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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

2620/12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the unemployment rate prevailing in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Batticaloa District, separately;
  - (ii) the solutions that will be given to this unemployment problem ;
  - (iii) the targets that are expected to be achieved through these solutions ; and
  - (iv) the timeframe for achieving these targets?
- (b) If not, why ?

2989/12

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) an extent of 1220 acres of forest and agricultural lands in Panama Shasthrwela in Lahugala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Ampara District have been acquired by the Navy and the Special Task Force;
  - (ii) plans have been made to construct a Ranaviru Village, a Navy camp and a hotel complex in the aforesaid lands;
  - (iii) people have been prohibited from entering the Balumkararama Viharaya and other archaeological sites located in the aforesaid lands; and
  - (iv) a severe impact has been caused on public life and natural environment in the area due to acquisition of the aforesaid lands?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to acquire the aforesaid lands; and
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to grant compensation or provide lands back to the people who are deprived of their lands and property due to the acquisition of the aforesaid lands?
- (c) If not, why?

3122/12

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping—(2)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Vavuniya - Jaffna road development project—
- (i) the length of the road;
  - (ii) time taken for the reconstruction;
  - (iii) whether the constructor was selected following a tender procedure;
  - (iv) if so, the name of the selected bidder;
  - (v) the funding sources;
  - (vi) the construction cost per Km;
  - (vii) whether compensation has been paid to anybody; and
  - (viii) if so, the names of the persons to whom compensations were paid?
- (b) If not, why ?

3254/12

4.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(4)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of media personnel who were provided with laptop computers recently;
  - (ii) whether a list of names of them will be submitted;
  - (iii) the basis on which the media personnel are selected for the provision of laptop computers;
  - (iv) the cost of one such computer; and
  - (v) the total amount spent on the laptop computers distributed up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of Divisional Education Offices in the North Central Province;
  - (ii) the names of those Divisional Education Offices; and
  - (iii) separately, the number of schools that have been closed down in each Divisional Education area by 2012 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, of the number of Acting Principals in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts; and
  - (ii) the schools in which those Acting Principals serve ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) separately, the number of Principals with grades in each Education Division in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts;
  - (ii) whether arrangements will be made for appointing the Principals with grades who have not yet been appointed as Principals, to schools;
  - (iii) whether Acting Principals have been appointed to schools in which there are teachers with Principal grades; and
  - (iv) if so, separately and on the basis of Education Divisions, the schools in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts in which such appointments have been made ?
- (d) If not, why ?

6.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that bedrock has been cut in the Makeliya area within the Kukuleganga Power House zone?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) as to who permitted the cutting of the above bedrock;
  - (ii) the reasons for cutting this bedrock;
  - (iii) whether the Divisional Secretary of Palinda Nuwara has granted the permission required for that; and
  - (iv) the persons involved in the cutting of this bedrock?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Will he state the amount of money donated to the Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment separately in the years 2012/2013 for the promotion of the game of volleyball?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment generates income predominantly from the money charged from the Sri Lankan workers going abroad; and
  - (ii) when a large number of Sri Lankans are languishing in camps of Middle East, it is unfair to spend such money on other purposes such as the promotion of the game of volleyball without giving priority to rescue and bring them back to Sri Lanka expeditiously?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) about 15 kilometers stretch of the road of 35 kilometers, which connects Mahaoya and Aralaganwila, is being constructed across the Maduruoya National Park;
  - (ii) the aforesaid park of 58850 hectares in extent is divided into two with the construction of the aforesaid road;
  - (iii) a major damage is caused to the animals including leopards, elephants that live in the Maduruoya National Park under these circumstances?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether it is accepted that construction of roads in national parks is illegal as per the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance;
  - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to prevent the damage caused to the Maduruoya National Park due to the construction of the aforesaid road?
- (c) If not, why?

4126/13

9.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M.Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Wellaweli– Kalmunai main road that starts from the Mandur ferry in Batticaloa has not been repaired for a long period of time?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he will take action forthwith to repair this road which is of utmost importance for the transportation of the people living in that area?
- (c) If not, why?

2621/12

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the programmes implemented in the Eastern Province under the Eastern Pre-awakening Programme (Nagenahira Navodaya) during the years 2009, 2010 and 2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House, separately pertaining to the aforesaid programmes—
  - (i) the amount of money spent at the Divisional Secretariat Division level; and
  - (ii) the amount of money spent under each heading?
- (c) Will he also state whether the aforesaid programmes are sufficient to develop the Eastern Province?
- (d) If not, why ?

3123/12

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping—(2)

- (a) Will he state in relation to the Anuradhapura - Vavuniya road development project;
  - (i) the length of the road;
  - (ii) time taken for the reconstruction;
  - (iii) whether the constructor was selected following a tender procedure;
  - (iv) if so, the name of the selected bidder;
  - (v) the funding sources;
  - (vi) the construction cost per Km;
  - (vii) whether compensation has been paid to anybody; and
  - (viii) if so the names of the persons to whom compensations were paid?
- (b) If not, why ?

12.

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

- (a) Will he admit that the President in his Budget Speech-2013 stated that an allowance of Rs. 5000/= will be given to the 1980 July strikers who have passed 65 years of age?
- (b) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the families of the 1980 July strikers live amidst severe economic hardships for more than 32 years; and
  - (ii) the fact that the majority of the aforesaid strikers have passed away by now?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he will take action—
  - (i) to reduce the proposed age limit of those who are entitled to that allowance mentioned in above (a) from 65 to 55 and provide relief to those families; and
  - (ii) to give that allowance to the widow or a child of the deceased July striker?
- (d) If not, why?

4180/13

13.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) of the tender procedure that has been followed to obtain the project office at Fipe Road, Colombo for the 'Transmission Distribution Objectives' project of the Ceylon Electricity Board; and
  - (ii) of the procedure that is followed by the Ceylon Electricity Board to obtain vehicles on rent basis?
- (b) Will she state—
  - (i) the procedure followed when the officers go abroad to check the condition of various types of equipment that are purchased; and
  - (ii) information about the officers who went abroad for the above purpose from the year 2011 to June 2013?

(7)

- (c) Will she also inform this House—
  - (i) of the names of the institutions from which the Ceylon Electricity Board purchases transformers with various capacities; and
  - (ii) of the tender procedure followed to purchase each of those transformers during the period from the year 2011 to June 2013?
- (d) If not, why?

2666/12

14.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a social insurance methodology has been introduced for three-wheeler owners and three-wheeler drivers throughout the country as envisaged in ‘Mahinda Chintana - Vision for the Future’; and
  - (ii) if a social insurance methodology has thus been introduced, what the details pertaining to such social insurance methodology are ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3397/12

15.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the staff of the Auditor General’s Department consists of the employees of the Sri Lanka Audit Service and Auditing Inspectors Service;
  - (ii) the Service Minute relating to the officers of the Auditor General’s Department has not been amended so far, although Service Minutes of the other island wide Services have been amended;
  - (iii) the Service Minute relating to Auditing Officers has been presented to the Secretary to the President for the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers on 13.09.2010 by the Salaries and Cadre Commission following the receipt of the approval of the Director General of Establishments and the Salaries and Cadre Commission;
  - (iv) those officers complain that the Service Minute has not yet been submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers though two years have lapsed; and
  - (v) the employees of the Audit Service who have been without promotions for nearly 20 years are frustrated since the Service Minute was not amended?

- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to grant promotions for the staff by amending the Service Minute of the Audit Service?
  - (c) If not, why?
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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

The Minister of Transport,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203), read with subsection (2) of Section 5 and Section 19 of the aforesaid Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1821/31 of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

\*2.

Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

\*3.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*4.

National Institute of Business Management (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05<sup>th</sup> November 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*6.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or of corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)



\*7.

The Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,— Regulations under the Employees' Provident Fund Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations under Section 46 of the Employees' Provident Fund Act, No. 15 of 1958 as amended from time to time and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1810/20 of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013, which were presented on 21.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*8.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Lands and Land Development under Section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998 read with Section 60 and 62 of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1616/23 of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*9.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1735/21 of 06<sup>th</sup> December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

10.

Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

11.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

12.

The Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

13.

Al-Jamiathul Ghawsiyyah (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

14.

Maithripala Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

15.

Hands for Education Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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**Wednesday, January 22, 2014**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1971/11

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

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) the building which houses the Divisional Education Office of Pasgoda, coming under the Deniyaya Education Zone in Matara District is in a severely dilapidated condition; and
- (ii) as the aforesaid building is situated within the premises of the M/Urubokka National School it self, it has become a serious threat to the lives of the students and the employees of that school?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to renovate this building expeditiously; and
- (ii) whether allocations have been made for that purpose?

(c) If not, why?

2581/12

2. Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)

(a) Will she state separately on district basis—

- (i) the number of villages without electricity in the Northern Province; and
- (ii) the names of those villages ?

(b) Will she inform this House—

- (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages ; and
- (ii) whether there is a possibility to provide electricity to all the said villages in the Northern Province within the year 2012 ?

(c) If not, why ?

3115/12

3. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in Mannar District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?

(11)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the names, acreages and values of the Government lands in Mannar district of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
- (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedures therein ; and
- (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?

(c) Will he also state-

- (i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in Mannar district from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and
- (ii) if not, as to how such allegation comes about?

(d) If not, why ?

3366/’12

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the number of schools located in the North Central Province; and
- (ii) separately, the number of school students who receive education in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the midday meal is provided to the schools in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Districts by the government;
- (ii) if so, separately, of the number of students and the schools for which the midday meal is provided in each district; and
- (iii) of the amount of money, spent in the year 2012, to provide midday meal for the schools of those two districts?

