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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Regulations under the Marine Pollution Prevention Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Mahaweli Development and Environment under Section 51 of the Marine Pollution Prevention Act No. 35 of 2008 read with paragraph (e) of Section 6 and Section 21 of the said Act and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1996/27 of 06th December 2016, which were presented on 07.06.2017, be approved.

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to license fee on liquor and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1997/16 of 15th December 2016, which was presented on 06.06.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 992)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.2),—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to license fee on arrack and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1998/7 of 20th December 2016, which was presented on 06.06.2017, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 994)

(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 Act No. 48 of 1985 and Act No. 28 of 1987 and Published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2019/24 of 19th May 2017, which were presented on 07.06.2017, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

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Friday, July 07 2017

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.76/'15

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

P.77/'15

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

P.78/'15

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

P.79/'15

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

P.80/'15

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

P.81/'15

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

P.82/'15

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

P.83/'15

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

P.84/'15

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

P.85/'15

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

P.86/'15

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

P.87/'15

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

P.88/'15

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

P.89/'15

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

P.90/'15

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

P.91/'15

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

P.92/'15

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

P.93/'15

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

P.94/'15

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

P.95/'15

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

P.96/'15

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

P. 97/'15

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

P. 98/'15

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

P. 99/'15

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

P. 100/'15

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

P. 101/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting a Standard for the Sinhala Language,— That this Parliament resolves that a procedure that can ensure that sustainability of the Sinhala Language be made through the appointment of a panel of experts to set a standard for the language by taking into consideration the changes that occur over time since the syntax and the use of certain letters, particularly ‘ඛ, ඞ, ට, ජ,’ 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, Devadharmas Jathaka, Sathara Sangraha Wasthu, Chakkawaththi Sihanada Sutta and Dharma Pradeepika.

P. 104/'15

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

P. 105/'15

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

P. 106/'15

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

P. 107/'15

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

P.108/'15

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

P. 109/'15

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

P. 110/'15

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

P.111/15

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

P.112/15

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

P.113/15

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

P.114/15

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

P.115/15

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

P.116/'15

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

P.117/'15

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

P.118/'15

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

P.119/'15

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

P.120/'15

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

P.121/15

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

P.122/15

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

P.123/15

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

P.124/15

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

P.125/15

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

P.126/'15

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

P.127/'15

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

P.128/'15

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

P.129/'15

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

P.130/'15

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

P.131/'15

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

P.132/'15

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

P. 133/'15

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

P.134/'15

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

P.135/'15

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

P.136/ '15

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

P.137/'15

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

P.138/'15

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

P.139/'15

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

P.140/'15

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

P.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 into 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. Heshan 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. Heshan 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.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.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.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.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. 179/16

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

P 180/16

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

P.181/16

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

P.182/16

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

P.183/16

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

P.184/16

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

P. 185/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, – Establishing a Centre for Parliamentary Studies, – that this Parliament resolves that a Centre for Parliamentary Studies be established within the Parliament Complex in order to facilitate schoolchildren, youths and other scholars to study the parliamentary procedures, history of parliament and political systems of Sri Lanka and of various countries in the world.

P. 186/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,— Amending the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Law,— This Parliament resolves that the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Law that is currently operative in Sri Lanka be amended to accord with the recognized fundamental principles of Islam.

P. 189/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Naming the Puttalam District as the District of National Coexistence and Reconciliation,— As the different community groups of Buddhists, Catholics and Muslims of the Puttalam District live in utmost peace and amity, this Parliament resolves that it be named as the District of National Coexistence and Reconciliation in order to further promote coexistence, which is one of the foremost objectives of the present Good Governance Regime.

P.190/17

Hon. Rohini Kumari Wijerathna, - Formulating a Methodical Course of Action to uplift Pre-School Education,— As there seems to be an element of degradation in children's personality development, value structure and fundamental educative streamlining in early childhood development due to lack of proper standard and methodology in running early childhood development centres, which are the foremost places for the creation of perfect individuals useful for the country, despite the presence of a large number of such centres throughout the island, this Parliament resolves that a proper course of action be formulated to uplift preschool education by making available the necessary physical resources at the early childhood education centres, by appointing qualified pre-school matrons, by sending them for training courses with a view to ensuring the quality of the educative process and by ensuring their job security through specified salaries / allowances.

