided for making investments in Sri Lanka or after entering into agreements;
 - (iv) if so, of the nature of the facilities that have been provided to the relevant investors or companies; and
 - (v) separately of the total value of the foreign investments made in Sri Lanka in years 2012, 2013 and 2014 in US dollars?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of schools in Mullaitivu Educational Zone, which are included in the programme of “The closest school is the best school” ?
- (b) Is he aware that the Mullaitivu Educational Zone is comprised of two Divisional Secretariat Divisions and most of the schools in those divisions have been neglected by not including them in the programme of “The closest school is the best school”?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the reason for neglecting the schools mentioned in (b) above ;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to include the schools in the Mullaitivu Educational Zone, which have been neglected, in the programme of “The closest school is the ‘best school’ as per its criteria?
- (d) If not, why ?

809/’16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the names;
 - (ii) the designations;
 - (iii) educational qualifications;
 - (iv) salaries and other allowances; and
 - (v) if they have participated in any foreign tours, the expenses borne for such tours;
- of the personal staff of the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the funds of the Provincial Council have been used for those tours?
- (c) If not, why?

814/’16

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) the forests which are not coming under the purview of the Department of Forest Conservation and the Department of Wildlife Conservation were administered by Divisional Secretaries/Assistant Government Agents/ Divisional Revenue Officers prior to 2011;
 - (ii) all such lands were transferred to the Forest Conservator under Circular No. 05/2001;
 - (iii) circular No. 02/2006 was issued exempting lands essential for emergency needs of the government from Circular No. 05/2001; and
 - (iv) circular No. 02/2006 has provided for the release of lands for development needs of the government by a committee established under the patronage of District Agent and District Secretary?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he tables Circular No. 05/2001 and No. 02/2006 ?
- (c) If not, why?

815/16

Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the co-operative societies system operates as a public institution with an island wide network that provides quality goods; and
 - (ii) the co-operative societies system is used as a key institution to provide aid to the public in disaster situations?
- (b) Will she admit that—
 - (i) the ‘bag of nutritious food’ programme in operation for pregnant mothers is implemented through co-operative societies as well as other institutions;
 - (ii) a larger number of people could be provided benefits if the said programme was implemented only through co-operative societies; and
 - (iii) the revenue of co-operative societies could also be enhanced through that?
- (c) Will she inform this House of—
 - (i) the monetary value of assistance distributed by now through co-operative societies and other institutions under the said project; and
 - (ii) the reason for implementing this programme of providing a bag of nutritious food through other private institutions when it is possible to implement the same island-wide providing benefits to a larger number of people through the co-operative societies system which operates with government involvement and proper supervision?
- (d) If not, why?

817/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that the members of the Civil Security Forces are called from far away areas to be deployed in different services in Colombo or suburbs?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) in addition to the salary, an subsistence allowance is paid to a certain group of the members of the Department of Civil Security who are so called and deployed in different services;
 - (ii) a group of other members who are so deployed in the said services under equivalent conditions are not provided with the said subsistence allowance; and
 - (iii) accordingly, it is not fair to discriminate the aforesaid group of members of the Civil Security Force who are under equivalent services and conditions?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide a fair subsistence allowance to the members who are thus treated unfairly?
- (d) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a census has been carried out on female sex workers in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, their number?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of female sex workers living with HIV and or have contracted other Sexually Transmitted Diseases by the end of the year 2015;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to prevent the spread of Sexually Transmitted Diseases including HIV amongst female sex workers; and
 - (iii) if so, the measures thus taken?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, September 09, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the criteria that was taken into consideration to provide Samurdhi assistance for the year 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;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to provide assistance to them; and
 - (v) if so, when?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) some individuals involved in certain crimes subject themselves to sexual reassignment to evade those criminal charges; and
 - (ii) there is a possibility of such persons getting involved in various crimes even after that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been reported that individuals who subjected themselves to sexual reassignment have been involved in crimes within Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such persons; and
 - (iii) of the action taken against them?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether individuals who subjected themselves to sexual reassignment after committing crimes have been reported;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such persons; and
 - (iii) of the action taken against them?
- (d) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew; in the District of Kandy?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Trust Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector; and
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