(c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,- To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reason to re-open the Ranminitenna Tele-Cinema Village on 05<sup>th</sup> March 2013, which was opened several years ago;
  - (ii) the art related work that took place there from the day it opened, up to March 2013;
  - (iii) the total amount of money that has been spent to date for that project of Tele- Cinema Village;
  - (iv) separately, the amount of money spent on the two functions held to declare open that village; and
  - (v) about the programme that will be implemented to use this place to, uplift the field of art?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the name of the person who holds the office of the Additional General Manager of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment; and
  - (ii) the monthly salary and other allowances received by the person holding the aforesaid office?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the name of the person holding the office of General Manager in the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Agency;
  - (ii) the monthly salary and allowances received by the person holding the aforesaid office;
  - (iii) whether there is a familial relationship between the person holding the aforesaid office and the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare; and
  - (iv) if so, what that relationship is?

(13)

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is a possibility for a single person to hold positions in both the above mentioned institutions; and
  - (ii) accordingly, whether action will be taken to rectify this situation if holding posts in two institutions is considered an offence?
- (d) If not, why?

4074/13

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of accidents that have occurred at unguarded level crossings during the years 2012 and 2013;
  - (ii) the number of persons who became disable due to those accidents; and
  - (iii) the measures that have been taken to mitigate such accidents?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the places that have been identified with unguarded level crossings;
  - (ii) separately, the security measures that will be adopted to mitigate accidents in each of those places;
  - (iii) whether the cost needed to take such precautionary measures has been estimated; and
  - (iv) if so, the amount of money so estimated?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of gates and electric signal systems that have been established at level crossings during the past two time;
  - (ii) the places where such installations were made ; and
  - (iii) the cost that has been borne for that?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the roads that are being developed in the Kurunegala District under the Deyata Kirula Programme in the year 2014 ;
- (ii) whether tenders have been called to undertake the development activities of those roads;
- (iii) if so, the institutions to which the tenders regarding the development of above each road were awarded;
- (iv) separately, the agreed amounts of monies with regard to the tenders that have been granted for the development projects of each of the aforesaid road?

(b) If not, why?

9.

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

(a) Is he aware that a jeep and a cab, which belong to the Madulla Pradeshiya Sabha in Moneragala District, have been decaying in the Pardeshiya Sabha premises for a number of years ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that letting the aforesaid property decay in the Pradeshiya Sabha premises is a wastage of resources; and
- (ii) of the reasons for not repairing and using these vehicles ?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the reason for not taking measures to generate an income by auctioning of the aforesaid two vehicles if they are not used by the Madulla Pradeshiya Sabha ; and
- (ii) the obstacles for taking the aforesaid measures, if there are any ?

(d) If not, why?

2615/12

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the road from Doratiyawa to Konpala in Mallawapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District is badly damaged; and
  - (ii) a large number of residents of the area have been greatly inconvenienced due to the bad condition of the aforesaid road ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the date on which steps will be taken to repair the aforesaid road;
  - (ii) the total amount of money that will be spent on that ;
  - (iii) the date on which the provisions required for the implementation of the project to repair the aforesaid road will be released; and
  - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid road will be made available for the use of people after being repaired ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3116/12

11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Jaffna District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the names, acreages and values of the government lands in the Jaffna District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
  - (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedure therein ; and
  - (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?

(16)

(c) Will he also state—

(i) whether the allegation of taking over the beach lands in the Jaffna District from the lawful owners forcibly or with duress under the pretext of cleansing the terrorists owned areas is factual; and

(ii) if not, as to how such allegation comes about?

(d) If not, why ?

4128/13

12.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) the students of Ambagasdowa Sri Sumanajothi Vidyalaya of Welimada visited the National Museum in Colombo on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013;

(ii) they faced an accident as a result of the collapse of the staircase of the museum; and

(iii) school children and teachers suffered injuries as a result of that accident?

(b) Will he state—

(i) separately, the number of students, teachers and adults who were injured in that accident;

(ii) the current condition of those children and teachers injured in that accident;

(iii) the measures taken by the government for those children injured in the said accident;

(iv) whether an inquiry has been made regarding the disruption caused to the education of those children involved in that accident and whether remedial measures have been taken; and

(v) the manner in which the government has paid attention to alleviate the difficulties faced by the families of those involved in that accident whose livelihood is farming?

(c) If not, why?

2616/12

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) the road which leads to Budunapitiya via Wellawa and Hadirewalana in the Kurunegala Divisional Secretariat Division is badly damaged; and

(ii) a large number of residents of the area have been greatly inconvenienced due to the bad condition of the aforesaid road ?



(17)

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the date on which action will be taken to repair the aforesaid road;
  - (ii) the total amount of money that will be spent on the aforesaid repair;
  - (iii) the date on which the provisions required for the implementation of the project to repair the aforesaid road will be released; and
  - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid road will be made available for the use of people after being repaired ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3117/12

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that since January 2010, certain lands in the Vavuniya District have been grabbed by politicians and politically affiliated officials?
- (b) Will he state-
- (i) the names, acreages and values of the government lands in the Vavuniya District of which ownerships have been transferred, leased out, alienated on permit or “Swarnabumi” deeds, on per land basis since 2010;
  - (ii) the reasons for transferring or handing over the aforesaid lands and not following the tender procedure therein ; and
  - (iii) whether the opportunities and facilities have been given to the people living for decades in the areas referred to in (a) and others to obtain lands as per above?
- (c) If not, why ?

3295/12

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the journalists complain —
- (i) transparency was not observed in giving free lap-top computers to journalists; and
  - (ii) computers were given to a set of journalists who work on contract basis and who have retired?

(18)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the period of service of each of the journalist provided with lap-top computers, separately;
  - (ii) if journalists who work on contract basis and retired journalists have been provided with the computers, the number of such journalists; and
  - (iii) their names and addresses; and
  - (iv) the amount of money spent for providing computers as above?
- (c) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of permanent journalists who have been provided with computers ; and
  - (ii) the amount of money that was spent for providing them with computers?
- (d) If not, why ?
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**Thursday, January 23, 2014**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

2660/12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
- (i) whether fully equipped language laboratories consisting of all facilities have been established in every higher education institute including Universities, as envisaged in ‘Mahinda Chintana - Vision for the Future’; and
  - (ii) if so, what the details pertaining to the programme to establish those language laboratories are?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Buddhist Monks holding the posts of Pirivena Inspectors who have been appointed to monitor the affairs of the pirivenas situated throughout the island;
  - (ii) separately, of the names, addresses and the educational qualifications of the aforesaid Buddhist monks holding the posts of Pirivena Inspectors;
  - (iii) whether he admits the fact that due to the inefficiency and the lack of proper educational qualifications of the Buddhist monks who hold the aforesaid posts, the pirivena education system has become inefficient; and
  - (iv) whether action will be taken to appoint qualified officials to overcome this situation ?
- (b) If not, why?

3. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether the telephone tapping is legal in Sri Lanka as of today;
  - (ii) whether the telephone tapping was done in the past;
  - (iii) if so, the period in which it was done;
  - (iv) the names of the telecommunication companies whose commitments are subject to perusal;
  - (v) the person who can authorise the tapping of telephone which is an intrusion to Fundamental Rights of a person; and
  - (vi) the names of the politicians of whom the telephone lines had been tapped?
- (b) If not, why?

3267/12

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the total outstanding assessment tax of the private sector entities to the Colombo Municipal Council; and
  - (ii) the total outstanding assessment tax to be recovered by the CMC for the year 2012?
- (b) If not, why ?

3376/12

5.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the farmers that cultivate crops other than paddy under fertilizer subsidy are covered by the cultivation insurance scheme proposed in the 2013 budget ;
  - (ii) if so, the amount of insurance coverage granted under that insurance scheme per acre of vegetables, fruits and other field crops which are damaged by a natural disaster, separately ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether fertilizer subsidy is provided for export crops such as tea, rubber and coconut;
  - (ii) if so , the price of a 50 kg bag of fertilizer given on subsidy for tea, rubber and coconut ;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer given on subsidy for those three crops during the last three years and its value ;
  - (iv) if the tea, rubber and coconut cultivators who receive fertilizer subsidy are covered by the cultivation insurance scheme mentioned in (a) (i) above , the level of disaster situations for which they are entitled for compensation under insurance; and
  - (v) the amount of insurance coverage granted per acre of the aforesaid crops that are damage at a natural disaster, separately ?
- (c) If not , why?

6. Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of national schools, Navodya schools and primary schools located within the Ampara District;
  - (ii) of the number of teachers available according to each subject the number of students in each of those schools separately;
  - (iii) whether there is a shortage of teachers in these schools;
  - (iv) if so, the names of the schools in which a shortage of teacher prevails and subjects for which the shortage exists; and
  - (v) if a shortage of teachers do exist in the area, the steps that have been taken to remedy it?
- (b) Will he also inform this House which of the schools lack libraries and access to water and sanitation (latrine) facilities out of the schools in the Ampara District referred to in (a)(i) above?
- (c) If not, not why?

7. Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act was passed;
  - (ii) whether the Minister has formulated regulations in accordance with that Act;
  - (iii) if so when it was done;
  - (iv) whether the Gazette Notification adhering to those regulations has been issued; and
  - (v) if not, the reasons for the delay in issuing of that Gazette Notification having made those regulations ?
- (b) If not, why?

2667/12

8.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Female Family Health Officers in service in the family health sector at present; and
  - (ii) whether sufficient facilities have been made available to these Female Family Health Officers to implement that service?
- (b) If not, why ?

2706/12

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) consequent to the audit conducted by the officers of the Matara Zonal Education Office in 2012 about the excess teachers in the Matara Pamburana Shariputhra Maha Vidyalaya, a list of excess teachers with a long period of service was prepared;
  - (ii) that list had been included in the log book of the school by the relevant officers;
  - (iii) a group of teachers with time tables and lesser periods of service have been transferred while retaining the teachers whose names appear in the aforesaid list as they are friendly with the present principal of the aforesaid school; and
  - (iv) a severe injustice has been caused to the teachers who have been transferred owing to the arbitrary conduct of the principal ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to implement the recommendations of the severe conducted by the Zonal Education Office about the excess teachers of the aforesaid school; and
  - (ii) If so, the time it will take ?
- (c) If not, why?