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

856/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) an irregularity has taken place in admitting students to grade 6 of the Godapitiya National School in Akuressa in Matara district in the year 2016; and
- (ii) a group of students have been faced with an injustice owing to that?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of students who were admitted to grade 6 of Godapitiya National School from other schools in the year 2016;
 - (ii) the methodology adopted in admitting students in relation to each student, separately; and
 - (iii) whether a list of selected students has been submitted to the Ministry of Education by the principal; and
 - (iv) if so, whether the Ministry has given its recommendation to that list?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to conduct an inquiry in that regard;
 - (ii) if so, the date it will be done; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken for the students who faced injustice?
- (d) If not, why?

928/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(5)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately the names, dates of birth, addresses in Sri Lanka, educational qualifications, service experience, appointed countries, posts of the persons who were appointed to Foreign Diplomatic Missions of Sri Lanka from 08.01.2015 to 01.08.2016 and who are not officers of the Sri Lanka Foreign Service;
 - (ii) of them, the persons holding statuses of dual citizenship/foreign citizenship; and
 - (iii) the duties entrusted to these persons who were political appointees?
- (b) If not, why?

931/16

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(5)

- (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 procurement procedure has been followed for the purchases of electricity done up to date; and
 - (iii) if so, on which occasions?
- (b) If not, why?

945/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(5)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the number of Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Charge de Affaires, Deputy High Commissioners, and other officers of same rank who are belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and the officers who are not belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service appointed during the period from 09.12.2015 to 30.09.2016; and
 - (ii) the names, professional qualifications, highest educational qualifications and the present positions of the officers who are not belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and in the positions mentioned in above (i) as at 30.09.2016;
- (b) If not, why?

1102/16

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (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?

1113/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of fuelling station licenses provided ;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the persons who obtained the aforesaid licenses;
 - (iii) of the annual income received by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the issue of the aforesaid licenses;
 - (iv) of the criterion considered with pertinence to the issue of the licenses for the fuelling stations; and
 - (v) of the steps taken with relevance to the frauds and corruption which have occurred regarding the issue of these licenses, if any?

from the year 2010 to 2016 in the Badulla district?

- (b) If not, why?

1149/16

Hon M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the reasons that delayed the granting of freehold deeds to the residents of the Mohideenwatta Housing Scheme in the Kadawath Sathara Divisional Secretariat division in Galle?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the exact date on which deeds are expected to be granted to those residents?
- (c) If not, why?

1152/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that –
 - (i) two quarries are being operated at Kumbaduwa area, in Meegahathenna belonging to the Walallawita divisional secretariat;
 - (ii) they have caused a massive damage to the environment; and
 - (iii) large number of houses in the surrounding area have been damaged due to these quarries?

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- (b) Will he inform this House –
- (i) whether it has been reported that nearby paddy fields have been filled by the owners of those quarries; and
 - (ii) the reason for not cancelling the quarry permits by the Central Environmental Authority at a time the residents have continuously lodged complaints regarding the matter?
- (c) If not, why?

1156/16

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that Puttalam district faced a drought situation during the last 3-4 months;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that coconut cultivation was immensely affected due to this drought; and
 - (iii) the measures that will be taken to provide any kind of relief and aid for the coconut cultivators of Puttalam district who were affected from the drought?
- (b) If not, why?

1191/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of houses in the Puttalam District that have been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
 - (ii) of the total number of houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
 - (iii) of the amounts spent annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;
 - (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war situation in year 2009 on per year basis; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

1300/'16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the previous government implemented a programme to provide motor cycles on concessionary basis to the field officers;
 - (ii) the number of motor cycles given to the public officers in Matara district under the said programme in respect of their profession and each Divisional Secretariat Division separately; and
 - (iii) the contribution of the government and the public officer for one motor cycle separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the present government promised to refund the subscription and all the government employees will be given motor cycles free of charge;
 - (ii) the number of public officers who were refunded in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Division level;
 - (iii) the number of public officers who owned motor cycles under the full sponsorship of the government in 2015 and 2016 in respect of each Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iv) the number of remaining public officers who are entitled to motor cycles; and
 - (v) the date on which they will be given motor cycles free of charge?
- (c) If not, why?

