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**Tuesday, February 07, 2017**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of limits of Bribery Raids Advance Account - 2016 (Subject No.- 01002) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption,— Whereas approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted for Revision of limits of Bribery Raids Advance Account of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption stipulated in the Schedule of Article 41(b) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution;

And whereas, approved limits stipulated in the estimates for payment of advances to be utilized in bribery raids are as follows:—

Maximum limit of expenditure	-	Rs. 150,000,000.00
Minimum limit of receipts	-	Rs. 5,000,000.00
Maximum limit of debit balance	-	Rs. 275,000,000.00 ;

And whereas, anticipated balances in Raids Account for 2016 are as follows:—

Debit balance as at 01.01.2016	-	Rs. 19,340,031.98
Anticipated debit for the year	-	Rs. 150,000,000.00
Anticipated credit for the year	-	Rs. 1,700,000.00
Anticipated debit balance as at 31.12.2016	-	Rs. 167,640,031.98 ; and

Whereas, a reduction in receipts is shown because of the inability to credit sums which are held as productions in pending cases filed in previous years;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to reduce the minimum limit of receipts in the Bribery Raids Advance Account of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption from Rs. 5,000,000.00 to Rs. 1,500,000.00.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs and Minister of Lands,—Regulations under the Lands Acquisition Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Lands under Paragraph (f) of Sub-section (2) of Section 63 of the Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) of amending the Regulation 4(2) of the Land Acquisition (Payment of Compensation) Regulations 2013 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1993/26 of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016, which were presented on 24.01.2017 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 read with Section 118 of the aforesaid Act, relating to ceiling on prices and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1989/61 of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016, which were presented on 24.01.2017 be approved.

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The Minister of Finance,—Notification under the Excise Ordinance,—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 22 (2) of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) on exempting the payment of excise duty on foreign liquor imported for the purpose of re-export or to sell at duty free shops for foreign currency with effect from 04<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1987/5 of 03<sup>rd</sup> October 2016, which was presented on 24.01.2017 be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 990)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,—Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act,—That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Sub-section 3 of Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to special commodity levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1992/27 of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016, which was presented on 24.01.2017 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,—Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,—That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to import duties, which was presented on 24.01.2017 be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1992/26 of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Industry and Commerce,—Regulations under the Companies Act and the Societies Ordinance—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce under Section 527 of the Companies Act, No. 7 of 2007 read with Section 477 of the said Act and Regulations made under Section 19 of the Societies Ordinance (Chapter 123) No. 16 of 1891 read with the Societies Ordinance (Amendment) Act, No.11 of 2005 relating to the Companies (Fees) and Societies (Fees) and published in the Extraordinary Gazette No. 1990/12 of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016, which were presented on 24.01.2017 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,—That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1992/52 of 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016, which was presented on 26.01.2017 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—Order under the Strategic Development Project Act,—The Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3 (4) of the Strategic Development Project Act, No. 14 of 2008 relating to the exemptions to be granted in respect of the proposed project and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1993/34 of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016, which was presented on 27.01.2017 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 read with Subsection 3 of Section 4 and Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987, published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1999/47 of 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016, which were presented on 27.01.2017 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business.*

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**Thursday, March 09, 2017**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1060/16

Hon. S.M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is a programme with the Department of Police to provide personal police security to Sri Lankan citizens who are not People's Representatives;
  - (ii) if so, of the persons to whom such security has been provided;
  - (iii) separately of the number of security officers provided to them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether Police or Army security is provided to the electoral organizers of the political parties ;
  - (ii) if so, of the persons to whom such security has been provided; and
  - (iii) separately of the number of security officers provided to them?
- (c) If not, why?

1095/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) objectives of Samurdhi Model Village Programme;
  - (ii) the villages chosen from Puttalam district for the programme referred to in (i) above, under the project;

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- (iii) amount of money expected to be spent for developing each village; and
- (iv) amount of resources to be received by each village under the project?

(b) If not, why?

1110/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the names and addresses of the current Board of Directors of the Bandarawela Multipurpose Cooperative Society;
- (ii) separately, their educational qualifications;
- (iii) separately, of the regional societies of the said multipurpose cooperative society, the regional societies that make profits and incur losses at present;
- (iv) whether there had been any complaint in respect of the recent election; and
- (v) if so, measures to be taken in that regard ?

(b) If not, why?