2827/12

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Indian workers who have been granted permission to work in Sri Lanka from the year 2006 to 2011 on per year basis;
  - (ii) of the reason attributed to such a huge increase in visa requirements of Indians; and
  - (iii) as to why the visa to Indians on arrival being charged?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether there are other countries of which workers more than 500 have been allowed to be employed in Sri Lanka ; and
  - (ii) the benefit received by Sri Lanka by allowing those foreigners to work here?
- (c) If not, why?

3268/12

11.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps have been taken to construct a “Seva Piyasa” office for each Grama Niladhari Division in the island;
  - (ii) of the amount allocated for that purpose;
  - (iii) of the estimated amount for the construction of a “Seva Piyasa” office; and
  - (iv) the date by which the first “Seva Piyasa” office will be constructed ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3382/12

12.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of wild elephant protection electric fences that have been built in Sri Lanka up to now;
  - (ii) the total length of the said electric fences;
  - (iii) the steps taken for the maintenance of those fences; and
  - (iv) the gross expenditure on the construction and maintenance of one kilometer of an electric fence, separately?

(24)

- (b) Will he inform this House with respect to the last five years of the —
  - (i) number of wild elephant protection electric fences constructed;
  - (ii) length of each of those electric fences separately;
  - (iii) number of human lives, wild elephants and the value of property lost in each year due to the elephant-human conflict separately; and
  - (iv) amount of compensation paid by the government for the aforesaid damages?
- (c) Will he admit that—
  - (i) despite the protective measures taken as mentioned above, there has been an increase in the loss of human and elephant lives and damages to property; and
  - (ii) therefore it is desirable to adopt alternative methods different from the said methods?
- (d) If so, will he disclose to this House the alternative method relevant to (c)(ii) above?
- (e) If not, why?

3942/13

13.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the amount of loans obtained by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from June 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012;
  - (ii) separately, the names of the institutes from which the CPC had obtained loans annually within last five years;
  - (iii) the total amount of borrowings of the CPC to date;
  - (iv) the names of those creditors?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the interest paid annually for the loans obtained within last five years separately;
  - (ii) the total interest paid for those loans?
- (c) If not, why?



14.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the programme to create 2500 home garden cultivations and 19 orchard villages implemented under the Eastern Reawakening Programme (Negenahira Navodaya) as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future, has been further expanded; and
- (ii) if so, of the total number of home garden cultivations and orchard villages started in the Eastern Province by now under the said programme, separately?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether a new trade system has been introduced to market the produce of the home garden cultivations and orchard villages started under the said programme according to Mahinda Chinthana; and
- (ii) if so, of the details of that system?

(c) If not, why ?

3225/12

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of air lines operated to Sri Lanka, besides Sri Lankan Airlines;
- (ii) the grouping of flights and the uptake of passengers per week; and
- (iii) the number of occasions that Sri Lankan Airlines fly out of Colombo to various destinations per week?

(b) If not, why ?

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**Friday, January 24, 2014**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

2571/12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
  - (i) the number of Cabinet Ministers in each Parliament from the First Parliament to the Seventh Parliament;
  - (ii) the number of Woman Ministers in each of the said Cabinets;
  - (iii) the number of Woman Ministers in each of the Cabinets as a percentage of the total number of Ministers in the relevant Cabinet ?
- (b) Will he state whether women have received a fair representation in the Cabinet consistent with the percentage of the current population of women in the country ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2824/12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) the number of persons who left the 3 Forces without following the proper procedure to do so;
  - (ii) the reason for them to desert the forces;
  - (iii) the action being taken against them; and
  - (iv) the action being taken to prevent the occurrence of such desertion?
- (b) Will he state the cost to the 3 Armed forces for the last three years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

2921/12

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Skills Development,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the building, which is situated in Kottegoda, Belideniya area of Dikwella Divisional Secretariat Division, that belongs to the National Gem and Jewellery Authority, has been granted to the National Apprenticeship Board without any charge been made; and
- (ii) the courses were commenced in the aforesaid building by the National Apprenticeship Board on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the amount of money spent on the inauguration ceremony which was held as to mark the commencement of courses in the aforesaid venue;
- (ii) of reasons that are led to remove the aforesaid training center from the building belongs to the National Gem and Jewellery Authority where the training center was started;
- (iii) of the new venue where the aforesaid training center is being operated;
- (iv) of the amount of monthly lease paid for the aforesaid building; and
- (v) of the name and the address of the owner of the aforesaid building?

(c) If not, why?

3383/12

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

(a) Will he state the number of natural wild elephant conservation centres expected to be established in Sri Lanka?

(b) Will he inform this House with respect to each of the aforesaid centre—

- (i) the name, location, extent and the estimated cost of construction separately;
- (ii) the desired objective;
- (iii) the length of the electric fences constructed and the amount expected to be allocated for their construction separately;
- (iv) the number of officers expected to be deployed for maintenance of the electric fences and the cost in that respect; and
- (v) the total number of officers to be employed at each centre?

- (c) Will he also state with respect to the wild elephant conservation centre of Horowpathana—
- (i) the number of tanks expected to be built and the estimated amount for them;
  - (ii) the number of pastures to be constructed and the amount allocated in that respect;
  - (iii) the period for which elephants are expected to be rehabilitated;
  - (iv) the areas to which those rehabilitated elephants will be released; and
  - (v) if a follow up of the elephants released after rehabilitation is to be done, the manner in which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

3615/13

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the Grama Niladhari Division, under which Eriyagama in Payagala South in the Kalutara District, comes;
  - (ii) of the number of families residing in that village; and
  - (iii) whether deeds for the aforesaid lands and houses have been given?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether public transport facilities and electricity have been provided to this village;
  - (ii) if so, the dates on which each such facility has been provided;
  - (iii) the starting point and destination of the transport facility provided; and
  - (iv) whether 'Maga Neguma' and 'Gama Neguma' projects have been implemented in the Grama Niladhari Division under which Eriyagama comes?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether the milk powder imports to Sri Lanka contains substances that are harmful to the human body;
- (ii) if so, what those substances are; and
- (iii) the types of milk powder that contain such substances?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the institution that carried out tests with regard to the harmful substances contains in milk powder;
- (ii) whether the research activities with regard to the above issue has been referred to foreign research institutes;
- (iii) if so, the contents of the research reports issued by those foreign institutes; and
- (iv) of the courses of action that will be taken with regard to the contaminated milk powder and the importers of such milk powder?

(c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House separately of—

- (i) the development projects implemented in the Districts of Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee to coincide with the Deyata Kirula programme of 2013;
- (ii) the estimated cost of each of those projects;
- (iii) the amount spent on each of those projects;
- (iv) the institution which executed the contract with relevance to each project;
- (v) the current condition of each of those projects?

(b) If not, why?

2662/12

8.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

(a) Will he inform the House—

- (i) whether 'Agri Export Zones', which have been introduced at present in order to encourage those who grow export crops, have been established in all parts of the country as envisaged in 'Mahinda Chintana – Vision for the Future'; and
- (ii) if so, what the details pertaining to the programme to establish those Agri Export Zones are ?

(b) If not, why ?

2926/12

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the amount funded by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank to the National Education Commission during the last five years ;
- (ii) the projects that were implemented disbursing the aforesaid money ; and
- (iii) the persons who managed those projects?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether, an audit has been carried out by the Auditor General regarding the disbursement of money for the aforesaid projects ; and
- (ii) if so, the findings of that?

(c) If not, why ?

2825/12

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of jobs that have been created in the public sector in the years 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011;
- (ii) the number of graduates passed out in the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 separately;
- (iii) the number of unemployed graduates in the country at present; and
- (iv) the average salary paid to a graduate in the public sector?

(b) If not, why?

11.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the number of counting of elephants that have been done in Sri Lanka since the year 1950, the years in which each of those counting were done and other information about each of those counting?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the total amount of money spent on the counting of elephants that was done in the year 2011;
  - (ii) whether the report of the aforesaid counting will be presented;
  - (iii) if not, of the reasons for not presenting that report; and
  - (iv) of the steps that have been taken to look after the elephants with respect to the increase of the number of elephants as per the aforesaid report?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether places of observation have been arranged for foreign tourists to watch wild elephants and wild animals;
  - (ii) of the names of such places;
  - (iii) of the amount of money that is charged from a tourist at those places; and
  - (iv) separately on per year basis of the amount of money that has been earned by the government through such places during the last five years?
- (d) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether a report will be presented pertaining to the contribution of the Department of Wildlife Conservation towards the promotion of conservation of wildlife; and
  - (ii) the measures that have been taken to ensure the safety of the wild animals of which the existence has been threatened due to the limitation of forests ?
- (e) If not, why?

12.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the number of students who sat for the “Law College Entrance Examination” annually and on each medium which was held for the admission of students to the Sri Lanka Law College from the year 2006 to 2011;
  - (ii) separately, the percentage of students on each medium who got through the aforesaid examination in each of the above years;
  - (iii) of the persons who under take the typewriting of the examination papers of the Law College Entrance Examination;
  - (iv) of the place where it is carried out; and
  - (v) of the persons who undertake the proof reading of the examination papers of the Law College Entrance Examination?
- (b) Will he state whether the basic information such as the full name, address, sex and the medium of the candidates were indicated in the result sheet of the Law College Entrance Examination conducted in the year 2011?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total amount of debt that should be collected by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the year 2012 to May 01<sup>st</sup> 2013;
  - (ii) of the names of such personal debtors corporate debtors;
  - (iii) of the amount of money that should be collected from each of those persons or institutions separately; and
  - (iv) the course of action that has been made to recover that debt?
- (b) If not, why?