1372/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a 'fund of funds' has been established with the view to providing business capital to small and medium scale entrepreneurs as per proposal No.124 of the budget proposals for the year 2016;
 - (ii) whether requests were made to the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) seeking their contributions to the aforesaid 'fund of funds';
 - (iii) if so, of the nature of the responses received from those institutes; and
 - (iv) whether the Inland Revenue Act was amended in relation to reduction of corporate income tax for venture capital companies by 50%;
- (b) If not, why?

1481/16

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

- (a) Is he aware—
- (i) that the බප/මතු/නවාන Primary School in the Palindanuwara Divisional Secretariat Division of Kalutara District where more than 50 students study, has been identified as a location prone to the risk of landslides;
 - (ii) that it has been informed by the Zonal Director of Education of Mathugama that the aforesaid school should be closed in the event of three consecutive days of rainfall to the Navana area and that classes should be held on weekends to cover the missed school days?
 - (iii) that the parents have to resort to educating their children in the same school despite this dangerous situation since they are not in a situation to take their children to other schools owing to transport problems and economic difficulties ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a perilous situation does not arise pertaining to conducting classes in the school in the event that three days' rainfall is received within a single day;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to re-locate the Nawana Primary school in some other appropriate location in the said area in order to safeguard the school children from this dangerous situation?
- (c) If not, why?

1576/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) patients from areas like Mullative, Mankulam, Mallavi, Mulankavil, Punahari and Palai come to Kilinochchi District Base Hospital to obtain daily treatment;
 - (ii) no construction has been done in this hospital subsequent to the year 2009;
 - (iii) the blood dialysis machine which has been fixed in this hospital for Kidney patients is not functioning; and
 - (iv) an accident ward too is not available here?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, of the date on which the Blood Dialysis Centre and the Accident Unit will be made to function; and
 - (ii) whether financial allocations have been made for that purpose?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that financial aid was provided by the Asian Development Bank for the first phase of this hospital;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not yet commencing the second phase construction;
 - (iii) whether it has been abandoned;
 - (iv) if not, of the date on which it will be commenced; and
 - (v) of the steps that have been taken for that purpose?
- (d) If not, why?

1608/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) on or around 21.11.2016 at a TV interview the then Minister of finance said that a circular has been sent to all banks to give 15% interest to senior citizens for their fixed deposits up to Rs.1.5 million; and
 - (ii) in the alternative, he said that he sent the circulars to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka with the necessary instructions and that the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has failed to carry out the said directive?
 - (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) all banks including state banks have not effected such circular up to 31.01.2017; and
 - (ii) the loss caused thereby to senior citizens is in Rupees hundreds of thousands?
 - (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reason and on what basis the Minister's circulars disregarded by the banks;
 - (ii) from what date should this arrangement has been given effect according to the Hon. Minister's budget proposal made in November 2015; and
 - (iii) will the Hon. Minister indemnify the senior citizens, from the date the said directive of the Hon. Minister was issued?
 - (d) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

976/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(3)

- (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;
 - (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 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 centre 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?
- (c) If not, why?

1044/16

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) an indian teledrama that had been dubbed into Sinhala under the title “Ravana Lankeshwara” was telecast on Independence Television Network; and
 - (ii) telecasting of the aforesaid teledrama has suddenly been stopped halfway since August 2016?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reasons as to why telecasting of the aforesaid teledrama was suddenly stopped halfway; and
 - (ii) of the date from which telecasting of the aforesaid teledrama will be re-commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

1050/16

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the Ministries that run their offices in state owned buildings, within the limits of Colombo Municipal Council area;
 - (ii) the state owned buildings, in which aforesaid offices of the ministries have been located;
 - (iii) separately, in terms of each building, the ministries that pay lease and do not pay lease;
 - (iv) separately, in terms of each building, amounts of lease and service charges, paid per one square feet, by aforesaid ministries;
 - (v) whether a fee is charged for the parking spaces of this buildings;
 - (vi) if so, aforesaid amount; and
 - (vii) the method of payments that is calculated in terms of the number of vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

1114/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the number of fuel bowser licenses issued for fuel transportation in the Badulla district from 2010 to 2016 as per each year;
 - (ii) separately of the names and addresses of the persons who obtained the fuel bowser licenses annually as per each year;
 - (iii) separately for each year of the income generated by the Corporation out of the licenses provided; and
 - (iv) Whether steps will be taken to do the fuel transportation by trains in view of minimizing road accidents, traffic congestion and environmental pollution?
- (b) If not, why?