1126/16

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the loan scheme named SMILE III was implemented for the small and medium scale industries and micro industries on a concessionary interest rate and with a two years grace period in order to empower entrepreneurs;
- (ii) the project director published newspaper advertisements on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and gave publicity regarding granting loans;
- (iii) eventhough ten commercial banks came forward to grant loans under this scheme and nearly five thousand applicants applied for those loans, granting of loans has now been stalled;
- (iv) eventhough most entrepreneurs have completed the signing of deeds of security and deeds of mortgage by making the preliminary expenses, loans have not been granted; and
- (v) this situation has resulted in improving businesses and emerging businesses being stalled while being a blow to the national economy?

(b) Will he inform this House as to why people were inconvenienced by publishing newspaper advertisements on 10.07.2016, if granting of loans is not possible?

(c) If not, why?

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1127/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that compensation subject to a maximum of Rs.10,000/= was paid by the previous government through the Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board under the “Kethata Aruna Programme” for drought, floods and wild elephant menace by charging an additional amount of Rs.150/= per pack of fertilizer when Rs.350 /= fertilizer subsidy was provided?
- (b) Will he inform this House, whether any compensation would be paid through insurance for the people affected by the severe drought prevailing throughout the island?
- (c) If not, why?

1276/16

Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether he recognises the perpetual survival of the fisheries industry which makes a contribution in fulfilling the nutritional needs of the people and earning foreign exchange?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to Matara district—
  - (i) the number of fisheries harbours and anchorages and their locations;
  - (ii) the number of multiday and single day fishing vessels registered with each Divisional Secretary’s division; and
  - (iii) the number of fishermen living in each Divisional Secretary’s Division separately, according to the statistics of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources?
- (c) Will he further inform this House in relation to Matara district from 2013 to 2016—
  - (i) the amount of money spent to enhance fisheries infrastructure facilities;
  - (ii) the number of multiday and single day fishing vessels that have been distributed on concessionary basis; and
  - (iii) the number of fishing gear sets, communication equipment and life jackets that has been distributed on concessionary basis in each Divisional Secretary’s Division, in each year, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1373/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether Rackspace in the private sector super markets were given at a reasonable rate as per proposal No. 126 of the Budget 2016 in order to promote sales of small and medium scale entrepreneurs;

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- (ii) whether a request was made by a Ministry to make such rack space available from the super markets of the private sector;
  - (iii) if such a request or order was made, will he present a copy of it; and
  - (iv) whether he will present a list of number of super markets of the private sector in Sri Lanka which are liable to pay taxes and the cities/villages in which they are situated?
- (b) If not, why?

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**Friday, March 10, 2017**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

966/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to each year from 2010 - 2016, separately—
- (i) the quantity of chemical fertilizer imported to Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the quantity of chemical fertilizer issued by the government for each season;
  - (iii) the quantity of chemical fertilizer issued for paddy cultivation and vegetable cultivations;
  - (iv) the quantity of organic fertilizer produced in Sri Lanka;
  - (v) the quantity of organic fertilizer issued by the government for each season; and
  - (vi) The quantity of organic fertilizer issued for paddy cultivation and vegetable cultivation?
- (b) If not, why?

996/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the grants received by the Government of Sri Lanka from foreign governments and international agencies in 2014 and 2015 separately;
  - (ii) whether there is a decline in the foreign grants in 2015 compared to 2014; and
  - (iii) if so, the reason for the decline in foreign grants cut to come down when there is a government which claims that it has gained international acclaim?
- (b) If not, why?

1102/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mrs. Nalinagandi Vimalendran, teacher at Bt/Navatkerny Kannaki Vidyalaya completed her training from Batticaloa Teachers College in 2008 and posted to Kaiveli Ganesha Vidyalaya in Mullaithivu district;
  - (ii) she was asked to sit for the final examination in April 2009 which was held at Batticaloa Teachers College;
  - (iii) as war was at its climax during that period and nobody was allowed to leave out of Mullaithivu;
  - (iv) she sat for the examination with her junior batch and the effective date of her certificate is given as 01.01.2011; whereas juniors were given as 01.08.2009; and
  - (v) she has appealed to the President about this injustice and the Coordinating Secretary to the President has sent a letter No. SL/EDU/APP/0043 dated 05.08.2016 to then, Secretary, Ministry of Education to rectify this irregularity?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether instructions be given to change the effective date of her certificate as 01.08.2009?
- (c) If not why?