785/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the work of the expressway originally proposed to be constructed up to Kandy by the former government was later commenced under the name “Northern Central Expressway” with the aim of extending it up to the North and the East;
 - (ii) the present government changed its name and commenced the work at Koshinna, Kadawatha, in March 2015; and
 - (iii) phase one of this road proposed to be constructed through Gampaha district from Enderamulla to Mirigama, Ambepussa, directly affects the people of Gampaha district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the residents of the relevant areas have been made aware of the new plans and the route of this road;
 - (ii) whether the lands to be acquired for the expressway have been identified and marked;
 - (iii) whether those lands have been documented after classifying as residential lands, business premises, factories, public places, state land etc.;
 - (iv) whether accepting complaints of appeals on inspection of titles and conducting inspections have been started; and
 - (v) whether valuation and payment of compensation have been commenced?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the current situation with regard to the construction of this expressway?
- (d) If not, why?

789/16

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask Minister of Industry and Commerce,—

- (a) Is he aware—
- (i) that the jewelry in the possession of the Multi Purpose Corporative Society, Horana has been sold to one institution as a complete stock without conducting an auction;
 - (ii) of the fact that the decision taken to conduct an investigation after complaining to the Police Fraud Investigation Division in relation to a cheque transaction which had been done by utilizing the signature of a deceased person by the name of Gayan Thushara has not been hitherto implemented; and
 - (iii) that fraudulent activities such as obtaining commissions when purchasing rice and dried fish, obtaining a substandard CCTV camera system at a high cost for the Rural bank, Moonagama Branch, and obtaining a 2% commission out of the donations granted by a private institution to the society are being committed by several individuals including the Chairman?

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- (b) Will he inform this house of the measure that will be taken in relation to this type of corrupt and fraudulent activities which are being committed by several persons including the Chairman of the corporative society?
- (c) If not, why?

793/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the assassinations took place in the country and the western province during the periods from 01.01.2015 to 01.12.2015 and from 01.12.2015 to 01.08.2016;
 - (ii) separately, in relation to each Police Division, of the total number of assassinations, took place during the period from 01.01.2015 to 01.08.2016;
 - (iii) out of the assassinations that were stated in aforesaid (ii), of the number of assassinations in which the criminals were not uncovered;
 - (iv) separately, of the number of assassinations took place within the first 8 months period of the years 2013, 2014 and 2016;
 - (v) of the number of attempted murder incidents, took place during the period from 01.01.2015 to 01.08.2016; and
 - (vi) of the number of occasions in which the fire arms were used for the assassinations and attempted murder incidents, during the period from 01.01.2015 to 01.08.2016?
- (b) If not, why?

797/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount allocated for the project to develop the Kalutara, Nagoda – Neboda main road;
 - (ii) of the length of the section of that road expected to be widened;
 - (iii) whether compensation has been paid to those whose properties were damaged, with respect to Katukurunda – Nagoda section of that road;
 - (iv) if so, of the names of the recipients of compensation and the amounts paid, separately;
 - (v) of the reasons for the delay in widening the Bombuwala Mankada area on the Nagoda – Neboda section of that road;
 - (vi) whether compensation would be paid for the movable and immovable property damaged in the process; and
 - (vii) if so, the amount of such compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

801/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) (a). Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the number of families that obtain Samurdhi allowance in the districts of Mulaitive, Vavuniya and Mannar;
 - (ii) separately of the number of families who are below the poverty line in the above districts; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to provide the Samurdhi allowance to those who do not receive it, in spite of the fact that they are below the poverty line and entitled to obtain the Samurdhi allowance?
- (b) If not, why?

804/16

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a circular has been issued by the Ministry of Education stipulating that ethnic ratio be followed when admitting students to grade 1 of the schools; and
 - (ii) if so, whether a copy of the said circular will be presented?
- (b) If not, why?

810/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that the funds of the Provincial Council funds have been used for a private foundation operating by the name of the present Chief Minister of the Uva Provincial Council?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the money owned by the people in the area can be used for the activities of a private foundation;
 - (ii) whether a proper investigation will be conducted in this regard; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to charge the financial loss caused to the Provincial Council from the persons responsible for that?
- (c) If not, why

Hon. Prasanna Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the number of persons to whom the allowance of Rs.10,000/- which the government promised to give to the persons affected by the flood situation that seriously affected Kollonnawa, Kelaniya, Kaduwela, Hanwella and Biyagama Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the month of May 2016 has been given by now;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been spent for this by now;
 - (iii) the criteria that is used to grant aid;
 - (iv) the number of persons who have qualified to get aid; and
 - (v) whether the persons who reside in the houses that have been obtained by them on rent, lease or temporary basis are given this financial assistance?
- (b) Will he also inform his House—
- (i) whether the financial and material aid which was said to be given by Countries such as United States of America and Japan to provide relief to the persons affected by the floods has been received by the country by now;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of financial aid received along with the value of the material aid received, separately;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid aid has been given to people; and
 - (iv) if so, the number of persons who have received the aforesaid aid ?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(2)

- (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?