1154/16

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
- (i) although the WP/MT/Walagedara Maha Vidyalaya was included in the secondary school development project in year 2012, it has only received a technology laboratory;
 - (ii) although the school was included in the ‘C’ category of the project “Nearest School – The Best School” project in year 2016, it was not provided with any classroom building;
 - (iii) this school has not received adequate physical resources in the last 15 years; and
 - (iv) there are no teachers to teach subjects such as Music, Science, Sports and Physical Education and counseling and no teachers to teach Tamil to grade 6 to 9 classes ?
- (b) Will he inform this House –
- (i) the reason for not providing required number of buildings for this school where 1200 students are studying;
 - (ii) the time that will take to fill the teacher vacancies of the school ?
- (c) If not, why?

1158/16

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of industrial zones situated in Puttlam district;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid industrial zones;
 - (iii) Separately, of the number of factories that are operative in aforesaid industrial zones and the number of employees employed in each aforesaid factory;
 - (iv) of the measures taken to establish new factories in industrial zones of Puttlam district in time to come?
- (b) If not, why?

1192/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of houses in the Manner District that had been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;

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- (ii) of the total number of houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
 - (iii) of the amounts allocated annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;
 - (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war in year 2009 on per year basis; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

1301/'16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) how many customers from the Matara District redeemed their gold jewellery in the years 2015 and 2016 separately as per the pledge to write off the interest charged on redemption of gold jewellery pawned at state banks given as a Budget Proposal side by side with the “100 day” Programme of the present Government;
 - (ii) what it is worth in terms of the monetary value of the government’s subsidy for it;
 - (iii) what the values of the portions of the subsidy referred to in (ii) above were, separately in respect of each state-owned bank in operation in the Matara district; and
 - (iv) what the interest rates on gold loans are, separately in respect of each year from 2013 to 2016?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the promise to waive interest on gold loans, which had been made a campaign platform during the last Presidential Election, has not gone beyond a mere propaganda campaign; and
 - (ii) whether he will take steps to grant the interest-waiver concessions at redemption of pawned gold jewellery as promised?
- (c) If not, why?

1320/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether he is aware that certain cadavers and human remains have been handed over to the Private Medical Institute called SAIM by the Police;
 - (ii) whether the police have legal authority to do so; and
 - (iii) if the police do not have such legal authority, of the nature of action that will be taken in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1375/'16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this 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; and
 - (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?
- (b) If not, why?

1500/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately, in terms of each district, of the number of marriage registrations performed in connection with the Muslim girls of the age 12 to 18, in terms of Muslim Marriages and Divorces Act?
- (b) If not, why?

1518/'17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the extent of lands that exist as barren and agricultural lands out of the lands with forest cultivation in Matale district that comes under the purview of Land Reform Commission and the lands of which the control and management have been vested in the Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation and Janatha Estate Development Board by gazette Notifications, in terms of the provisions of Land Reform Act No. 1 of 1972,;
 - (ii) whether such lands have been surveyed and identified;
 - (iii) whether there is a programme in place to utilize aforesaid lands in an effective manner; and
 - (iv) whether there is any possibility of utilizing aforesaid lands to grant the legal obligations of the individuals who declared the lands with the Land Reforms Commission and for non agricultural affairs?
- (b) If not, why?

1546/17

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr. W.G. Cyril Perera residing opposite the filling station at Kalmunai Road, Ampara has been a resident of that address continuously for 17 years;
 - (ii) It has been recommended to allocate him 20 perch plot of land by a land kachcheri held as per Circular No.2008/4 by the Ampara Divisional Secretariat consequent to a long term request made by him seeking legal entitlement for the said plot of land;
 - (iii) subsequent to him making submissions to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka regarding the non allocation of the said land citing various reasons, it has been recommended at the conclusion of the inquiry conducted by the said Commission that the land on which he has been residing should be handed over to him legally; and
 - (iv) the entitlement of the said land has still not been granted to him?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to what measures will be initiated to offer relief to the prejudice and injustice caused to Mr. Perera?
- (c) If not, why?