14.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the national programme implemented for the upliftment of seawater fishing industry in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) whether programmes for providing fishing gear for seawater fishing community are being implemented;
- (iii) if so, separately the names of those programmes;
- (iv) the total amount of money allocated for those programmes;
- (v) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the total amount of money allocated for the Ministry of fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development ;
- (vi) whether that allocated amount will be sufficient ?

(b) If not, why ?

3226/12

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Armed Forces Personnel benefited to date from the proposal in the Budget for 2012 that the funding be granted to those who are blessed with the third child;
- (ii) the names of the aforesaid beneficiaries along with the Electorates and Districts they reside;
- (iii) the total payout recorded under the aforesaid budget proposal;
- (iv) whether the government can grant financial assistance to armed forces personnel in the event of their first and second child birth also, if the well-being and interests are really looked after?

(b) If not, why?

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**Wednesday, February 05, 2014**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

2566/12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a large number of paddy fields coming under the left bank and the right bank projects of Bentara river have become fallow ?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the measures that have been taken to re-cultivate the aforesaid paddy fields under “Api Wawamu-Rata Nagamu” programme; and
  - (ii) whether the harvest of the aforesaid paddy fields has increased after the re-cultivation programme ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that the aforesaid paddy fields are destroyed due to the sea water that flows from the Bentara river; and
  - (ii) whether any step has been taken to avoid the flow of sea water into the paddy fields ?
- (d) If not, why ?

2858/12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether there is a media institution dedicated for telecasting sports and related activities for the Government of Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) if so, the name of such institution; and
  - (iii) whether there have been TV stations such as Sirasa, Swarnavahini, Derana, ITN , Rupavahini etc., applied for sports telecasting rights?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) as to when was the Carlton Sports Network (CSN) was incorporated;
  - (ii) names of the CEO as at 01.06.2012 and the current CEO ;
  - (iii) whether CSN has got government contracts; and
  - (iv) if so, the names of such contracts?

(35)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the advertisements obtained by CSN from the government institutions ;
  - (ii) the value for advertising in CSN by state owned institution per month from its inception to date; and
  - (iii) the 10 biggest government institutions that do advertising in CSN?
- (d) If not, why?

2930/12

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Sugar Industry Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a 26-seater bus and a crew cab were purchased for the Udawalawa office of the Sugarcane Research Institute in the year 2010?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, the amount spent on purchasing each of the said vehicle;
  - (ii) whether the approval of the Treasury was obtained for this purpose;
  - (iii) if so, separately, the amount of money approved by the Treasury for the purchase of the two vehicles ;
  - (iv) if the amount of money spent on the two vehicles has exceeded the amount approved by the Treasury, the basis on which the provisions were secured for spending an additional sum ; and
  - (v) if an irregularity has taken place as regards the above transaction, the measures to be taken against the officers responsible for same?
- (c) If not, why ?

3428/13

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the procedures followed, in compensating the farmers, who own the fields that underwent damages of cultivations;
  - (ii) whether the farmers should possess permanent license, on the damaged farming lands, as to get the compensation;
  - (iii) whether the compensation will be paid, to the farmers concerned, with regard to the damages of the farming lands, without license;
  - (iv) if so, the relief provided, to the farmers who have not got license?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the year and date on which an international sport competition was held for the last time at Moratuwa De Soya Stadium, which is an international stadium?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the reasons for the aforesaid stadium falling into a dilapidated condition;
  - (ii) the names of the parties who are responsible for the maintenance of the aforesaid stadium;
  - (iii) whether renovation work of the aforesaid stadium has commenced;
  - (iv) if so, the name of the institute or party who carry out the aforesaid renovation work; and
  - (v) the estimated cost for the aforesaid renovation work?
- (c) If not, why ?

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the Trincomalee Urban Council has signed an agreement with the United States of America;
  - (ii) if so, the objectives of the aforesaid agreement,
  - (iii) whether permission has been obtained from the Ministry of External Affairs to sign such an agreement;
  - (iv) whether an Urban Council has the power to sign agreements with foreign countries?
- (b) If not ,why?

2580/12

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is a programme to establish factories at divisional level for the benefit of unemployed youth of this country;
  - (ii) if so, of the date on which a programme to establish such factories will be launched at Divisional Secretariat level;
  - (iii) the objectives of the above mentioned programme; and
  - (iv) of the manner in which the aforesaid objectives are achieved ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2886/12

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state whether —
  - (i) the Sri Lankan Government in recent past had embarrassing moments due to apparently negative international media campaigns pursued against the country;
  - (ii) the 'Channel 4' in UK was doing such campaigns in 2010, 2011 and 2012 (February-March);
  - (iii) any action has been taken against 'Channel 4' in UK in that regard as mentioned by the Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe in 2010; and
  - (iv) the LLRC has referred to the telecasting of 'Channel 4' regarding Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the corrective actions taken by the Sri Lankan Government regarding the aforesaid negative media campaign of 'Channel 4' ;
  - (ii) if not, the reasons for not doing so;
  - (iii) of the person or organisation that keeps tab of anti- Sri Lankan media campaigns worldwide;
  - (iv) whether there has been any other campaign of that nature against Sri Lanka; and
  - (v) the corrective measures taken regarding the consideration of 'Channel 4' telecasting by the LLRC?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a road is being constructed from Kitulgala to Pallegage through the Makanduwa Reserve which belongs to the Kitulgala Kelaniweli Reserve in Kegalle District and coming under the purview of the Department of Forest Conservation;
  - (ii) allegations are leveled by the environmentalists that the environment is severely damaged as a result of constructing this road;
  - (iii) the people of the area request that the construction work of the aforesaid road be stopped in order to prevent the damage caused to the environment ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether permission has been legally obtained to construct the aforementioned road through the Makanduwa Reserve;
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to stop the construction work of the aforesaid road taking the damage caused to the environment and the public protests into consideration ?
- (c) If not, why ?

10.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house of—
  - (i) the number of amphibian species that has been identified within Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the number of endemic amphibian species, identified out of aforesaid species;
  - (iii) the number of extinct amphibian species, endemic to Sri Lanka, by now?
- (b) Will he state —
  - (i) the number of fresh water fish species, endemic to this country;
  - (ii) the extinct species, out of those by now;
  - (iii) the initiatives that have been implemented to protect the fish species that are endemic to this country?

(39)

(c) Will he also state —

- (i) the number of reptile species, endemic to this country;
- (ii) the species that are threatened with extinction out of those, by now;
- (iii) the initiatives that have been implemented, to protect aforesaid reptile species?

(d) If not, why?

3901/'13

11.

Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform the House –

- (i) whether the persons who attacked the “Udayan” newspaper institute situated in Kilinochchi on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 have been arrested;
- (ii) how many people were wounded by the attack;
- (iii) whether an assessment has been taken on the damage caused to the office and the equipment of “Udayan” ;
- (iv) if so, what the assessment amount is;
- (v) whether the police had received complaints regarding burning of motorbikes belonging to the “Udayan” on several occasions previously; and
- (vi) whether those complaints have been investigated?

(b) If not, why?

2663/'12

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a “National Cultural Regulatory Board” as mentioned in the Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for Future” has been appointed; and
- (ii) if so, the date on which such National Cultural Regulatory Board was appointed ?

(b) If not, why?

3228/12

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, for the Sri Lankan Airlines—
  - (i) the profit or loss projected for years 2013-2014;
  - (ii) the number of people working in the institution;
  - (iii) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
  - (iv) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
  - (v) the total of short term debts along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why ?

3417/13

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to initiate an educational process at school level to create an attitudinal change in the public regarding the increase of the manufacturing and the use of motor vehicles in Sri Lanka and other countries of the world;
  - (ii) whether the subject of motor mechanism will be added to the school curriculum in order to promote knowledge in motor mechanism among school children; and
  - (iii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

3821/13

15.

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

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the number of plots of land that were allocated for public playgrounds according to the Master Plan for Mahaweli H Zone;
  - (ii) separately, on per division basis, the locations that have been allocated for public playgrounds and the extent of each of them?



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- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) separately the number of unauthorized settlers residing in lands belonging to each of the aforesaid playgrounds;
  - (ii) the years in they settled in those locations;
  - (iii) the names and the addresses of the said settlers;
  - (iv) if other legitimate lands have been awarded to the aforesaid unauthorized settlers, the names of such recipients on per division basis;
  - (v) whether the Mahaweli Authority has granted permission for them to get the electricity and water supply facilities;
  - (vi) if so, the names of the persons who were influential in providing such facilities to those settlers;
  - (vii) the reasons as to why the Mahaweli Authority is not taking action to evict the aforesaid unauthorized settlers from those playgrounds?
- (c) If not, why?
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**Thursday, February 06, 2014**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2584/12

1. Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(2)
- (a) Will she state separately, on district basis—
- (i) the number of villages without electricity in the Eastern Province; and
  - (ii) the names of those villages ?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
- (i) of the period of time within which action will be taken to provide electricity to the aforesaid villages without electricity; and
  - (ii) whether there was a possibility to provide electricity to all the villages without electricity in the Eastern Province, within the year 2012 ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the value of the tax exemption given in 2002-2003 by the then regime of UNP was as big as 1,000 billion of SLR as indicated by the successive UPFA government;
  - (ii) if not, the exact value of it; and
  - (iii) whether the aforesaid tax amnesty was withdrawn in 2004 - 2005?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether the government in 2004 had proven that the tax amnesty granted by UNP was wrong and illegal;
  - (ii) the value of tax collected after the withdrawal of the said tax exemption on per year basis to date; and
  - (iii) the reason for collecting taxes of such a low value?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the UPFA Government has come up with tax amnesties after 2004, although it had negatively criticised the same introduced by the UNP; and
  - (ii) if so, the value of the tax amnesties granted by the UPFA government?
- (d) If not why?

