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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Medical (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill,— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under paragraph (l)(m) and (s) of sub section 61(1) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/11 of 01st September 2014, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.2),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/12 of 01st September 2014, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.3),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1892/41 of 12th December 2014, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.4),— Regulations made by the Minister of Home Affairs and Fisheries under Section 61(1)(h) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1904/10 of 03rd March 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.5),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61(1)(sg), (sh) and (t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/47 of 26th March 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.6),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61(1)(l) and (t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1907/47 of 26th March 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.7),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 30 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1924/6 of 20th July 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.8),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61 read with Section 29 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1938/2 of 26th October 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.9),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1938/2 of 26th October 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.10),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) read with Section 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F, 14G, 14H, 14I, 14J, 14K, 14L, 14M and 14N of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/6 of 14th December 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

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The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Regulations under the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act (No.11),— Regulations made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under Section 61(1)(t) of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act No. 2 of 1996 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1945/7 of 14th December 2015, which were presented on 06.09.2016, be approved.

* ***Indicates Government Business***

Wednesday, October 05, 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?

446/16

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(4)

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

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

602/16

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an Act has been passed by the Parliament to regulate Private Medical Institutions;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was done;
 - (iii) whether the methodology to regulate Private Medical Institutions is implemented according to the aforesaid Act; and
 - (iv) if so, the way in which it is done?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the registration of Private Medical Institutions and Private Hospitals, regulation of medicine and medical laboratories, and displaying of qualifications of the doctors do not carry out properly according to the Act mentioned in (a)(i);
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to implement the regulations in that Act in a proper manner; and
 - (iii) If so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

617/16

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Thirukkedishwara Kovil situated in Mannar District is a religious site of the Hindu people; and
 - (ii) a Buddhist temple is being constructed in an unauthorized manner on a land belonging to Mr. Kanpathipillei Wijayakumar which is situated in the close proximity of the Thirukkedishwara Kovil?

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- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to suspend the unauthorized construction of this temple?
- (c) If not, why?

639/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the names of the members of the Presidential Task Force on recovery of illegally acquired state assets?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the Chief of aforesaid Task Force;
 - (ii) of the intention of establishing it;
 - (iii) of the foreign countries that the Members or the Assisting Officers, have toured;
 - (iv) of the total amount of money spent on the tours of the Members or the Assisting Officers, as at 31st of March 2016; and
 - (v) of the value of illegally acquired assets, acquired on the decisions of the Task Force as at 31st March 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

647/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the objectives of holding the “Yowun Puraya-2016” festival;
 - (ii) of the amount spent on advertising with respect to that festival;
 - (iii) of the amount paid to each advertising agency, separately;
 - (iv) of the total amount spent on “Yowun Puraya-2016”, separately under each expenditure head; and
 - (v) whether he is satisfied that the government has achieved the expected objectives by holding this festival?
- (b) If not, why?

660/16

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that students are subjected to various discriminations and physical and mental harassments by some principals and teachers of Provincial Council Schools?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately as per each province of the number of male and female students who were thus subjected to mental and physical harassments; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to steer clear of mental and physical harassments and to take a certain step regarding their disciplined

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behavior having informed and consulted the Chief Minister of Provincial Councils?

(c) If not, why?

670/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether any agreement or Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Government of India and the Government of Sri Lanka for the construction of the Sampur Power Plant;
- (ii) if so, whether that document will be tabled;
- (iii) whether the Cabinet approval granted in that regard or the documents with the observations of the Department of the Attorney General will be submitted;
- (iv) whether a joint Indo–Lanka Company has been set up for the maintenance of the Sampur Power Plant;
- (v) if so, of the agreements and conditions applicable to the assets and management of that company;
- (vi) of the extent of land allocated for the Sampur Power Plant; and
- (vii) whether a plan of that land will be tabled?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, October 06, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

142/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

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

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money issued by the General Treasury to each of the aforesaid institutions to settle the losses, separately;
- (ii) whether an inquiry has been conducted in regard to the reasons for the aforesaid losses;
- (iii) if so, the reasons relevant to each institution, separately

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- (iv) whether steps will be taken to make the aforesaid institutions profit making ventures; and
 - (v) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