1577/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Jaffna-Mannar A-32 road was renovated in the year 2010;
 - (ii) however, the Mandaikkalaru bridge which is situated in the section of the road that runs through the Punerin Divisional Secretariat Division was not repaired;
 - (iii) the aforementioned bridge must be crossed to travel towards Mannar, Jaffna, Mullaithivu and Killinochchi areas;
 - (iv) major issues have cropped up when transporting patients of the Mulangavil, Iluppathkadawai Base Hospital who require emergency treatment to Jaffna and Killinichchi hospitals; and
 - (v) the aforementioned road was obstructed and could not be used during the past rainy seasons due to the dilapidated state of the bridge?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for not starting repair work on the aforementioned bridge although a notice board which states that the bridge is under construction has been installed and supplies required items for construction have been brought to the location;
 - (ii) as to what happened to the money allocated for the reconstruction of the Mandaikkalaru bridge;
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid money was returned;
 - (iv) if so, of the names of persons who are responsible for such action; and
 - (v) of the date on which the aforesaid bridge will be reconstructed?
- (c) If not, why?

1582/17

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of estates in Kegalle district where landslides were reported and that were landslide prone due to the adverse weather conditions experienced by the country in May 2016;
 - (ii) the names of estates;
 - (iii) the number of families who were displaced from landslides and landslide risks occurred due to heavy showers;
 - (iv) whether permanent houses have been provided for the displaced families;
 - (v) if not, the places where they are currently residing; and
 - (vi) a date of which the process to handover houses to the displaced families will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, July 27, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1046/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Secretary to the Ministry has been informed either by the Elections Commission or its predecessor, Department of Elections, that the Local Government Elections cannot be held due to the shortcomings in the Local Government Elections Law despite that the hearing of the appeals on delimitation of electorates of local government elections have been concluded;
 - (ii) if so, of the nature of such shortcomings;

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- (iii) out of such shortcomings, of the ones that make it impossible to hold the local government elections;
- (iv) of the date on which such shortcomings were informed either by the Elections Commission or its predecessor, Department of Elections; and
- (v) of the steps that have been taken so far to correct such shortcomings?

(b) If not, why?

1051/16

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the Ministries that run their offices within the limits of Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte Municipal Council area;
- (ii) the state owned buildings, in which aforesaid offices of the ministries have been located;
- (iii) separately, in terms of each building, the ministries that pay lease and do not pay lease;
- (iv) separately, in terms of each building amounts of lease and service charges, paid per one square feet by aforesaid ministries;
- (v) whether a fee is charged for the parking spaces of these buildings;
- (vi) if so, the aforesaid amount; and
- (vii) the method of payment that is calculated in terms of the number of vehicles?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the Ministries that run their offices in private buildings within the limit of Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte Municipal Council area ;
- (ii) the buildings, in which aforesaid offices of the ministries have been located ;
- (iii) separately, in terms of each building, of the amounts of lease and service charges, paid per one square feet, of aforesaid buildings; and
- (iv) whether a fee is charged for the parking spaces of these buildings?

(c) If not, why?

1076/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) an annual lease amount is charged from the residents who have been residing in the lands belonging to the Department of Railways in Haputale for over 75 years;
 - (ii) the annual lease amount which stood at Rs.75/- – Rs.80/- in 1970 has been increased up to Rs.10,000/- – Rs.25,000/- at present;
 - (iii) while people who are residing in one part of the land have been awarded through deeds the title to the lands they are residing in, some others who are residing in another part of the same land have been required to pay a lease amount; and
 - (iv) they have been asked to vacate their lands if they do not pay the lease?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether steps will be taken to reduce the lease amount that is currently charged from the aforesaid persons who have been residing in those lands since 1930; and
 - (ii) whether necessary steps will be taken to grant those lands to the persons who are residing in them?
- (c) If not, why?