523/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the institution which is maintaining the Independent Arcade Market Complex at Colombo 07;
 - (ii) whether the expected results have been obtained from it; and
 - (iii) whether corruption, frauds and irregularities were committed when carrying out this project?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent for the construction of the Independent Arcade Market Complex;
 - (ii) the funding sources of it; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for the opening ceremony of this market complex?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money spent for the construction of the fish tank kept in this market complex; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent per month for the maintenance of this fish tank?
- (d) If not, why?

735/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew;in the District of Kandy?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Provident Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the traditional handloom industry has run into a serious crisis;
 - (ii) the demand for these products has increased and a high price can be obtained for quality products; and
 - (iii) this industry is widespread in the Gampaha District and the previous government provided machinery and skills to about 300 traditional industrialists in Madampella area, Divulapitiya?
 - (b) Will he inform this House of the number of —
 - (i) families engaged in this industry as a household industry;
 - (ii) weaving centres; and
 - (iii) officers available for the provision of facilities ?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he has looked into the situation of the persons referred to in (a) (iii) above;
 - (ii) the number of persons engaged in the industry as of now;
 - (iii) their monthly output; and
 - (iv) as to whom they sell them to?
 - (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether there is a programme to supply raw materials which are in short supply;
 - (ii) whether there is a programme to purchase the products or link up with buyers;
 - (iii) whether training workshops and sales promotion programmes are conducted;
 - (iv) if so, the date on which such was held last; and
 - (v) the programme for the development of the industry?
 - (e) 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 'න, ණ, ඌ, ඹ,' 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, Devadharm 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 device 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.

P. 179'16

Hon. Sisira Jayakody,— Establishment of an Authority to rehabilitate the drug addicts,— That this Parliament resolves that an Authority should be established in order to rehabilitate drug addicts with the initiative of religious leaders and by using Buddhist spiritual meditations, indigenous medicine and other remedies, since the absence of a proper programme or procedure for rehabilitation has become a severe burden for youths who wants to abandon their drug addiction.

P 180/'16

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala, — Implementation of Island-wide Combined Schedule to operate S.L.T.B. and Private buses at night, — That this Parliament resolves that the Sri Lanka Transport Board and Road Passenger Transport Authorities established under the Provincial Councils should develop and implement a combined schedule for S.L.T.B. and private buses to operate at night throughout the Island as passengers are severely inconvenienced owing to S.L.T.B. and private buses not operating in a proper manner after 6 p.m. throughout the Country .

P.181/'16

Hon. Abdullah Marhooff,— Resettlement of the Muslim community, forcibly evicted from the Northern Province, — That this Parliament resolves that it is the responsibility of the government to identify and remove all the stumbling blocks to resettle the Muslim community lived in the Northern Province for centuries who were forcibly evicted within forty eight hours, to leave their assets and belongings behind and without a guarantee for their lives in 1990, even though this minority local populace continue to live in the country without going abroad or betraying this country and they even cast 95% of their vote during the Presidential and General Elections, but they are still unable to return to their original places, therefore, they must be allowed to resettle in their original places with all the rights.

P.182/'16

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Recruitment of graduates as counseling officers to schools, — That this Parliament resolves that an action plan to employ officers to guide the primary, secondary and advanced level students in parallel to their academic activities in all schools island-wide, whose functions are similar to that of counseling officers currently attached to the Divisional Secretariats to be implemented in order to eradicate the abuse of women and children, taking place island-wide by way of absorbing the graduates as the officer mentioned above to each and every school by means of providing them with special appointments which shall effect from 2016 and which would also generate employment opportunities to the graduates.