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
  - (i) the number of complaints received with regard to harassment caused to journalists during the period from the year 2005 up to the time when a Ministers' sub-committee was appointed in the year 2008 to look into the harassment caused to journalists;
  - (ii) the number of journalists who have been abducted or assaulted up to now since the appointment of the aforesaid Ministers' sub-committee; and
  - (iii) the steps taken by the government regarding the aforesaid acts?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of plant species that has been identified in Sri Lanka up to now;
  - (ii) the number of plant species that are endemic to Sri Lanka out of them;
  - (iii) the number of extinct plant species out of those by now;
  - (iv) whether a list of aforesaid extinct plant species will be presented;
  - (v) the causes that are led to the extinction and to be threatened with extinction of the plant species of Sri Lanka;
  - (vi) the action that has been taken by the government to protect the plant species that are threatened with extinction?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
- (i) separately, of the number of plants that has been planted under the tree planting programme in Sri Lanka ,annually, from the year 2005 to 2012;
  - (ii) of the varieties of plants so planted;
  - (iii) of the steps that have been taken to protect aforesaid plants;
  - (iv) whether the varieties of plants extinct or plants threatened with extinction have been planted under that programme;
  - (v) of the amount of money that has been spent, annually, within past 5 years, for that planting programme?
- (c) If not, why?

3903/13

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House –
- (i) whether permission has been given to establish co-operative societies that are empowered to grant permission for mining sand from the river Mahaweli;
  - (ii) whether any levy is charged on sand transported from the river Mahaweli;
  - (iii) if so, what are the parties that charges that levy; and
  - (iv) what is the amount charged for issuing a permit to mine sand?
- (b) If not, why?

6. Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the amount of money required by one Sri Lankan family per month for its subsistence, as per the government statistics;
  - (ii) separately, of the expenditure on food and expenditure on needs other than food for a family per month; and
  - (iii) separately, of the amount of money required by a family per month for its subsistence in each district ?
- (b) Will he admit that an amount of Rs. 7500.00 is sufficient for a three member family for its subsistence for a month ?
- (c) If not, why ?

7. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether a Privy Council is now operative in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) whether such a Council was ever operative before;
  - (iii) if so, the period it was operative; and
  - (iv) the mechanism to have a sense of appeal in judicial system today as the Privy Council or its likes has been abolished?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) the retrospective laws that have been applied to date from independence;
  - (ii) as to when they were legislated and implemented separately;
  - (iii) whether it is agreeable that the retrospective laws generally not enforced in Sri Lanka; and
  - (iv) if not, as to how the tax amnesty law in 2003- 2004 was implemented?
- (c) If not why?

8.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately on Divisional Secretariat Division basis of the number of houses that were partly damaged and fully damaged owing to the inundations that happened in December 2012;
  - (ii) separately, of the amount of compensation paid to a fully damaged houses and a partially damaged house;
  - (iii) of the amount of compensation paid for fully damaged houses and partially damaged houses by now;
  - (iv) of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which the aforesaid compensation has been provided ;
  - (v) whether the aforesaid payment of compensation is made by the Ministry of Disaster Management or any other Ministry or institution?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the number of lives lost as a result of the disaster situations which occurred owing to the landslides and floods in the year 2012;
  - (ii) the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in which the aforesaid losses of lives occurred;
  - (iii) the amount of compensation paid on behalf of a person who lost their life in that manner;
  - (iv) whether the aforesaid compensation will also be provided on behalf of the persons who disappeared as a result of floods and landslides; and
  - (v) the amount of compensation paid by now on behalf of the persons who died as a result of landslides and floods during the period mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why ?

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) ‘Garumuni Walawwa’ that belongs to the Central cultural fund and is located in the Balapitiya Divisional Secretary’s division is a monument with an archeological value;
  - (ii) the buildings belonging to that are in a very dilapidated condition at present;
  - (iii) the people in the area complain that portions of the land belonging to that ‘Walawwa’ have been acquired by some people by force?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits the fact that ‘Garumuni Walawwa’ can be converted into a source of income for the government after its buildings being renovated;
  - (ii) if so, whether the renovation activities will be effected;
  - (iii) whether financial provisions have been allocated for that;
  - (iv) if so, the sum so allocated;
  - (v) of the date the renovation activities will be commenced;
  - (vi) whether arrangements will be made to evict those who have forcibly acquired lands belonging to the ‘Walawwa;’ and
  - (vii) if so, the date it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

3904/13

10.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) what the building which has been built in a land area of about 5 acres in the Eastern boundary of the Girithale National Park in Minneria;
  - (ii) of the purpose of constructing that building;
  - (iii) whether the document that gave the written permission to construct this building be submitted;
  - (iv) the party by which this permission was granted;
  - (v) if such a permission has not been obtained, the reason for that?
- (b) If not, why?

2664/12

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements have been made to establish a modern rest house complex for the disabled war heroes in areas of religious significance such as Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kataragama, Mannar Madu Church, as mentioned in the ‘Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future’; and
  - (ii) if so, the details pertaining to the programme of constructing that rest house complex?
- (b) If not, why?

3229/12

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state, for the Mihin Lanka Airline—
- (i) the profit or loss from the year 2012 to date;
  - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2013-2014;
  - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
  - (iv) the number of people working;
  - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
  - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
  - (vii) the total of the short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, the medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why ?

3587/13

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts;—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that two institutions called Rukmani Devi Memorial Museum and Rukmani Devi Performing Arts Centre are maintained in Negombo;
  - (ii) of the institution responsible for the administration of the said two institutions;
  - (iii) the annual income received by the said two institutions in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012, separately; and
  - (iv) the total annual expenditure on salaries and other expenses of those institutions separately, with relevance to the years mentioned in (iii) above?

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- (b) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the rare items and photographs kept at Rukmani Devi Performing Arts Centre and the Museum are decaying due to lack of proper maintenance; and
  - (ii) the roof and gutters of the Performing Arts Centre are rotting?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether action will be taken to restore the building where the said Museum and the Performing Arts Centre are maintained?
- (d) If not, why?

3822/13

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether he admits that Thambuththegama is a planned town which is included in the Mahaweli Town Plan;
  - (ii) the number of recipients of land according to the Master Plan of the aforesaid town; and
  - (iii) out of the original recipients of lands, the number of recipients who are residing in that town at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of unauthorized settlers residing in Thambuththegama town;
  - (ii) of the years in which they settled in the relevant lands without authorization;
  - (iii) whether the Mahaweli Authority has granted permission for the unauthorized settlers to construct buildings and to get the facilities of electricity and water supply;
  - (iv) whether he admits that the unauthorized settlers constructed buildings in the early part of the year 2013; and
  - (v) of the action that will be taken against the officials who turn a blind eye to constructing of buildings by the unauthorized settlers?
- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to legitimize the ownership of the lands which are occupied by these unauthorized settlers;
  - (ii) if not, whether action will be taken in terms of the town plan to evict these unauthorized settlers from the lands they are occupying?
- (d) If not, why?



15.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether certain recommendations have been submitted with regard to the environmental impact on the places around the "Kudankulam" nuclear power plant built in India;
  - (ii) if so, whether that written recommendations be submitted to this House;
  - (iii) whether the radiation that is released from this power plant will endanger the living creatures; and
  - (iv) whether the conditions or agreements between India and Sri Lanka with regard to this project be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

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**Friday, February 07, 2014**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the international human rights agreements that have been ratified by Sri Lanka by now ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether Sri Lanka is bound to implement the aforesaid agreements;
  - (ii) whether the laws required to enforce the aforesaid agreements in the country have been formulated;
  - (iii) of the detrimental effects that the country would undergo as a result of the non-implementation of the aforesaid agreements?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the policy of the government on safeguarding human rights?
- (d) If not, why?

2904/12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the names of the companies to whom the licences have been issued to operate mobile and CDMA telephone lines to date;
  - (ii) the names of the directors of the above companies, separately;
  - (iii) the new frequencies and lines issued to mobile and CDMA companies after the year 2006;
  - (iv) the names of the directors of the above companies;
  - (v) the referrals obtained for the allocation of frequencies and telephone lines; and
  - (vi) the amounts paid by the aforesaid companies to the government separately, for the years 2011 and 2012 on per company basis ?
- (b) Will he also state whether the licences have been issued to mobile operators at prices well below the market price ?
- (c) If not, why?

3011/12

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether measures are being taken to abolish the telegramme service which has been provided by the Postal Department for a long time; and
  - (ii) the objective of abolishing the aforesaid service ?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) the general public and the employees of both public and private sectors who obtain the aforesaid service will be inconvenienced if the aforesaid service is abolished; and
  - (ii) with the abolition of the telegram service, issues related to the job security of the employees engaged in the service will arise?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to ensure the job security of the aforesaid employees ?
- (d) If not, why ?

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of government schools closed down islandwide during 2011-2012 period ;
  - (ii) whether a list of the names of schools closed down during 2006-2012 period will be submitted;
  - (iii) the number of students who were there at the time of closure, separately; and
  - (iv) separately, the reasons for the closure of each school?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of government schools established during 2006-2012;
  - (ii) whether a list of names of such new schools will be submitted; and
  - (iii) the number of students studied at those schools by the year 2012?
- (c) If not, why ?

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a large number of acres of land in "Kularippu" forest reserve in Muhudubada Pattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Mullaitivu District, "Mattusudan" crown forest in Mankulam Divisional Secretariat Division, and the forest reserves that belong to three Divisional Secretariat Divisions i.e., Musali, Madu and Manthai West in the Mannar District are being cleared of forest at the moment;
  - (ii) separately, the extent of land that has been cleared of forest from each of the aforesaid forest areas;
  - (iii) separately, the purpose of clearing the aforesaid forest areas;
- (b) If not, why?