604/16

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that approval of the Cosmetics, Devices and Drugs Regulatory Authority has to be obtained when cosmetics are imported to Sri Lanka, as per the Cosmetics, Devices and Drugs Act No.27 of 1980?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) despite the aforesaid requirement, through the removal of the subject of cosmetics through National Drugs Regulatory Authority Act of 2015, opportunity has been provided to import cosmetics harmful to the body; and
 - (ii) those who use the said harmful cosmetics have suffered various allergies and fallen sick and died?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a proper methodology for the regulation of the importation of cosmetics would be formulated speedily to minimize such incidents; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

618/16

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(3)

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

655/16

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) separately, the politicians, government officials and other individuals who used helicopters or aircraft of the Sri Lanka Air Force for official or private visits during the period from 10th January 2015 to 30th April 2016;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money charged from each person for the said flights;

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- (iii) of the amount of money to be recovered for the said flights, the amount not paid thus so far; and
- (iv) the measures to be taken to recover the said arrears?

(b) If not, why?

672/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total number of official quarters situated in the city of Colombo, been allocated for the President, Prime Minister, Ministers, Members of Parliament and former Presidents;
- (ii) whether a register of the current occupants of these quarters will be submitted;
- (iii) whether a circular or a register including the regulations which are adopted to allocate these official quarters is available;
- (iv) if so, whether it will be tabled;
- (v) of the procedure adopted to allocate houses if a register of regulations is not available; and
- (vi) of the number of persons residing in these houses without having fulfilled the qualifications as per the regulations or the procedure for allocating houses?

(b) If not, why?

707/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the period of time during which Mr. Udayanga Weeratunga had functioned as the Sri Lankan Ambassador to Russia;
- (ii) what the charges against him are;
- (iii) of the progress of the investigations conducted regarding those charges;
- (iv) of the reasons for the delay in taking legal action against him; and
- (v) whether the assistance of Interpol has been sought to arrest him?

(b) If not, why?

718/16

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) A/Zahira College, the only Tamil Medium National School in the Anuradhapura District is faced with numerous shortcomings owing to being subjected to neglect;
- (ii) although, Jayah Muslim Maha Vidyalaya in Kadandugama and Muslim Maha Vidyalaya Kahatagasdigiliya have been included in the “1000 Schools” programme, no facilities other than Technology Laboratories have been provided to them; and

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- (iii) there is a dearth of teachers for Mathematics, Science, English and Technology in Sinhala and Tamil medium schools?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately, in relation to the school mentioned in (a) (i) above—
 - (i) the date, the dearth of teachers in the Advanced Level Science Stream would be met;
 - (ii) the date, a new building is constructed;
 - (iii) the date, an office for the Principal and an auditorium is constructed; and
 - (iv) and the date, a water filter would be provided, separately?
- (c) Will he also inform this House separately of the dates when—
 - (i) the other facilities for the schools mentioned in (a) (ii) above would be provided; and
 - (ii) the vacancies in the schools in (a) (iii) above would be filled?
- (d) If not, why?

722/16

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of hectares of the paddy fields got damaged due to sudden floods in last May;
 - (ii) of the approximate loss, incurred due to aforesaid damage;
 - (iii) of the number of irrigation systems, got damaged together with small tanks; and
 - (iv) separately, of the districts where damaged irrigation projects are located?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether aforesaid flood has an impact on the future food security of the country;
 - (ii) whether the government will take measures to provide relief for the distressed farming community; and
 - (iii) if so, in which manner?
- (c) If not, why?

727/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that a special permission was granted by the Budget Proposals of 2016 to register locally assembled but unregistered vehicles;
 - (ii) the number of commercial vehicles registered before the 31st of March 2016; the names of persons against whom such vehicles have been registered; and
 - (iii) the number of vehicles which were registered by paying one million rupees; the names of persons against whom such vehicles have been registered?
- (b) If not, why?

731/16

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the total number of employees at Sri Lanka Ports Authority;
 - (ii) the number of permanent employees as per each port, separately; and
 - (iii) the number of casual employees as per each port, separately; as of 09.01.2015?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of —
 - (i) the total number of employees at Sri Lanka Ports Authority as at 10.05.2016;
 - (ii) the number of employees newly recruited to the Authority by 10.05.2016; and
 - (iii) the manner in which those employees were recruited?
- (c) If not, why?