P.183/'16

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Priority to be given to the youths in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces, when the implementation of one million employments project,— That this Parliament resolves that during the implementation of one million employments project, the priority should be given to the youths between the age of thirty five to forty years live in the Northern and the Eastern provinces, and to take necessary steps to offer permanent status to those who dropped out from schools at primary, secondary and senior secondary levels and have been employed as volunteer teachers at schools for more than twenty years with the G.C.E. (O/L) qualifications, without considering higher educational qualifications

P.184/'16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Compulsion of Sunday School Education,— That this Parliament resolves that Sunday School Education up to grade 9 must be made compulsory to all the children according to their religion in order to curb abuse and juvenile offences which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self discipline.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

530/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons in Sri Lanka by the end of the year 2015 whose livelihood was dairy farming;
 - (ii) the milk production of Sri Lanka in liters during the year 2015; and
 - (iii) the number of milch cows in Sri Lanka at the end of the year 2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has provided necessary facilities to those engaged in the dairy industry in order to develop that industry; and
 - (ii) if so, the facilities thus provided?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken measures to increase the milch cow population; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures thus taken?
- (d) If not, why?

736/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew; in the District of Kilinochchi?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employee's Trust Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

787/16

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a rice storing warehouse complex in which stocks of paddy worth 100 crore rupees could be stored was constructed in a five acre plot of land at Marandagahamula at a cost of 100 million rupees by the Divineguma project of the previous government ;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of paddy stored in that warehouse at present ;
 - (ii) the number of businessmen who deal with this warehouse;
 - (iii) whether discussions have been conducted with the Trade Association in regard to the sale of rice by this warehouse;
 - (iv) the amount of paddy that had been stored in this warehouse for the last time;
 - (v) the name of the person to whom the aforesaid amount of paddy was sold along with the day on which it was sold; and
 - (vi) whether there is a programme to make the fullest utilization of this warehouse ?
- (c) If not , why ?

798/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount allocated for the development of cancer hospitals through the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the hospitals for which funds have been allocated to develop the cancer units;
 - (iii) whether Sri Lanka College of Oncologists has made a request to utilize the provisions allocated for the cancer hospital to be established for the Southern Province for the development of the cancer unit of Karapitiya Teaching Hospital that is already there;
 - (iv) whether he admits that the said request was reasonable; and
 - (v) if so, of the amount that would be utilized for the development of the cancer unit of Karapitiya Teaching Hospital?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons who became disabled owing to the war which went on in the northern province and other disaster situations during the past period;
 - (ii) of the number of persons who obtain the monthly disability benefit allowance provided for the disabled persons in the Northern province; and
 - (iii) of the number of persons who do not receive any allowance although being disabled?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to extend the monthly disability benefit allowance provided for the disabled persons to all the disabled persons?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons in Sri Lanka by the end of the year 2015 whose livelihood was dairy goat production;
 - (ii) the goat milk production of Sri Lanka in liters during the year 2015; and
 - (iii) the number of goats in Sri Lanka at the end of the year 2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has provided necessary facilities to those engaged in the dairy goat industry in order to develop that industry; and
 - (ii) if so, the facilities thus provided?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has measures to increase the goat population; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures thus taken?
- (d) If not, why?

737/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew;
in the District of Kilinochchi?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Provident Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

803/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) as per the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, No. 28 of 1996, special facilities should be made available for the disabled in buildings belonging to all public and private institutions providing services so that the disabled are able to access such buildings to obtain services;
 - (ii) within a period of eight years from the date of passage of the aforesaid Act, arrangements should be made to provide the aforesaid facilities in all buildings from which services are provided by either the public sector or the private sector to ensure that disabled persons can access such buildings and obtain services; and
 - (iii) state and private sector service providers do not appear to have made the aforesaid facilities available in their institutions as yet?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide the aforementioned facilities so that the disabled can access buildings without difficulty and fulfil their requirements?
- (c) If not, why?

536/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a census has been conducted about the persons who are addicted to drugs including heroin;
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid number of drug addicts; and
 - (iii) the number of HIV infected persons among the aforesaid persons?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the government has taken steps to control the spread of social diseases including HIV among drug addicts; and
 - (ii) if so the aforesaid steps?
- (c) If not, why?