1112/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the Departments, Authorities, Corporations and other Statutory institutions coming under the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation ;
  - (ii) the total number of staff attached to each such institution, separately;
  - (iii) the total number of staff recruited to each of the above institutions after the present government of good governance came into power in 2015, separately;
  - (iv) the names and addresses of persons mentioned in (iii) above;
  - (v) whether there are vacancies in these intuitions at present; and
  - (vi) if so, the methodology to be adopted to recruit persons in future?
- (b) If not, why?

1128/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of overseas trips made by the current Chief Minister of the Western Provincial Council, after his appointment to the said post;

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- (ii) the countries visited and the amount spent on those trips separately;
- (iii) the objects of each of those visits separately; and
- (iv) the progress achieved in relation to the expected objects of the said overseas trips?

(b) If not, why?

1132/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether Dr. Neville Fernando Investment Pvt. Ltd. has been granted permission by the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka to start a Higher Education Institute;
- (ii) if so, of the degrees awarded by it;
- (iii) of the date of entering into the agreement with that institution;
- (iv) whether that agreement would be tabled;
- (v) whether that company has met the condition of getting prior approval of the Ministry of Health in granting approval to award the Nursing Degree and Health Science Degree within Sri Lanka;
- (vi) if so, whether the letter issued by the Ministry of Health granting approval would be tabled; and
- (vii) if not, of the measures taken against that company which had breached the agreement with the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

1345/16

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) 3 aircraft of type A350 have been ordered for Sri Lankan Air Lines Company by the previous government on hire-purchase system;
- (ii) the aforesaid order has been cancelled by the new government after assuming power;
- (iii) the AerCap Company which had accepted the order asked for a compensation of 97 million American dollars for the cancellation of the contract;
- (iv) a decision has been taken by the cabinet sub committee on 07.09.2016 to discuss regarding the payment of compensation, misleading the cabinet in spite of the possibility to sell the aircraft to another airlines company if they are not purchased by the government; and



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- (v) action has been taken by the Prime Minister's office, going by an e-mail sent by Mr. Charitha Rathwatte, to pay the aforesaid amount of money without getting the cabinet approval and without conducting any discussion pertaining to selling the aforesaid aircraft to some other airline company or pertaining to getting a reduction in the amount of compensation claimed by the AerCap company?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken with relevance to the loss and economic damage caused to the Sri Lankan Government by this transaction?
- (c) If not, why?

1351 / 16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the total extent of lands belonging to the Department of Railways in each town?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in terms of—
  - (i) the area;
  - (ii) the relevant geographical domain;
  - (iii) the relevant basis of granting; and
  - (iv) The date from which the Department of Railways has given up use of;  
the extents of lands, out of the total extent of lands referred to in (i) above, that are presently not in use by the Department of Railways due to being given on rent or lease basis?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
  - (i) Whether any decision has been taken by now to lease, sell or to alienate ;
  - (ii) if so, of the names of such lands;
  - (iii) of the basis of alienation of such lands;
  - (iv) of the monthly lease that is charged per perch of the lands that have been leased at present;
  - (v) of the number of lands for which the payment of lease has been defaulted; and
  - (vi) of the nature of legal action that will be taken against defaulters of land lease?
- (d) If not, why?

1375/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
- (i) whether he accepts that, according to Budget Proposal No. 129 for 2016, 1,000 million rupees had been allocated for encouraging healthy co-operation between the private and public sectors;
  - (ii) of the manner in which this 1,000 million rupees, which had been allocated for development of agriculture, was utilized;
  - (iii) whether he will submit a list of beneficiaries of the financial resources flowing from this 1,000 million rupees allocated from the Budget Proposals; and
- (b) If not, why?

999/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) out of the number of separatist terrorists who surrendered themselves to the government or have been taken into custody in the year 2009, the number of separatist terrorists who have been rehabilitated and handed over to their close relatives in respect of each year separately; and
  - (ii) if there are persons who have not been handed over to their close relatives, the reason for such detentions?
- (b) If not, why?