850/16

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the eligibility to receive the Rs. 2,000/- allowance paid to senior citizens by the National Council for Elders and the National Secretariat for Elders;
 - (ii) whether this allowance is paid to all senior citizens who have fulfilled the eligibility;
 - (iii) the provision allocated by the government for the year 2016 for this purpose;
 - (iv) the date on which this allowance will be paid to senior citizens for whom cards were issued in the year 2015 with the intention of paying this allowance;
 - (v) whether the number of people who receive this allowance can be increased in the year 2017; and
 - (vi) the sum of Rs. 100/- charged from January 2016 from this allowance paid to senior citizens is reimbursed to them some day?
- (b) If not, why?

851/16

Hon. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna, — To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government, — (1)

- (a) With reference to all examinations held between 01.01.2014 and 30.06.2016 by the Public Service Commission of the Western Province, will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of each examination;
 - (ii) of the names of question papers set for each examination;

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- (iii) of the number of candidates that sat for each question paper;
- (iv) of the names and designations of persons who prepared each question paper;
- (v) of the amount of money paid to each of the aforementioned persons for the preparation of the said question papers;
- (vi) of the names and designations of persons who marked answer scripts; and
- (vii) of the amount of money paid to each of the aforementioned persons for marking answer scripts;

(b) If not, why?

865/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of SLTB Depots functioning in the district of Badulla at present;
- (ii) separately of the number of buses plied by each depot per day;
- (iii) separately of the depots that gain profits and incur losses out of these depots;
- (iv) of the total number of employees serving in the SLTB Depots of the district of Badulla;
- (v) of the steps that will be taken to solve the issues regarding the dearth of drivers, conductors, and technicians, and the lack of spare parts for buses, which are prevalent in the depots of the district of Badulla at present?

(b) If not, why?

876/16

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) gates have been fixed across the road that has existed from the times of British rulers to reach the Arunagama village in the area where the Horana Processing Zone of Sri Lanka Board of Investment is situated and security officers have been deployed at those gates keeping the gates locked with padlocks;
- (ii) this road had been indicated in the plan of that area that had been drawn earlier, but it has not been indicated in the new plan that has been drawn by the Board of Investment;
- (iii) the extent of land which includes this road, too, has been sold by the government for constructing a golf-course; and

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- (iv) the youth of this area have lost employment opportunities due to the construction of a golf-course in an area that has been allocated for establishing industries?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether it is permitted to sell a land together with a road that runs through it; and
 - (ii) whether it is fair to deprive the people of the right to use a road which provide them easy access to the main road?
- (c) If not, why?

884/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
 - (i) the degree courses conducted at present at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura for the students who qualify to enter the University through the Commerce stream at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level); and
 - (ii) the total number of students enrolled for the said courses in the academic years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016, separately as per each course?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House of ,—
 - (i) the number of students;
 - (ii) the Z score and the district rank of the student with the minimum qualification (as per the course and the academic year); and
in relation to the students enrolled from Colombo district out of those enrolled as per (a) (i) above?
 - (c) Will he further state,-
 - (i) the methodology of enrolling of students for university degree courses under the category of “Special Skills”, who have excelled in the fields other than studies; and
 - (ii) the number of students enrolled for each of the courses mentioned in (a) (i) above under the category of “Special intake on Exceptional Abilities/Skills” in the relevant academic years?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Friday, October 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?

675/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of sites with archeological importance that have been identified in the districts of Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Jaffna, Puttalam, Ampara, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Vavuniya and Mannar;
 - (ii) separately of the sites mentioned in (i) above as per their Divisional Secretariats;
 - (iii) of the number of sites that have by now been conserved by the Department of Archeology out of the sites above, and of the names of those sites;
 - (iv) of the sites of archeological importance that are faced with severe threat but conservation measures have not yet been initiated;
 - (v) of the programmes that have been formulated by the government institutions in view of conserving the sites mentioned in (iv) above; and
 - (vi) of the amount of money allocated for that?
- (b) If not, why?

703/16

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a decision had been taken by the government, when the age of retirement for a public servant was 55 years, that the monthly salary given to the families of the soldiers who died in action be given to them until the deceased soldier is supposed to reach 55 years;
 - (ii) the government has extended the retirement age up to 60 years with an automatic extension up to 58 years and from 58 to 60 years by obtaining prior approval; and
 - (iii) the monthly salary of the war heroes who sacrificed their lives are given to their families only up to the time the deceased person is supposed to reach 55 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken that the monthly salary of the deceased war heroes be given to their families up to the time the deceased war hero is supposed to reach 60 years; and
 - (ii) the date from which the aforesaid age limit will be amended?
- (c) If not, why?