738/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew; andin the District of Kalutara?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employee's Trust Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector; and
 - (vi) the service sector?
 - (c) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

543/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of HIV infected persons living in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the number of persons who have been identified as AIDS patients out of the aforesaid number of persons;
 - (iii) the number of persons who died of AIDS disease in each year during the last five years separately; and
 - (iv) the total number of persons who have died due to HIV by now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken action to extend the life span of HIV infected persons;
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid action; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the government to control the spread of HIV?
- (c) If not, why?

739/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew;
in the District of Kalutara?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Provident Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will admit that—
 - (i) a number of products can be made using coconut treacle;
 - (ii) that it is a healthy option for sugar; and
 - (iii) a large number of employment opportunities can be generated through these industries?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a census has been conducted in regard to the number of persons who have made their living in coconut treacle and jaggery industries; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid number of persons?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken by the government for the upliftment of coconut treacle and jaggery industry; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps?
- (d) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew; in the District of Mullaitivu?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Trust Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

546/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) a number of products can be produced using kithul treacle;
 - (ii) such products can be used as healthy alternatives for sugar; and
 - (iii) that a large number of employment opportunities can be generated through kithul industry;
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a census has been carried out in order to find out the number of those who are engaged in producing kithul treacle and jaggery as their livelihood; and
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such persons?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the government has taken measures to promote kithul treacle and jaggery industries; and
 - (ii) if so, of the nature of such measures?
- (d) If not, why?

741/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew;
in the District of Mullaitivu?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Provident Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, September 22, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

547/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a large number of persons are engaged in gold and silver crafts industry in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) this industry is collapsing due to escalation of prices of gold and silver and other reasons; and
 - (iii) those engaged in the industry face the risk of losing their livelihoods?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the number of persons engaged in the above-mentioned industry;
 - (ii) whether the government has acted to grant concessions enabling them to develop new industries; and
 - (iii) if so, what those concessions are?
- (c) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) whether the government will take measures to control gold and silver prices; and
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (d) If not, why?

742/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew; in the District of Hambantota?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Trust Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Grade One Public Health Inspectors of the Southern Provincial Council who were promoted to Super Grade in the year 2005; and
 - (ii) as per the recruitment procedure of the Southern Provincial Council, whether applications have been called annually from Grade One Public Health Inspectors after the year 2005?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Grade One Public Health Inspectors who retired after the year 2005 having fulfilled the required qualifications until applications were called for the promotion to Super Grade in the year 2013; and
 - (ii) the steps taken by the government with respect to the said officers who have been subject to injustice?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Public Health Inspectors entitled to Super Grade who retired after applications were called in the year 2013;
 - (ii) whether a seniority list has been prepared for granting the posts of this special grade; and
 - (iii) the date on which promotions will be granted to the Public Health Inspectors entitled to the Super Grade who retired as per the seniority list after applications were called in the year 2013?
- (d) If not, why?

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew;
 in the District of Hambantota?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Provident Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

584/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a mechanism to examine the medicine available in the medical centres owned by doctors and in the pharmacies affiliated to them and also to examine the standard of the aforesaid places;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which such a site inspection was done for the last time;
 - (iii) whether action has been taken in the aforesaid inspections against the places which were not up to the proper standard; and
 - (iv) if so, the number of doctors who were convicted under law?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to enhance the quality of these medical centres and the pharmacies affiliated to them; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid action?
- (c) If not, why?

744/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew;

in the District of Kurunegala?
 - (a) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Trust Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, September 23, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

585/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a disciplinary inquiry has been conducted either by the Public Services Commission or the Ministry of Health against the person by the name of Subasinghe Arachchige Karunathilake who is a Biomedical Engineer employed in the Biomedical Engineering Services Division, Colombo 10 attached to the Ministry of Health;
 - (ii) if so, of the dates on which the aforesaid disciplinary inquiry was commenced and concluded; and
 - (iii) of the outcome of the aforesaid disciplinary inquiry?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of foreign tours this officer has made during 2008 to 2014;
 - (ii) separately as per each tour, whether it was made for official purposes or for personal purposes;
 - (iii) separately as per each tour, of the expenses borne by the Ministry; and
 - (iv) separately as per each tour, of the number of days taken for the tour and the officer who has authorized leave?
- (c) If not, why?