1116/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of funds provided by the Ministry of Local government; and
 - (ii) of the amount of funds provided by the Provincial Council to the Bandarawela Urban Council separately for each year from the year 2010 to 2016?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately of the amount of funds provided by the Ministry of Local Government and the Uva Provincial Council to other local government institutions of Badulla district as per each year from the year 2010 to 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

1171/'16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that -
- (i) the paddy lands of walathapitiya residents were temporarily taken over by security forces to provide security and vehicle parking facilities for the invitees who attended the “Deyata Kirula” exhibition in 2013 which was held in Sammanthurai of Ampara district;
 - (ii) no payment has been made with respect to utilization of aforesaid lands;
 - (iii) although the land owners make attempts to cultivate aforesaid lands which are not utilized for any purpose the army officials do not permit them; and
 - (iv) no measure has been taken to transfer aforesaid lands to owners?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether aforesaid lands will be returned to the owners; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

1193/'16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of houses in the Kilinochchi District that had been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
 - (ii) of the total number of houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
 - (iii) of the amounts allocated annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;
 - (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war situation in year 2009 on per year basis; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

1308 /'16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there have been reports which say that a retired intelligence officer in Kegalle had committed suicide claiming in a confession that it was he who killed the journalist Lasantha Wickramathunga; and
 - (ii) the Deputy Minister of Power and Renewable Energy had stated in a special media release that it is suspicious whether the death of the aforesaid retired officer is an act of committing suicide or a murder?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a post-mortem has been carried out on the dead body of the aforesaid retired intelligence officer;
 - (ii) if so, of the conclusion reached by the doctors about the aforesaid death;
 - (iii) of the cause of the death of the intelligence officer if it was not an act of committing suicide; and
 - (iv) of the nature of legal action that has been taken against those who are responsible for the death of the intelligence officer?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether an inquiry would be conducted about the statement that has been made by the aforesaid Deputy Minister as a responsible citizen; and
 - (ii) of the present situation of the investigations carried out into the killing of Journalist Lasantha Wickramathunga?
- (d) If not, why?

1381/'16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that Rs.100 million was allocated as per proposal No.149 of the 2016 budget to set up agricultural, livestock and fish processing zones in the districts of Anuradhapura, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi;
 - (ii) of the persons who prepared the feasibility reports for these three projects;
 - (iii) of the total estimated cost for these three projects accordingly;
 - (iv) of the total financial allocations made by the General Treasury for the said projects by the end of 2016; and
 - (v) of the total financial allocation that can be made available for the said projects for 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

1466/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts that with the decentralized funds of the members of parliament, roofing sheets were distributed free, among the low income earning families who are residing in the Divisional Secretariat divisions;
 - (ii) whether distribution of roofing sheets by the members of parliament with the decentralized funds, has been banned;
 - (iii) If so, of the reasons led for aforesaid situation; and
 - (iv) whether aforesaid ban will be lifted and measures will be taken to distribute roofing sheets through members of Parliament, as it used to be?
- (b) If not, why?

1478/16

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of schools that come under the central government and the provincial council in the North Western Province;
 - (ii) out of the aforementioned schools the number of schools with permanent principals and the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools with acting principals along with the names of those schools;
 - (iv) the number of persons and their names in the North Western Province who passed the competitive examination conducted last year to recruit principals ?
 - (v) whether the persons who passed that examination are now placed correctly in the service stations?
- (b) If not, why?

1598/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the date on which ‘Ratama Eliyai Andura Duralai’ national electrification programme was commenced;
 - (ii) separately the number of household units for which electricity connections have been supplied by the Ceylon Electricity Board and Lanka Electricity Company (LECO) (Pvt.) Ltd.;
 - (iii) separately, the amounts of money spent by the Ceylon Electricity Board and Lanka Electricity Company (LECO) (Pvt.) Ltd. under the aforesaid programme?

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- (b) Out of the households in Sri Lanka, will he also inform this House of the percentage of households for which electricity connections have been provided by now?
- (c) If not, why?