708/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the media institutions to which Sri Lanka Telecom awarded contracts for commercials during the period from May 2010 to January 2015; and
 - (ii) the dates on which each such media institution was given such contracts and the value of each commercial in respect of each media institution, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

723/16

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the Local and the Foreign Indebtedness of Sri Lanka by now;
 - (ii) of the Total Indebtedness as a percentage to the National Income;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid percentage is lower or higher than the indebtedness that was prevailing in the year 2004; and
 - (iv) of the steps that the government proposes in order to settle aforesaid debts?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House of the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of National Policy and Economic Affairs, recently, to advertise on aforesaid indebtedness through electronic and print media?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the amount of money allocated for state and private television channels, for telecasting aforesaid advertisements;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated for state and private radio channels; and
 - (iii) of the total amount of money allocated for daily and weekend newspapers?
- (d) If not, why?

728/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the types of Direct Taxes charged by the government of Sri Lanka since 1995 up to now;
 - (ii) the basis of charging each of the taxes separately?
 - (iii) the contribution made by the Direct Taxes to the State Revenue from 1995 to 2015, in relation to each year separately in rupees;
 - (iv) the contribution mentioned in the (iii) above as a percentage of Total Government Revenue and the Gross Domestic Product in relation to each year separately;
 - (v) the reasons for the Direct Tax Income of Sri Lanka remaining at a lower level, when compared to developed countries;
 - (vi) the trends of the Direct Tax Income of Sri Lanka in comparison to countries in the SAARC region in 2015; and
 - (vii) the proposed special measures to be introduced in order to enhance the Direct Tax Income of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

866/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the roads belonging to the provincial council within the district of Badulla have been hitherto developed ;
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid roads are;
 - (iii) of the amount of money allocated for each road;
 - (iv) separately of the companies to which the aforesaid road development contracts have been awarded to;
 - (v) of the factors assuring that the standard of the said roads are at a higher level;
 - (vi) whether it is admitted that the Chief Minister of the Uva Province has intervened with regard to the selection and the development of the aforesaid roads;
after the appointment of the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total number of 'Tea Shakthi' tea factories that function in various parts of the country;
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the beginning to date, of the number of employees working at each factory, the amount of tea produced in kilograms and the profit generated or the loss incurred by each factory; and
 - (iii) of the methodology adopted in managing those factories at present?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the institute which is presently in charge of the management of 'Tea Shakthi' tea factory of Raigam Korale;
 - (ii) of the relief provided to those who lost their employment with the aforesaid tea factory; and
 - (iii) of the reasons as to why a maximum production was not gone into using the machinery belonging to that factory?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the number of daily wage earners employed at the Head Office and the Refinery of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) of the period of service of those employees at Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (iii) out of the employment categories of casual, contract, and manpower, of the category to which the aforesaid employees belong; and
 - (iv) of the date from which the daily wage earners working at the Corporation will be absorbed into the permanent cadre?
- (b) If not, why?

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) Mr. W.K. Tilakaratna of Kalugaswatta, Pallegama, Deniyaya is living with his family in an old building which had been used for a Handloom Centre by the Department of Textile Industries long ago with the danger of collapsing the same; and
- (ii) this building has been arranged for his family by the Divisional Secretary of Kotapola on the recommendation of the Grama Niladari of Pallegama North due to the fact that the ancestral house of Mr. Tilakaratna has been identified by the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau as highly vulnerable for Earth slips?

(b) will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he takes necessary steps to grant this land to Mr. Tilakaratna to build a new house by demolishing the old building; if not, any other suitable land to build a house; and
- (ii) if so, when?

(c) If not, why?

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the institutions which submitted tenders when tenders were called for the purchase of the Canvas Shoes required for the physical training of the Army in the year 2015;
- (ii) separately the values of tenders offered by the aforesaid institutions;
- (iii) the institution which obtained the tender; and
- (iv) the reasons for awarding the tender to the aforesaid institution?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the names and designations of the officers of the Tender Board of the Ministry of Defence relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015;
- (ii) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board;
- (iii) of the names and designations of the officers of the Army Tender Board relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015; and
- (iv) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken by the government to remove the officers who continuously serve in the Tender Boards of the Ministry of Defence and the Army;
 - (ii) if so, on which date?
- (d) If not, why?