745/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts;
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew; and
in the District of Kurunegala?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Provident Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector; and
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the countries from which loans and aids were obtained for the construction of Hambantota Port; and
 - (ii) separately of the amounts of loans and aids so obtained?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately as per each year pertaining to the Hambantota Port—
 - (i) its income;
 - (ii) its Revenue Heads;
 - (iii) its expenses;
 - (iv) its Expenditure Heads; and
 - (v) the loss incurred or profit made;from the year of inception up to 2015?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) accounts registered anew;in the District of Matara?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Trust Fund accounts registered anew and by—
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Is he aware that Plot No.686 which has an extent of 0.436 hectares and bears No.280001 in the title plan No. ඩ.ඩ.අ.827 located in the vicinity of the GA's residence facing the Ampara-Uhana road of the 'Indrasarapura' Grama Niladhari Division of the Ampara Municipality coming under the Ampara Divisional Secretariat Division had been allocated to the D.S.Senanayake Memorial Society by the United National Party that came to power in 1977?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the aforesaid land has been surveyed to grant long-term lease titles to the National Savings Bank, People's Bank and Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau as per Survey Order Number අම/ප්‍ර-ම/99/10 and dated 03.02.1999; and
 - (ii) whether copies of lease titles or any other grant instrument made to aforesaid institutions will be submitted to this House if such documents exist?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015 —
 - (i) of the number of registered Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts;
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew;in the District of Matara?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House separately in relation to years 2013, 2014 and 2015, the number of Employees' Provident Fund accounts registered anew and by —
 - (i) state owned companies;
 - (ii) semi government institutions;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector;
 - (vi) the service sector?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, October 04, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

389/15

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the ginger cultivations in Sri Lanka have caught a fungal disease;
 - (ii) the ginger cultivations in the Kalutara District and the other districts have been affected by the aforesaid fungal disease; and
 - (iii) the price of ginger has dropped to a very low value at present?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the Department of Agriculture has taken steps to prevent the damages that have been caused to the ginger cultivations by the aforesaid fungal disease; and
 - (ii) if so, the nature of the steps that have been taken?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the quantity of ginger that was imported to Sri Lanka in year 2015 in kilograms;
 - (ii) whether measures have been taken to produce the ginger requirement of the country within this country itself;
 - (iii) if so, the nature of such measures; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to limit the importation of ginger?
- (d) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the price of ginger;
 - (ii) if so, of the manner in which such price increase will be done; and
 - (iii) of the further steps that will be taken to develop ginger cultivation in this country?
- (e) If not, why?

572/16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that action was taken by the Divisional Secretary of Samanthurei to inform the Director General of the Department of Pensions regarding the disabled status of Mr. K. L. Fasly Nisar residing at No. 438, Podiyar Street, Ampara Road, Samanthurei through Letter No. DSS/FMG/PEN/DI/2013-2 dated 19.12.2013 by sending the Disabled Pensioners Application (Pension No.01-857916) and the relevant Health report 307 (with the date 18.04.2006 which is the correct date of becoming disabled);
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide his pension payment expeditiously;
- (b) If not, why?

595/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of local and foreign private financial companies registered in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the names of such companies and the places in which those companies are located; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that some financial companies act causing inconveniences to customers?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the customers who were inconvenienced due to the activities of the aforesaid companies have taken legal action against them;
 - (ii) if so, whether a formal regulatory mechanism will be formulated to monitor financial institutions in order to minimize the inconveniences faced by the customers; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

610/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of times on which the medicinal drug named 'NIMOTUZUMAB' that is used to treat cancer patients has been imported to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the dates on which the aforesaid drug was imported; and
 - (iii) separately of the amount of the aforesaid drug that was imported in each time, the amount of money that was spent on that and the name of the importing company?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the relevant companies have been registered with the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board or any other institute for the importation of the aforesaid drug;
 - (ii) if so, of the date of such registration; and
 - (iii) whether he admits that the aforesaid drug is still at testing stage?
- (c) If not, why?

622/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that an account of the Provincial Council has been taken over for personal use by the Chief Minister of the Uva Province;
 - (ii) of the extent to which it complies with the existing Financial Regulations and the Provincial Council Regulations; and
 - (iii) on the steps that will be taken in relation to illegal or improper transaction, if any?
- (b) If not, why?