1603/17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe – To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a main underground power supply line which provides electricity to the city of Colombo has been inactive for about 3 years ;
 - (ii) the electricity capacity of the aforesaid supply line;
 - (iii) the reason for the delay in taking steps to restore the aforesaid supply line;
 - (iv) the officers who are responsible for the delay in repairing the aforesaid supply line;
 - (v) the disciplinary action that have been taken by the Ministry or Ceylon Electricity Board against each of the aforesaid officers by now, separately; and
 - (vi) whether action will be taken to modernize the national grid in order to ensure a continuous supply of electricity in the city of Colombo ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1609/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per depot basis, of the total number of employees employed at Sri Lanka Transport Board in the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) separately of the number of employees at each of the aforesaid depots who have applied for voluntary retirement with compensation;
 - (iii) whether payments of EPF contributions of those employees have been made regularly during the past period; and
 - (iv) of the manner in which compensation will be paid to those employees?
- (b) If not, why?

1707/17

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 10th 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?

1328/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of windmills installed in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) The price at which a unit of electricity is obtained from those power plants by the Ceylon Electricity Board separately in relation to each power plant; and
 - (iii) out of those windmills, the power plants that belong to the L.T.L. Holdings (Pvt) Limited;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the price at which a unit of electricity is supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the new windmills being erected at Elephant Pass;
 - (ii) whether the government has taken steps to obtain a unit of electricity from windmills at a lowest rate; and
 - (iii) if so, in what manner?
- (c) If not, why?
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863/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of to the quantity of dates that was imported to Sri Lanka during the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the major countries from which dates are imported to Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the standard of dates is inspected when they are imported;
 - (ii) if so, how it is done; and
 - (iii) what amount of money was spent for importing dates during the year 2015?
- (c) If not, why?

1071/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, in terms of the residential district, of the number of Tamil individuals, dead, injured and displaced;
 - (ii) of the total number of dead, injured and displaced Tamil individuals; owing to the racist insurgencies that took place in July and August of 1983;
- (b) If not, why?

1117/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Divineguma Community Based Banks (Samurdhi Banks) that operate within Badulla district;
 - (ii) of the locations of those banks; and
 - (iii) of the number of beneficiaries who benefit from each bank branch?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees serving at each of the banks mentioned in a)(i) above and their names and designations separately;
 - (ii) whether any vacancies exist at those banks at present; and
 - (iii) if so, of the methodology adopted to recruit employees for those vacancies?
- (c) If not, why?

1161/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wild Life,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is any plan in place to establish a tourism zone in Kahalla, Pallekele and Hakwatuna Reservoir areas;
 - (ii) if so, whether aforesaid plan will be submitted;
 - (iii) whether there is a plan in place to construct roads and buildings in the area of Kahalla forest reserve and sanctuary; and
 - (iv) if so, of the reasons; of the extent; in which places?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons led to clear approximately, a 6 acre area in Kahalla forest reserve, removing forest cover with machineries;
 - (ii) of the institution by which the money has been allocated for aforesaid purpose and the amount of money so allocated;
 - (iii) of the contractors;
 - (iv) whether government accepts the fact that it violates the section 7 of Forest Conservation Ordinance No.6 of 1907 as amended by the act No. 65 of 2009; and
 - (v) of the punishments which can be meted out once aforesaid section is violated?
- (c) If not, why?

1194/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of houses in the Vavuniya District that had been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
 - (ii) of the total number of houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
 - (iii) of the amounts allocated annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;
 - (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war situation in year 2009 on per year basis; and
 - (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

1298/16

Hon. Dullus Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of non academic employees, employed in national and provincial schools of Matara district;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of employees in terms of each post;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies available in the approved non academic cadre, in the national and provincial schools of Matara district;
 - (iv) separately, of aforesaid number of vacancies in terms of national and provincial schools;
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to recruitment persons for the vacancies, mentioned in aforesaid (iv); and
 - (vi) if so, of the respective recruitment procedure?
- (b) If not, why?

1383/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the contribution made to the government revenue by the increase of the special commodity levy on fish and fish products to Rs. 50/- as per proposal No. 147 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) separately the quantities and import values of fish and fish products imported to Sri Lanka from 1977 up to now;
 - (iii) whether a list of importers who engage in importing fish and fish products will be submitted as per customs data;
 - (iv) whether the government has a plan for the reduction of fish importation to Sri Lanka;
 - (v) if so, of the aforementioned plan?
- (b) If not, why?