1399/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he would table a detailed list that contains the names of the villages among which the provision of Rs.21,000 million that had been allocated for the year 2016 was distributed under the programme to provide Rs.1.5 million per village for the development of rural economy as per proposal No.171 of the budget proposals for year 2016 and details of the projects that have been completed in each of those villages;
  - (ii) whether he would table a list that contains separately the names of authoritative institutes which implemented the aforesaid budget proposal in the said 14,022 Grama Niladhari Divisions and the amounts of money that have been obtained by those authorities during year 2016 for the purpose of implementing the aforesaid projects;
  - (iii) whether he would table a list that contains the names of Grama Niladhari Divisions which have not received the financial provision of Rs.1.5 million that is allocated per village as per the aforesaid proposal or those which have received only a part of that provision; and
- (b) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS  
(Friday, March 10, 2017)

925/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the posts held by the person named Piyadasa Kuda Balage in Sri Lanka Insurance Company and in the institutions affiliated to it;
  - (ii) the period of time for which he held each post separately;
  - (iii) his educational and professional qualifications; and
  - (iv) the monthly salary and the allowances that he received for each post, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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Tuesday, March 21, 2017  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

841/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) St. Anthony's Church, Kochchikade, Colombo; Church of Our Lady, Matara; Madhu Church; and Basilica, Ragama are the main places of worship of Christians and Catholics in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) common amenities required to devotees visiting these places of worship are at a minimal level; and
  - (iii) as a result, devotees face great difficulties during annual festivals which are held in these places of worship?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps have been taken by the government to develop these places of worship; and
  - (ii) of the financial assistance and other forms of assistance provided by the government for the annual festivals?
- (c) If not, why?

976/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake, —To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) Whether there is a transmission centre known as “Voice of America” at Iranawila area, Chilaw in the North Western Province;
  - (ii) if so, the extent of land given to it;
  - (iii) whether that land has been given on free hold basis or lease basis;

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- (iv) if it is on lease basis, the amount of money paid to the Government of Sri Lanka as lease rent in each year separately; and
  - (v) whether all Sri Lankan Laws of Sri Lankan Government are in force within this land?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) what agreements had been entered into between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Government of the United States of America or Voice of America with regard to the establishment of the transmission center known as ‘Voice of America’;
  - (ii) whether all those agreements will be tabled;
  - (iii) of the number of Sri Lankans and foreigners employed at this centre, separately;
  - (iv) of the activities conducted and programmes broadcast by this centre; and
  - (v) what state institutions of Sri Lanka monitor those activities and programmes?
- (e) If not, why?

1008/16

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) Hon. Mangala Samaraweera, the Minister of Foreign Affairs made a complaint to the Criminal Investigation Department on 14.01.2015 regarding a conspiracy to withhold the results of the Presidential Election on the night of 08.01.2015, requesting that the investigation be prioritized in consideration of the threat to national security and to democracy; and
  - (ii) in response to a question for oral answers raised by me in Parliament, the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development stated on 09.03.2016 that taking further action has been halted because remarks of the Attorney-General have not been received?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which a report on the aforesaid investigation was received by the Attorney-General;
  - (ii) of the date on which remarks of the Attorney-General regarding the aforesaid investigation were sent to the Police; and
  - (iii) if Attorney-General’s remarks have not been sent yet, of the reasons for it?
- (c) If not, why?

1101/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
  - (i) the number of houses built by National Housing Development Authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
  - (ii) number of such houses in each district separately;
  - (iii) the amount of money granted as housing loans when building the houses; and
  - (iv) the amount of housing loans provided as per each district separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this house—
  - (i) the number of beneficiary houses built by the Authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
  - (ii) number of such houses in each district separately;
  - (iii) the total amount of money allocated for that purpose; and
  - (iv) the amount, in district wise separately?
- (c) Will he further inform this house—
  - (i) the number of model house villages built by the authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
  - (ii) such villages, in each district separately;
  - (iii) the total amount of money allocated for it; and
  - (iv) the amount, in district-wise separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1400/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he would table a detailed list of expenses that contains information about the way the provision of Rs.200 million that had been allocated for the construction of a new economic zone in Vavuniya as per proposal No.172 of the budget proposals for year 2016, was spent during year 2016;
  - (ii) out of the aforesaid amount that had been allocated to the Ministry of Rural Economic Affairs, of the amount of money that had been released to that Ministry before 31.03.2016;
  - (iii) whether a feasibility report of the project to build the aforesaid economic zone had been prepared either at the time the sum of Rs.200 million was allocated to that project or after the allocation had been made;

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- (iv) if so, whether such feasibility report would be tabled;
  - (v) if not, why; and
  - (vi) whether action was taken to obtain the fullest support of the relevant provincial council for the implementation of this important project in the year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