628/16

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of estates owned by the State Plantations Corporation, which were transferred to the individuals or private companies, on the basis of sale or long term lease, by the United National Party Government, in 2001-2004 period;
 - (ii) separately of the names of aforesaid estates, acreage of aforesaid lands, of the amount of money on which they were sold or given on lease, the names of the individuals or the companies;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid estates have been given under the cabinet approval, according to a open tender procedure or under government valuation; and
 - (iv) if aforesaid land have been sold or given on lease without any of aforesaid condition, whether aforesaid lands will be reclaimed by the government?
- (b) If not, why?

635/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House —
 - (i) whether the pension anomalies that had been existing have been eliminated as per the pledge given during the last election campaign to that effect;
 - (ii) whether the two-month lump-sum allowance paid to pensioners till the payments are made after eliminating pension anomalies has been recovered;
 - (iii) whether the amount paid for widows has been cut off in paying pensions; and
 - (iv) whether the unmarried girls under 21 years of age and children under 18 years of age have been deprived of their previously existing entitlement to the pension by now?
- (b) If not, why?

642/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether any payment has been made to some group of persons for the purpose of drafting the 19th Amendment to the Constitution Act or a concept paper of that Act; and
 - (ii) separately of the names of the payees, the reasons for making the payments, and the amount paid to each of those persons?
- (b) If not, why?

650/16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of employees recruited to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation during the period from 01.10.2015 up to 30.03.2016;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid employees;
 - (iii) the procedure adopted to recruit them;
 - (iv) whether there were vacancies in the approved cadre to recruit them;
 - (v) if so, the number of vacancies that existed in the approved cadre;
 - (vi) the criteria used in selecting each person, separately?
- (b) If not, why ?

658/16

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) he admits the fact that the monthly allowance of Rs. 6,000/- paid to Quasi Judges appointed under the Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act and the allowance of Rs. 5,000/- paid as clerical allowances and for office facilities, are not (at all) sufficient;
 - (ii) steps will be taken to increase the above allowances, taking into consideration the current cost of living?
- (b) If not, why?

664/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an accord or agreement between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Government of India or an Indian Company to modernize the Kankasanthurei Harbour;
 - (ii) if so, whether that accord or agreement will be presented to this House;
 - (iii) whether the documents that have the approval and observations of the Cabinet of Ministers and the Department of Attorney General for the aforesaid accord will be submitted;

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- (iv) whether this contract has been awarded to the relevant company through an open tender procedure;
 - (v) the cost needed to modernize the harbour according to the contract; and
 - (vi) the time period that is needed to complete the modernization task?
- (b) If not, why?

701/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the volume of capital provisions allocated for the strengthening of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption as per the Budget Proposals of 2016;
 - (ii) of the manner in which capital provisions were allocated by the aforesaid Commission after 01.03.2016;
 - (iii) whether the Ministry of Finance has received a request for additional provisions for year 2016 in addition to the allocated capital provisions of Rs.123 million;
 - (iv) if so, of the purpose of requesting such additional provisions?
- (b) If not, why?

709/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether appointments of minor employees of the Ministry of Education have been given from the inception of the 100 Day Programme which was introduced from 08th January 2015 up to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the qualifications which were considered when awarding the aforesaid appointments;
 - (ii) of the number of appointments so given;
 - (iii) separately of the number of said appointments as per each district; and
 - (iv) of the number of Tamil minor employees to whom such appointments have been given?
- (c) If not, why?

710/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries as at 08.01.2015; and
 - (ii) of the expenditure borne to provide the allowances for the aforesaid Samurdhi beneficiaries?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries as at 30.04.2016; and
 - (ii) of the expenditure borne by the government to provide the allowances for the aforesaid Samurdhi beneficiaries?
- (c) If not, why?

711/16

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Upali Kumara Kithsiri who is employed as the Govi Niyamaka of Giraula Division of the of the Ganga Ihala Korale Divisional Secretariat Division has constructed a road leading to his personal residence fraudulently using public funds in year 2014;
 - (ii) the aforesaid road does not belong to the Ganga Ihala Korale Pradeshiya Sabha area;
 - (iii) the aforesaid road has been constructed by forcefully filling without proper authorization the paddy land that belongs to Giraula Temple;
 - (iv) payments have been made for the construction of the aforesaid road using public funds; and
 - (v) political power has been used for utilizing public funds for the construction of a private road and for filling paddy lands without permission?
 - (b) Will he inform this House of the action that will be taken against the aforesaid construction?
 - (c) If not, why?
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