1480/16

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sports Schools have been established in the Puttlam district in the North Western Province;
 - (ii) if so, the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken to develop those schools;
 - (iv) the number of sports teachers serving in the Puttlam district;
 - (v) their names and the names of the schools in which they are serving at present; and
 - (vi) whether action will be taken to make necessary recruitments in the future, if there are vacancies for sports teachers in the district?
- (b) If not, why?

1495/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) due to the acquisition of lands for the construction of Yan Oya Project, 07 ancestral tanks, houses and paddy fields were submerged in the reservoir and the residents of the area have lost their homes and have been left destitute; and
 - (ii) that, despite objections by the residents of the area, arrangements are being made by authorities to distribute among those residents the lands in a thick forest in Kajuwatta area which is not suitable for living?

- (b) Will he admit that —
- (i) the aforesaid residents had requested that, out of the area of 600 acres that has not been submerged in the reservoir close to Malporuwa village and bordered by the south canal, an extent of 200 acres be provided to them; and
 - (ii) accordingly, the subject Minister who visited the area along with the relevant officials instructed them to provide those residents with an extent of 200 acres of high land out of the aforesaid land as early as possible?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether immediate steps would be taken as per the decision stated in (b)(ii) above to provide lands to the aforesaid people as they have not been provided with any land to reside in to date?
- (d) If not, why?

1498/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the amount of money spent on Television, Radio and Newspaper advertisements in obtaining public opinions and proposals on budget 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

1597/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is fierce competition to get children admitted to the popular schools, especially the National Schools in the island;
 - (ii) parents inconvenienced as a result, make requests to the Ministry of Education as well to get their children admitted to those schools;
 - (iii) a list of names of students to be admitted to different grades at Horana Thakshila Central College has been sent to the Principal of that school by the Ministry of Education, after considering such a request made by a group of parents;
 - (iv) some parents have been informed by certain individuals who are representatives of past pupils that a sum of Rs.5 lakhs was expected for school development work to give priority to names in the said list?
- (b) Will he admit that emergence of a situation of running after money at Central Colleges founded by the Father of Free Education for future advancement of specially the poor children is a serious offence as well as a serious injustice?

- (c) Will he inform this House whether steps would be taken for action against the individuals responsible for this situation?
- (d) If not, why?

1601/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that National Energy Policy of Sri Lanka is outdated;
 - (ii) whether he admits that a National Energy Policy which caters Sri Lanka's current and future expectations and; and
 - (iii) if so, the date when the new National Energy Policy will be presented to the Parliament?
- (b) If not, why?

1604/17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the power plants situated in the Western Province , which generate electricity to be provided to the Ceylon Electricity Board ;
 - (ii) the electricity generating capacity of each of the aforesaid power plants, separately;
 - (iii) whether an assessment has been done in regard to the gases which are injurious to the environment, emanating from each of the aforesaid power plants;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to provide electricity to the Western Province including the city of Colombo using environment friendly methodologies?
- (b) If not, why?

1610/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the main road from Pallededa to Balangoda in the Rakwana Electorate is daily used by a large number of people; and
 - (ii) no renovation has been carried out on the aforesaid road for many years?

- (b) Will he inform this House of the period of time that will be taken to make arrangements to develop the aforesaid road?
- (c) If not, why?

891/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a survey has been carried out regarding the areas which are traditionally occupied by craftsmen who engage in gold, silver and iron craft;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iii) of the number of families which traditionally engage in aforementioned industry in the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iv) whether a study has been carried out regarding the main issues faced by those craftsmen; and
 - (v) if so, of the issues faced by those craftsmen?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to provide those craftsmen with new technologies and training they require;
 - (ii) if so, of the manner in which it has been done;
 - (iii) whether the government has intervened to find them the market to sell their products; and
 - (iv) if so, of the manner in which it has been done?
 - (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there is a programme to provide foreign employment opportunities to these craftsmen;
 - (ii) if not, whether such a programme will be formulated;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid products are exported;
 - (iv) if so, the names of the countries to which the products are exported; and
 - (v) the income earned in the years 2015 and 2016 through exporting these products?
 - (d) If not, why?
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