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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) the total amount of money spent for the propaganda advertisements on debt crisis in print and electronic media by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs from April 2016;
 - (ii) separately, the names of the newspapers in which the aforesaid advertisements were published along with the amount of money spent for that;
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money paid to the TV and Radio channels to broadcast those advertisements;
 - (iv) as to how the funds were raised for those advertisements;
 - (v) if the funds for those advertisements were obtained from Public Funds the Expenditure Heads from which those funds were obtained; and
 - (vi) if the funds for those advertisements were obtained through semi government and private sector sponsorship, the names of those institutions and the amount of money obtained from each institution, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the then Minister of Indigenous medicine Mr. Tissa Karaliyadda during his period of time as the Minister cleared 100 acres of forest land adjacent to Koonakumbukgollewa village on the border of Medawachchiya town to establish a herbal garden;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money spent for that;
 - (iii) what happened to the valuable timber that was cut and removed to start that herbal garden;
 - (iv) whether this herbal garden is a public property at the moment;
 - (v) the current situation of it;
 - (vi) the steps that will be taken in the future with regard to that land?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Mr. Chandana Pelpita serves as a working director at the Ceylong Fertilizers Limited;
 - (ii) if so, what his salary, allowances and the monthly rental for the vehicles assigned to him are;
 - (iii) whether the Presidential Commission of Inquiry had sent a letter dated 6th November 2015 to the Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture with regard to Petition No. PCI/52/2015;
 - (iv) what acts of serious financial fraud had been committed by Mr. Chandana Pelpita during his engagement as Deputy General Manager at the Ceylon Fishery Harbours according to the letter concerned;
 - (v) what recommendations were made by the Presidential Commission of Inquiry with regard to the acts of fraud concerned;
 - (vi) the date on which such recommendations were implemented; and
 - (vii) the reasons why if the recommendations by the Presidential Commission of Inquiry have not been implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the local government institutions which were operative in Badulla District under Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) whether a programme was on track under the provincial council for the management of solid waste of Local Government Institutions of Badulla District;
 - (iii) if so, of the amount of money, spent; and
 - (iv) of the manner in which the provincial council intervened into the management of solid waste, if a programme of aforesaid nature was not in operation?
- (b) If not, why?
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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 'ඞ, ඞ, ඞ, ඞ,' are controversial.

P. 102/'15

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

P. 103/'15

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

P. 104/'15

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

P. 105/'15

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

P. 106/'15

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

P. 107/'15

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

P.108/'15

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

P. 109/'15

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

P. 110/'15

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

P.111/'15

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

P.112/'15

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

P.113/'15

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

P.114/'15

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

P.115/'15

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

P.116/'15

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

P.117/'15

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

P.118/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Eliminating intellectual poverty,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematically planned national program should be implemented covering all age groups in order to eliminate the intellectual poverty of the people in this country due to the fact that, even though intellectual poverty is a major problem prevailing in the country arising through ignorance, which has raised its head as a result of knowledge, intellect and systems of human values not reaching people in comparison with the speed at which the material commodities move and since there is less concern in the country regarding that.

P.119/'15

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

P.120/'15

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

P.121/'15

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

P.122/'15

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

P.123/'15

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

P.124/'15

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

P.125/'15

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

P.126/'15

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

P.127/'15

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

P.128/'15

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

P.129/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a systematic programme for the continuation of the Bhikkuni Sasana in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should commence a due dialogue under the guidance of all parties including the Mahanayaka theras of the three Nikayas in order to provide due recognition to the Indian Bhikkuni Sasana commenced by Maha Prejapathigothami theri, which was re-established by the Rangiri Dambulu Chapter of the Shyamopali Maha Nikaya recently, due to the fact that the aforesaid Bhikkuni Sasana became defunct later though it was duly established in Sri Lanka with the arrival of Sangamiththa theri to Sri Lanka and a programme should be formulated at the end of the aforesaid dialogue in order to continue the Bhikkuni Sasana in Sri Lanka, through a systematic methodology.

P.130/'15

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

P.131/'15

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

P.132/'15

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

P. 133/'15

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

P.134/'15

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

P.135/'15

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

P.136/'15

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

P.137/'15

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

P.138/'15

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

P.139/'15

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

P.140/'15

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

P.143/'15

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

P.145/'15

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

P.150/'15

Hon. Hesha 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. Hesha 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 want 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.

Tuesday, October 25, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

517/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(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) these places where these abortions are done, operate 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?