3998/13

6.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of officers attached to the Mahailuppallama Research Farm; and
  - (ii) the researches conducted in that research Farm?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether organic fertilizer is used on paddy fields cultivated in the Mahailuppallama Research farm; and
  - (ii) if so, the quantity of organic fertilizer used on an acre of paddy field in it?
- (c) If not, why?

4000/13

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether a day has been named as the National Survey Day;
  - (ii) if so, what is that date; and
  - (iii) the basis for the selection of that date?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) the law related to the declaration of the National Survey Day;
  - (ii) when was that been declared;
  - (iii) whether a gazette notification or/and any other legal document is available;
  - (iv) if a copy of that document be submitted; and
  - (v) if no such document is available the reason for that?
- (c) If not, why?

4138/13

8.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M.Azwer, - To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the bus service between Akkariapattu and Colombo has been suspended by now; and
  - (ii) passengers traveling to Colombo from Akkaraipattu via Irakkamam and Hingurana have to face severe difficulties within that context?

(53)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether early action will be taken to start a direct bus service between Akkaraipattu and Colombo, in the light of the said situation?
- (c) If not, why?

4158/13

9.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) National Water Supply and Drainage Board had charged Rs. 500 and Rs. 1500 from a domestic water consumer and a business venture, respectively at the time the disconnected water supplies are reconnected;
  - (ii) the reconnection fee has been increased up to Rs. 2300 and Rs. 6900 for a domestic water consumer and a business venture, respectively; and
  - (iii) all the water consumers are under a severe pressure, as the new reconnection fee has gone up by five times than the previous fee?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide a relief for all water consumers by revising the present fee, that is charged for reconnection of disconnected water supplies?
- (c) If not, why ?

4212/13

10.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is she aware that—
  - (i) the Ceylon Electricity Board has signed a long term contract of purchasing electricity from private thermal power plants on its own accord by violating the directives and decisions of the Cabinet of Ministers and the Treasury;
  - (ii) audit investigations have revealed that corruption and frauds amounting to crores of rupees at purchasing electricity from private thermal power plants ;
  - (iii) in this context, the waste of money within the Ceylon Electricity Board has become a major reason for electricity tariff increase; and
  - (iv) some officials who hold positions of Directors of the Board act as members of the Board of Directors of a number of private thermal power plants?

(54)

- (b) Will she inform this House—
- (i) of the Ceylon Electricity Board has incurred losses amounting to crores of rupees in obtaining vehicles from private sector on rent basis and making payments ;
  - (ii) the monthly rent on the vehicles obtained by the Ceylon Electricity Board on hire; and
  - (iii) the purposes for which the vehicles obtained on hire have been used?
- (c) If not, why?

4214/13

11.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the position of the Government Printer is vacant ;
  - (ii) if so, whether an officer has been appointed to cover the duties of the aforesaid position at present; and
  - (iii) of the education and professional qualifications of that officer?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) the aforesaid officer has not fulfilled the qualifications required for the position of Government Printer;
  - (ii) that a junior officer of the institution who does not possess full qualifications has been appointed to the above position; and
  - (iii) four senior officers who have the qualifications required for the aforesaid position are employed at the institution even at present?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House of the action that will be taken to rectify the above situation?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of women who have gone overseas for employment in each of the years during the period from the year 2005-2011 after being registered at the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau;
  - (ii) separately, the number of women who went abroad for employment as mentioned above as a percentage of the total number of persons who went abroad for employment in each of the said years; and
  - (iii) the types of the jobs for which the aforesaid women have gone abroad ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the programme that is in force to protect the rights of the women who are leaving for foreign employments ;
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to implement this programme in a methodical and robust manner in the future; and
  - (iii) if so, the manner in which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why ?

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately, for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012—
- (i) the amount of funds allocated for education in the Budget;
  - (ii) the amounts of money actually spent on education;
  - (iii) the Heads under which the aforesaid amounts were actually spent;
  - (iv) the amount of money that has been spent monthly on education and to which Heads the said money has been transferred; and
  - (v) the Budget Heads to which the money allocated for education in the budgets have been transferred?
- (b) If not, why?

3014/12

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a large number of workers who served in the community water supply and sanitary projects islandwide have been dismissed;
- (ii) although a pledge has been made to provide jobs to the aforesaid workers in a new institution, jobs have not been provided yet; and
- (iii) compensation, EPF and ETF dues have not yet been paid to the workers who were dismissed ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a plan to establish a new institution to implement the projects mentioned above;
- (ii) of the objective behind initiating a new institution structure after the closure of the institutions which existed in relation to the above projects; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to expedite the due payments mentioned in (a) (iii) above for the workers who have been dismissed?

(c) If not, why?

3907/13

15.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the reasons for the scarcity of Biopsy Needles in government hospitals since February 2013, which is an essential surgical item;
- (ii) the institution from which the aforesaid Biopsy Needles are obtained ;
- (iii) the price of the Biopsy Needles purchased by the Ministry of Health;
- (iv) the price of those Biopsy Needles when purchased at private pharmacies ?

(b) If not, why?

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.15/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Punishments for Government Officials,— That this Parliament resolves that, high ranking Government Officials who misuse and politicize their independent positions be punished and fined as soon as they are found guilty.

P.16/10

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Extension of retirement age,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government Officers' retirement age must be extended up to 65 years and for those who have special aptitude it can be extended up to 70 years, if the Legislature recommends.

P.17/10

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of Quality Assurance Council to protect Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a "Quality Assurance Council" be established by law with an immediate effect to protect the education for the future generation, since there are many educational institutions mushrooming in Sri Lanka using university names without any accountability.

P.18/10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creation of a position named "Special Prosecutor",— That this Parliament resolves that in order to ensure the Government Service is free from political interferences, a position named "Special Prosecutor" that directly reporting to this Parliament be created to institute prosecutions as soon as Independent Commissions, Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises report the cases of misuse, corruption or inefficiency, affecting the efficiency of the Institutions.

P.20/10

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% return for employees in relation to inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund which are administered by the Government Institutions should ensure that the employees get a return of 1% higher than the inflation of each year.

P.21/10

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of free traveling facilities to senior citizens,— That this Parliament resolves that all senior citizens be provided with free of charge traveling facilities in public transport services.

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7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Conflict Resolution Centre,— That this Parliament resolves that a Conflict Resolution Centre which can go into problems in Sri Lanka, in the region, and the world as a whole, be created, utilizing the strengths in all religions namely Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Islam that since Sri Lanka is a multi ethnic and multi religious country which has a national problem such as aberration of peace.

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8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of Pension Gratuity without delay,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be adopted to pay Pension Gratuity without delay to the Pensioners who have not yet received the same.

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9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Policy Formulation Board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of Government and consisting of politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.25/ 10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Setting up of a unit with legal powers to solve the problems faced by the migrant employees,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that a unit with legal powers be set up to look into problems faced by migrant employees such as assaults, abduction, rape, sexual abuse, killings, financial frauds and to get them down to this country and to look into their safety.

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11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Formulation of a National Programme to introduce New Inventors to the World,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to introduce the new inventors and citizens who are endowed with various skills to the world and to improve their skills and creations.

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12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Tax concession to Industrialists who utilize Indigenous Raw Materials,— That this Parliament resolves that a 02 year tax concession be granted to local industrialists who produce goods for the international market utilizing more than 75% indigenous raw materials.

P.28/ 10

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Granting Citizenship to Estate Community,— That this Parliament resolves that the estate sector community who do not have Sri Lankan citizenship should be granted same upon their willingness.

P.29/ 10

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Providing a free glass of milk to the pupils in primary schools in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made to give a free glass of milk in the morning to all the pupils in the primary schools in the Island.

P.30/10

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Refund of Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week,— That this Parliament resolves that there should be a procedure to refund Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week.

P.31/10

16.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Issuing free season tickets to students,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be introduced to issue free season tickets to students to travel in buses of the Road Passenger Transport Authority.

P.32/10

17.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of Sports Schools and formulating a National Sports Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Sports Policy with long term objectives should be formulated and high standard Sports Schools with pavilions, play grounds, sports instruments and sports instructors should be established basically covering all the districts.

P.33/10

18.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Faculty of National Languages,— That this Parliament resolves that a Faculty of National Languages should be established in order to teach Sinhala, Tamil and English to teachers.

P.44/10

19.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enacting Laws for free access to Government Information,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be enacted in Parliament for the right of people to have free access to all the information of the Government whereby their transparency would be maintained.

P.45/10

20.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Sri Lankans be afforded better opportunities for health,— That this Parliament resolves that all Sri Lankans be afforded better health opportunities as most of them are subject to open heart surgeries and for that purpose employees of the private sector must be provided with free facilities through Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund and in case of Public Servants or non employees by the Government through the President Fund with full cost.

P.46/10

21.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Protection of the World Environment,— That this Parliament resolves that Sri Lanka must pay more attention to the protection of the world environment and specially take action to prevent global warming.

P.47/10

22.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Telecasting of Parliamentary Proceedings,— That this Parliament resolves that live or censored Parliamentary Proceedings should be telecasted through the Television or Internet.

P.48/10

23.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Granting permission to vote for Sri Lankans living overseas,— That this Parliament resolves that Sri Lankans who are living overseas must be permitted to vote at future elections.

P.49/10

24.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introduction of an Electronic Voting System,— That this Parliament resolves that an Electronic Voting System must be introduced for the present archaic Voting System.

P.57/10

25.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Frequent update of the Register of Electors,— That this Parliament resolves that the Register of Electors must be an open list with frequent update rather than a list that gets updated only for 30 days of a month in the year.

P.59/10

26.

Hon Ravi Karunanayake,— Granting a Pension Scheme for the overseas work force,— That this Parliament resolves that a pension scheme should be devised to reward the overseas work force who sends their hard earned money to increase the wealth of Sri Lanka.

P.60/10

27.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Awarding pensions for the armed personnel who served before 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2009,— That this Parliament resolves that as the members of the Parliament are entitled to a pension in five years, the armed personnel who had been engaged in activities before the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2009 but have not completed the period of 22 years should also be entitled to a pension.