842/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) the teledrama series called ‘Kopi Kade’ telecast in the Independent Television Network is the longest running teledrama series of South Asia;
  - (ii) the aforesaid teledrama has not been subjected to proper commendation up to now; and
  - (iii) the aforementioned situation is causing an injustice to the artists who contribute to this teledrama through acting and through other fields?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately the names of artists who have been making their contribution to the teledrama series called ‘Kopi Kade’ through acting and through other technical fields from the beginning up to now; for a period of 20-30 years; for a period of 10-20 years and for a period exceeding 5 years;
  - (ii) whether the government or Independent Television Network has made arrangements for the welfare of the aforementioned artists; and
  - (iii) if so, the arrangements that have been made?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken by the government to appreciate the aforementioned artists; and
  - (ii) if so, of the manner in which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

1011/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) private vans and three-wheelers are widely used for transporting school children in all parts of the island at present; and
  - (ii) fees are charged for school vans even during school vacations?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of vehicles that have been deployed in the country for transporting school children at present; and

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- (ii) whether there is any procedure for regulating the standards of those vehicles, the seating capacity of those vehicles and the fees charged from school children for such vehicles?

(c) If not, why?

1042/16

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the former President Mrs. Chandrika Kumaranatunge holds any position in the present government;
- (ii) whether she has been vested with any responsibility relating to reconciliation;
- (iii) whether she has been provided with transport facilities by helicopters at government expense; and
- (iv) the number of vehicles, security officers and other facilities accorded to her?

(b) If not, why?

1407/16

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

(a) Will he inform the House—

- (i) how many of the Dedicated Agricultural and Fishery Export Zones proposed to be established according to Budget Proposal No. 183 in the Budget 2016, as mentioned in the manifesto of the Hon. Prime Minister, were established in the year 2016 and where they have been located;
- (ii) of the total expenditure borne by the government separately for each of the zones so established according to the aforesaid proposal;
- (iii) what government agency bears the responsibility for these Dedicated Agricultural and Fishery Export Zones; and
- (iv) what export income was earned through each such zone if such zones have been established in the year 2016?

(b) If not, why?

709/16

Hon. S. Viyalanderan,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (4)

(a) Will he inform this House whether appointments of minor employees in the Ministry of Education have been given from the inception of the “100 Day” Programme which was introduced from 08<sup>th</sup> January 2015 up to date?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the qualifications which were considered when awarding the aforesaid appointments;

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- (ii) of the number of appointments so given;
  - (iii) separately of the number of said appointments as per each district; and
  - (iv) of the number of Tamil minor employees to whom such appointments have been given?
- (c) If not, why?

723/16

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(5)

- (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?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs, recently, to advertise on aforesaid indebtedness through domestic 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?

828/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that paddy can be cultivated as an alternative crop in the lands in the possession of Hingurana Sugar Company during the season in which sugarcane is not cultivated in them and in plots of lands where sugarcane is anyway not cultivated;
  - (ii) whether it has been observed that steps can be taken to cultivate paddy in Norochcholai Yaya and Deegawapi Zone without incurring any damage to the sugar industry;



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- (iii) whether he is aware that letters have been sent by the Galoya Plantation Company which manages the Higurana Sugar Company at present, to the effect that lands would be re-acquired from the farmers who engage in paddy or other cultivations other than sugarcane cultivation; and
- (iv) whether a programme to protect the lands of the farmers who engage in paddy cultivation without making any hazardous impact on the sugarcane cultivation will be implemented?

(b) If not, why?

931/16

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware that the Ceylon Electricity Board should follow the tender procedure according to the Electricity Act when purchasing electricity from the private sector;
- (ii) whether the tender procedure has been followed for the purchases of electricity done up to date; and
- (iii) if so, on which occasions?

(b) If not, why?

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Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) what steps have been taken by the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy to popularise smoke-free firewood stoves;
- (ii) what amount has been invested for it so far;
- (iii) what steps have been taken by the government to provide fuel timber to the general public at commercial level; and
- (iv) what extent of land has been cultivated under the Fuel Timber Cultivation Projects?

(b) If not, why?

948/16

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the land areas allocated for burial grounds in Divisional Secretariat areas like Thalawa, Thambuttegama, Galnewa and Ipalogama were gradually reduced after the implementation of the Mahaweli Development Project; and

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- (ii) people made requests from your Ministry for a long period of time to build a crematorium as a solution for this?
  - (b) Will he inform this House—
    - (i) the date on which the construction of the crematorium at Eppawala burial ground was started using the provisions allocated for the development of Kalawewa electorate for 2014, to fulfil the above mentioned request;
    - (ii) the amount of money allocated to construct the crematorium;
    - (iii) the reason why the construction work of the crematorium has stopped halfway; and
    - (iv) the date on which it will be completed and commissioned to the people's ownership?
  - (c) If not, why?
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