609/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately for each year the methodology adopted pertaining to the purchase of spare parts for buses by the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014; and
 - (ii) how different this methodology is from the methodology which existed previously?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately pertaining to the above years—
 - (i) of the companies that submitted tenders for the provision of spare parts for SLTB in the above years and their addresses;
 - (ii) of the Company to which the tender was given and its address;
 - (iii) of the dates on which the spare parts were supplied and their value; and
 - (iv) of the import tax paid to the government for the importation of spare parts?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether the SLTB is satisfied with the prices, standard and the requirement of the spare parts imported?
- (d) If not, why?

748/16

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 Galle?
- (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; and
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

868/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) with respect to Badulla district, of the total number of employees served for Sri Lanka Transport Board and got retired since year 2010, to date;
 - (ii) whether he is aware the fact that a majority out of aforesaid employees haven't been provided with Employees' Provident Funds and the gratuity that they are entitled to yet;
 - (iii) whether speedy measures will be taken to provide aforesaid employees with the allowances concerned, as their families have been strained, extremely?
- (b) If not, why?

881/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an allowance of Rs. 750/- was granted to parents of soldiers engaged in the military service;

(47)

- (ii) if so, whether that allowance has been suspended as of now;
- (iii) if so, the date from which it was suspended; and
- (iv) whether action will be taken to grant the said allowance in the future?

(b) If not, why?

518/16

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 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?

749/16

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;

in the District of Galle?

(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;

(48)

- (iii) the private sector;
- (iv) the industrial sector;
- (v) the agricultural sector;
- (vi) the service sector?

(c) If not, why?

869/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that the development activities in the Provincial Health Service are decelerated after the present Chief Minister of Uva Province came into power; and
- (ii) if so, whether proper steps will be taken to develop the rural dispensaries and hospitals in the Badulla district in the Uva Province;

(b) If not, why?

882/16

Hon Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the instances when 2 membership numbers are issued to certain employees of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board, in contributing to the Employees' Provident Fund;
- (ii) of the reason for not taking action to combine the membership numbers issued as mentioned in (i) above until the retirement of the officer; and
- (iii) whether he admits that payment of provident fund is delayed as a result of not correcting the mistake made by the Board up to the retirement of the officer despite the requests made by him for correcting it and that it is negligence on the part of the Board?

(b) If not, why?

519/16

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?

(49)

- (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?

750/16

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 Jaffna?
- (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?

870/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that a special interest has been shown internationally in Indigenous Medicine by now;
 - (ii) the number of Indigenous Medicine Graduates in the district of Badulla;

- (iii) whether there is a formal programme prepared to recruit those graduates for the service in the Provincial Councils and the Central Government;
 - (iv) if so, details about that programme?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, October 26, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

520/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he state whether—
 - (i) there is a tendency in Sri Lanka by now to get sexual reassignments done;
 - (ii) problematic situations arise through that; and
 - (iii) the government has paid sufficient attention towards this?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of individuals who subjected themselves to sexual reassignment within the last five years;
 - (ii) whether surgeries relevant to this are done in government hospitals;
 - (iii) if so, the number of surgeries relevant to sexual reassignment done in government hospitals within the last five years; and
 - (iv) the expenditure borne by the government in that regard?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether changing the National Identity Card and the Birth Certificate relevant to the identity of the persons who had themselves subjected to sexual reassignment is done; and
 - (ii) if so, how that process is carried out?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether HIV affected persons have been reported among those who had themselves subjected to sexual reassignment;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such persons; and
 - (iii) of the steps taken to control the spread of venereal diseases including HIV among these persons?
- (e) If not, why?

751/'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;
 in the District of Jaffna?
- (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?

871/'16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of government schools in the Badulla district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools separately;
 - (iii) of those schools, the number of schools headed by acting principals at present and the names of those acting principals;
 - (iv) the number of persons from the Badulla district who have passed the recently held examination to recruit persons to grade III of the Sri Lanka Principals Service;
 - (v) the names of the persons mentioned in (iv) above; and
 - (vi) the methodology adopted to post them to schools as they have completed the Principals' training?
- (b) If not, why?