P.62/10

28.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing a special design to help people with restricted ability and mobility,— That this Parliament resolves that all new public buildings must have design features ensuring accessibility as specified by the law for the persons with restricted ability and mobility in order to optimize their remaining productivity and to minimize the unwanted dependency.

P.63/10

29.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enabling the right to vote,— This Parliament resolves that every individual above the age of eighteen must be allowed to vote as there is a big number of registered voters that have been deprived of voting and if an individual does not vote after the name appears on the register they should be fined.

P.64/10

30.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Ensuring a corruption free world,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Sri Lankan Parliamentarians get together and join global organizations of parliaments in eradicating corruption.

P.69/10

31.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Repayment of funds of the depositor who are duped,— That this Parliament resolves that as there are many depositors who have been duped with the funds that have been deposited in the finance companies and these depositors or the delinquent companies have been promised by the government during the political campaign of 2009/2010 elections that they will be paid their outstanding, hence the Central Bank that is the custodian of these institutions should have been more diligent and the government must step in paying the depositors.

P.77/10

32.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Removing the salary anomalies of the Public Service Pensioners,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to remove the severe salary anomaly that exists between the salaries of the public servants who had retired prior to 01.06.2006 and those who retired after the said date, created as a result of the salary conversion of public servants that was effected from 01.06.2006, according to the salary revisions circular 6/2006.

P.78/10

33.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Information Centres at district level,— That this Parliament resolves that Information Centres where all information relating to the geographical location, historic background, crops cultivated, road network, government offices, schools, universities, railway stations, bus stands are computerized and documented be established and that these centres be established at the provincial level during the first stage, at the district level during the second stage and at the Divisional Secretariat Division level during the third stage.

P.79/10

34.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Regulating of religious school education and administration of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that an urgent programme be drawn up to increase the number of students attending religious schools by continually providing human and physical resources for religious schools in order to regulate education and administration of religious schools of all religions of Sri Lanka and to accord proper recognition to the certificates of the final examination and the Dharmacharya examination of Buddhist Dhamma Schools and similar examinations conducted in religious schools of other faiths.

P.80/10

35.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating laws regarding the rearing of pets such as dogs and cats,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be formulated for the registration of pets such as dogs and cats in local government authorities and that laws be formulated that the sale of the young of these animals should only be done in authorized centres and making it compulsory to spay female animals reared in other places other than these authorized centres.

P. 81/10

36.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Training workers required for the job market,— That this Parliament resolves that the task of initiating a methodology for the training of workers required for the new employment opportunities generated in future Sri Lanka be commenced by all tertiary educational institutions in the country.

P. 82/10

37.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Re-organizing the Public Administration Structure,— That this Parliament resolves since the Ministry of Public Administration is in the process of re-demarcating Grama Niladhari Divisions, the entire Public Administration Structure be re-organized in such a way that Divisional Secretariat Divisions and Districts be demarcated afresh through the re-demarcated Grama Niladhari Divisions and such newly demarcated Divisional Secretary's Areas be made Local Government Areas and such area should consist of jurisdictions of all public institutions including Divisional Education Area, Police Area, Agrarian Services Area and the Regional Health Services Officers Area.

P. 83/10

38.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Resumption of the further development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project,— That this Parliament resolves that further development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project be resumed forthwith and steps be taken expeditiously to solve the problems faced by the people who cultivate various crops on the catchment area of the Nilwala Valley, due to the stalled development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project in the Matara District.

P.84/10

39.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Extending the honorary post of Justice of the Peace even beyond the term of the Peoples Representatives of the Provincial Councils and Local Government Bodies,— Since the honorary post of Justice of the Peace accorded to the Peoples Representatives of the Provincial Councils and Local Government Bodies are confined only to their term of office, a large number of people who approach them for the relevant service, even after their terms of office is over, are greatly inconvenienced. Therefore this Parliament resolves that a suitable system be adopted to extend this post to the Peoples Representatives even beyond their terms of office.

P.85/10

40.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reconsideration of allowances and privileges of all Members and Ministers of the Provincial Councils,— That this Parliament resolves that proper measures be adopted in this regard following deep consideration since the allowances privileges and facilities of the Hon. Ministers, Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, Chief Government Whips, Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition, Chief Opposition Whip and Hon. Members of the existing Provincial Councils and the Northern Provincial Council which is to officially function in near future, are not in a proper state.

P.86/10

41.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reconsideration of the allowances and privileges granted to all Peoples Representatives in Local Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that since there are irregularities with respect to the allowances, privileges and other facilities granted to the Mayors, Chairmen, Deputy Mayors, Vice Chairmen and the Members of the existing Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas in the Island and the Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas which are planned to be established in the future, serious consideration be drawn to this matter and proper courses of action be followed in this regard.

P.87/10

42.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Issuing death certificates for the disappeared Tamil persons in the North and East,— That this Parliament resolves that immediate investigations be carried out to find out whether the persons who disappeared due to various reasons during the past period of about three decades of war in the North and East are still alive or not, and if they are not alive death certificate should be issued for them.

P. 88/10

43.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a National Youth Policy,— That this Parliament resolves that a select committee be appointed consisting of the Hon. Members of Parliament representing all the political parties for formulating a National Youth Policy suitable for Sri Lanka to get the assistance of the veterans, academics and intellectuals as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations representing all the related fields for that purpose.

P. 89/10

44.

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

P. 90/10

45.

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.91/10

46.

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.92/10

47.

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.93/10

48.

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

P. 94/10

49.

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.



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50.

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. 96/ 10

51.

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.98/ 10

52.

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.99/ 10

53.

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

P.100/ 10

54.

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.101/10

55.

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.102/10

56.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Confirmation in service of officers of the Civil Defence Force,— This House resolves that the officers attached to the Civil Defence Force be made entitled to salaries, allowances, permanency of service and pensions enjoyed by the officers in other armed forces along with accepted official status as in the other Government Departments.

P.103/10

57.

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.105/10

58.

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.108/10

59.

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.109/10

60.

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.110/10

61.

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.111/10

62.

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.112/10

63.

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.113/10

64.

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.114/10

65.

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.115/10

66.

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.116/10

67.

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

P.118/10

68.

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.119/10

69.

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.120/10

70.

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

P.127/11

71.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Renaming the Galle International Stadium,— That this Parliament resolves that the Galle International Stadium be renamed after the father of free education, the Late Hon. (Dr.) C.W.W. Kannangara as a mark of respect.

P.130/11

72.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Appointing a Select Committee of Parliament on Election Procedures and the Conduct of Elections,— That this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament on Election Procedures and the Conduct of Elections be appointed, on a permanent basis.

P.131/11

73.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prompt disbursement of EPF and ETF money,— That this Parliament resolves that provisions be introduced to repay all the subscribers of EPF and ETF their dues, one month after retirement from active employment.

P.132/11

74.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Ensuring impartiality in State Media,— That this Parliament resolves that since State Media is the exclusive right of the citizens of Sri Lanka and since there has been regular politicization of the Government Media, equal treatment and equal opportunity must be ensured to all political parties registered in Sri Lanka through State Media.

P.133/11

75.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Language proficiency requirements in Public Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make mandatory, by the year 2025, that all Public Servants must be able to work, correspond and speak in all 3 languages viz. Sinhala, Tamil and English.

P.134/11

76.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Providing the Members of Parliament with a Decentralized Budget Allocation,— That this Parliament resolves that the 225 Members of Parliament be made entitled to a Decentralized Budget Allocation on a yearly basis which is totaling 1% of GDP that must be utilized 50% on capital expenditure and the balance on any basis the Member of Parliament desires on behalf of his voters based on guidelines of the Government.

P.138/11

77.

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.139/11

78.

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.141/11

79.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Increasing the plantation of Kithul to boost the Kithul industry,— Since the Kithul contributes immensely for the rural industries, this Parliament resolves that proper action must be taken to increase the number of new plantations in keeping with our ambitious plan of increasing the stock of Kithul for vegetation so as to give a boost to the rural industry and the rural folk.

P.142/11

80.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Ensuring a pollution free marine environment around Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that an action be taken to ensure a pollution free marine environment around Sri Lanka for a sustainable national development and the well being of its people and the economy by the year 2020.

P.143/11

81.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Initiating action to develop cashew cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that an action must be initiated to develop cashew cultivation in order to help processing, marketing and plantation of cashew and allied products and thereby help Sri Lanka to become a leading producer and exporter of quality and value added cashew products

P.144/11

82.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Development of traditional industries,— That this Parliament resolves that the traditional industries which have been dwindling in the Ampara District such as handloom, pottery, palmyra and reed products i.e. boxes, plates and mats, coir products and cane products be developed and thereby the livelihood opportunities of the people be created in order to have their income increased.

P.147/11

83.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Undertaking extensive studies to explore the possibility of introducing the plantation of date palm,— That this Parliament resolves that an extensive study be undertaken to explore the possibility of introducing the plantation of date palm (*Phoenix dactylifera*) in our country since such an experiment undertaken in Kattankudy in the Batticaloa District is found to be successful, so that the people of our country will be afforded the opportunity of enjoying this luscious fruit grown in our own soil.

P.151/11

84.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Regulating broadcasting of radio,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to incorporate an independent authority that will regulate broadcasting of radio.

P.152/11

85.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Regulating telecasting of TV programs,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to incorporate an independent authority that will regulate telecasting of TV programs.

P.153/11

86.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing Public Accounts Committees in Municipalities,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to establish Public Accounts Committees in every Municipality by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013.

P.154/11

87.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enacting the Bill of Rights,— That this Parliament resolves that a bill taking on the Bill of Rights that is a cornerstone of Democracy in South Africa that affirms the democratic values of Human Dignity, Equality and Freedom be enacted in Sri Lanka ensuring the rights of all people of the country that must be respected, protected, promoted and fulfilled by the State subject to limitations specified in the Bill.