521/'16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) certain Sri Lankan leaders who shouldered the freedom struggle were named Traitors to the Crown by the British who ruled this country during the period from 1815 to 1948;

- (ii) the names of those leaders have not been removed from that list up to now; and
- (iii) the attention of the government has not been paid to this up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankans named Traitors to the Crown by the British;
 - (ii) their names; and
 - (iii) the reasons cited for naming them Traitors to the Crown?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to remove the names of those leaders from the list of Traitors to the Crown;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done;
 - (iii) whether the government will take action to name these leaders National Heroes; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

752/16

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 Mannar?
- (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; and
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

872/16

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

- (a) (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, the amount of money allocated and spent for education in the Badulla district after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province ascended to that post;
 - (ii) whether a new school has been founded in the Badulla district during that period;
 - (iii) the number of schools in the Badulla district that were closed during that period;
 - (iv) whether the line ministry conducts a proper follow up of the expenditure on education and expenditure on development of the Uva Provincial Council; and
 - (v) if not, why;
- (b) 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 corruptions, 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?

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

- (a) (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province has started a programme for the distribution of school bags among school children of the Uva Province;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of students of the Uva Province that have received the aforesaid benefit;
 - (iii) of the total expenditure borne for this purpose by now;
 - (iv) of the funding sources of the aforesaid project;
 - (v) whether any irregularity has occurred in the aforesaid project; and
 - (vi) if so, of the steps that will be taken in this regard?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, October 27, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

532/16

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a range of products is possible with palmyra treacle;
 - (ii) it is a healthy substitute for sugar; and
 - (iii) a large number of jobs can be generated through this industry?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a census has been conducted regarding the number of people engaged in palmyra treacle and jaggery industry for their livelihood; and
 - (ii) if so, of that number?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has taken steps to uplift the palmyra treacle and jaggery industry; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

754/16

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

- (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 Batticaloa?
- (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;

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- (iv) the industrial sector;
 - (v) the agricultural sector; and
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

533/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of, —
- (i) the acreage of land brought under sugarcane cultivation within Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the sugarcane production from 2010 to 2015, separately as per each year?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the other sugarcane related products apart from sugar;
 - (ii) whether those products are exported; and
 - (iii) if so, of the amount of foreign exchange earned by Sri Lanka in 2015 ?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) whether the government will take steps to extend sugarcane cultivation; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

755/16

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 Batticaloa?
- (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;

(57)

- (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?

582/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
- (i) the number of officers who participated in the three month training course conducted from 09.01.2008 to 09.04.2008 for the recruitment of Food and Drug Inspectors;
 - (ii) their names, addresses, provinces and places of service;
 - (iii) the dates on which the written and practical tests were held at the end of this course separately;
 - (iv) the cut off marks for passing the practical test;
 - (v) the number of officers who scored that percentage and their names; and
 - (vi) the date on which the officers who passed the test were granted appointments, separately with respect to each officer?
- (b) If not, why?

756/16

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 Vavuniya?
- (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;

(58)

- (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?

Friday, October 28, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

583/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the evaluation of the answer scripts of the practical test of the three month training programme conducted from 09.01.2008 up to 09.04.2008 for the recruitment of Food and Drug Inspectors has been done using pencils;
 - (ii) marks have been erased and changed several times;
 - (iii) the Association of Public Health Inspectors made a request to conduct a formal inquiry into this; and
 - (iv) an inquiry was conducted accordingly?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reason for not to have been submitted the report of the aforesaid inquiry until now ;
 - (ii) the name of the officer who prepared the aforesaid inquiry report; and
 - (iii) whether he has been removed from service by now?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the relief given to the officers who confronted injustice;
 - (ii) whether actions has been taken against the officers who were connected to this fraud; and
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid actions?
- (d) If not, why?

757/16

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 Vavuniya?
- (c) 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?
- (d) If not, why?

588/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether title Plan No. B.S.අ827 located in the vicinity of the Government Agent'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 granted to a person through a long-term lease title, title deed or any other grant instrument between year 2001 and 2013;
 - (ii) if so, of the name, address and designation of such person;
 - (iii) whether the said person has alienated the aforesaid land;
 - (iv) if so, of the name of such person;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to return the aforesaid land to the D.S.Senanayake Memorial Committee; and
 - (vi) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

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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 Putlam?
- (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; and
 - (vi) the service sector?
- (c) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds imported to Sri Lanka during the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the major countries from which Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds are imported to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds are grown in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the said production as a percentage of the requirement of Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) if Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds are not cultivated, of the reasons for it; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the government to expand the cultivations of Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds in Sri Lanka?
- (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; and
 - (ii) of the number of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts registered anew;
in the District of Putlam?
 - (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?
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