P.155/11

88.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of Special Allowances to the Members of Parliament,— That this Parliament resolves that no Minister, Deputy Minister or Member of Parliament should be paid any Special Allowance at all unless it is approved by the Public Service Commission and the Salaries and Cadre Commission and brought before the Parliament.

P.158/12

89.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Development of Ports in Sri Lanka,— Since Sri Lanka has been known as a geographically well located centre and shipping is a very important service industry from ancient times and since India is very ambitiously developing and promoting ports, this Parliament resolves that we team up with India and Indian Business and develop ports for the benefit of two countries.

P.117/10

90.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Conferring the power of subdivision on the Government grant lands against which bans of sub division have been issued, to Divisional Secretaries,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary Laws be introduced to confer the power of sub division on the Divisional Secretaries by minimizing the current lengthy process operating through the Provincial Commissioner, Commissioner of Lands and the Presidential Secretariat when needs of sub division arise in order to ensure the rights of the second generation of original recipient of land and to effect development activities on their houses, lands, although sub division of Government grant lands on permits such as Jayabhumi, Swarnabhumi and Rathnabhumi is banned.

P.159/12

91.

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

P.160/12

92.

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.161/12

93.

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.

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94.

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.

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95.

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.



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96.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Transforming the Securities and Exchange Commission into an independent institution,— That this Parliament resolves that the Securities and Exchange Commission be made an independent institution, which would remove all impediments, especially related to political interference and political patronage.

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97.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing “Advance Voting” to replace Postal Voting,— That this Parliament resolves that the Constitution be amended to replace Postal Voting with “Advance Voting”, which will help to ameliorate many shortcomings in the present election system.

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98.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Amending the Constitution to introduce an open Electoral Register,— That this Parliament resolves that the Constitution be amended so that the Electoral Register will be an open register, rather than a static list which is maintained at present.

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99.

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.

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100.

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.

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101.

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.

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102.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Banning the publication of the image of Lord Buddha in daily news papers and periodicals excluding academic publications,— That this Parliament resolves that legislation necessary for banning the publication of the images of Lord Buddha and images of Buddha Statues in daily news papers, periodicals and other pamphlets other than academic publications in future be introduced, as images of Lord Buddha and images of Buddha Statues are printed in daily news papers and periodicals without any restraint and extensively and as it is an insult to Lord Buddha to use such paper as wrapping for various items and for other inappropriate activities and also in consideration of the commemoration of the 2600<sup>th</sup> Buddha Jayanthi.

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103.

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.

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104.

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.

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105.

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.

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106.

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.

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107.

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.

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108.

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.

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109.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Establishment of Professional Training Institute of Judges,— Whereas the establishment of a high quality profession of Judges is a prime requirement for the administration of justice in the courts of Sri Lanka and whereas the existing “Sri Lanka Judges’ Institute” is by no means sufficient for the provision of training of “very high in quality” that is essential for this purpose, that this Parliament resolves that Professional Training Institute of Judges shall be established, in conformity with the standard of a university to train Judges.

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110.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Providing secondary school education and university education in English medium free of charge,— That this Parliament resolves that the secondary education at every government school in Sri Lanka and university education at all state universities be provided in English medium and that such education be free education, fully funded by the government.

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111.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Introducing summary procedure for compensation cases related to motor vehicles,— That this Parliament resolves that the Code of Civil Procedure be amended so that a summary procedure would be introduced for compensation cases related to motor vehicles since heirs and dependents of persons deceased due to accidents related to motor vehicles and those who have been injured due to such accidents become extremely helpless by having to participate in a very difficult and prolonged litigation.

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112.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing of Laws relating to Public Interest Litigation,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced in Parliament for the Public Interest Litigation in respect of violation of basic Human Rights of the poor, content or conduct of Government policy, compel Municipal Authorities to perform a public duty, violation of religious rights or other basic fundamental rights, and corruption which leads to higher Public Debt and additional Liability to the Citizen.

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113.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Restricting Ministerial Security Personnel only to the politicians,— That this Parliament resolves that the security personnel provided through the Ministerial Security Division (MSD) be restricted only to the politicians and not to be provided for their family members.

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114.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Uplifting the National Game of Volleyball,— That this Parliament resolves that a well planned programme should be initiated to uplift the national game of Volleyball, a splendid game, which calls for a higher degree of skill, agility, physical fitness, judgment and team work.

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115.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Uplifting the traditional handloom lace industry known as Beeralu,— That this Parliament resolves that effective and meaningful measures be taken to develop the “Beeralu” (බීරළු) indoor industry so that the rural people involved in lace manufacturing be provided with advanced facilities enabling them to earn better income, and also popularize lace and lace products among tourists.

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116.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Legislation to prevent young mothers from leaving Sri Lanka for economic reasons,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate legislation be made to prevent young mothers having children less than five years of age from leaving Sri Lanka for economic reasons since they play a pivotal role in developing a strong and happy family environment and whereas in the recent past such mothers left Sri Lanka for foreign employment destroying the strong family unit value and creating huge social crisis.

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117.

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.

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118.

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.

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119.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creating a “National Health Council Bureaucracy”,— That this Parliament resolves that a “National Health Council Bureaucracy” be created, that reports to the Prime Minister and which helps to cut across and eradicate sub-optimization in the Line Ministry, since management of health care should be given much more direction and emphasis than what is prevailing today.

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120.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Exemption of Taxes imposed on Pension Gratuity,— That this Parliament resolves that taxes imposed in this country are very lopsided, especially on terminal benefits and the taxes imposed on pension gratuity be completely exempted as the employees receiving gratuity on their retirement after a hard working life are subject to pay 36% of taxes.

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121.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Assisting India in obtaining a Permanent Seat in the United Nations,— That this Parliament resolves that India should be assisted in obtaining a Permanent Seat in the United Nations as India is Sri Lanka’s closest friend.

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122.

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.

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123.

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.

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NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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The Hon. Minister of Education,— Select Committee of Parliament for the formulation of a National Education Policy,—Whereas an oppressive environment has been created for teachers as well as school children and parents as a result of non development of education qualitatively and structurally in relation to the quantitative development of the education system since the implementation of the free education system in Sri Lanka,

Whereas a social opinion has been created that various irregularities, injustices as well as frauds and corruptions are being committed in the education system with regard to the said matter,

Whereas a public opinion has been formed that far-reaching changes and reforms shall take place in the overall education system, taking into account knowledge centered development strategy as enunciated in the Mahinda Chintana Idiri Dekma,

Whereas the formulation of a national education policy pertaining to the development of knowledge, attitude and skills of students from preschool up to university education with relevance to the creation of the future of entire Sri Lankan student population is a matter that cannot be deferred and that shall be accorded national priority,

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to:

- (a) look into the quantitative, qualitative and structural changes that should take place in preschool, primary, secondary, and tertiary education,
- (b) look into changes that shall be made in the education system to safeguard core national, religious and cultural values,
- (c) look into changes that should take place in pirivena education,
- (d) look into whether there is a specific system in admitting children to Grade One,
- (e) look into whether alternative methods that can be incorporated into the education system should be created to bring the results of all examinations and tests to a higher level and for students who do not qualify for higher education,
- (f) look into methods as to how students who go abroad to pursue education overseas without entering a university in Sri Lanka despite obtaining the qualifications to enter university could be provided with educational opportunities within the country itself,
- (g) look into as to what methods can be adopted to eliminate disparities that exist as per regions, races and religions,

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- (h) look into the nature of the interrelationships between the central government and provincial councils in implementing the national education policy,
  - (i) look into as to what measures shall be taken to determine the role and responsibility of teachers, in service advisors, principals, divisional education directors, zonal educational directors, provincial education directors and all educationists in the education process.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.
- (c) That its report shall be presented to Parliament within three (3) months of its first meeting or any such period as extended by Parliament.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to,
- (a) fix its quorum;
  - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
  - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
  - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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- 2.
- Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
  - Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
  - Hon. H. M. M. Harees
  - Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
  - Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
  - Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
  - Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
  - Hon. J. Sri Ranga

Hon. Harin Fernando,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the acute shortage of essential drugs in the country,—

Whereas there is an acute shortage of essential drugs in the country;

And whereas the Hon. Minister of Health disclosed in Parliament the reasons for this shortage;

And whereas if no remedial action is taken immediately to correct this situation, it will result in a catastrophe.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to —

- (a) inquire into the reasons for this shortage;
  - (b) recommend the short term measures necessary to overcome the situation; and
  - (c) recommend the permanent measures necessary to prevent the re-occurrence of this situation in the future.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to —
- (a) fix its quorum;
  - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
  - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
  - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
  - (e) make interim reports from time to time and sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within six months of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.



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Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. J. Sri Ranga

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake

Hon. Harin Fernando

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma

Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the causes of the recurrent flooding of the Colombo City and its suburbs,—

Whereas the last several days has seen most of the Colombo Municipal Council area and large sections of the Colombo District subject to severe floods;

And whereas this has become a regular recurrent feature in the lines of the citizens of both the Colombo Municipal Council and the District;

And whereas no effort has been made by those responsible to arrest this situation;

And whereas no action has also been made to prevent the recurrent of these floods,

And whereas the situation has gone from bad to worse with the passage of time;

And whereas everything tends to be forgotten after the floods have receded;

And whereas this is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to:

- (a) inquire into the causes of the recurrent flooding of the Colombo City, its environment and the District;
  - (b) inquire into the immediate and short term measures necessary to prevent the flooding as aforesaid; and
  - (c) recommend ways and means of the permanently preventing the recurrence of this problem.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
  - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
    - (a) fix its quorum;
    - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;

- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
- (e) make interim reports from time to time and sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

4. The Committee shall make its Report within six months of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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4.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. D.M. Swaminadan

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. J. Sri Ranga,— Select Committee of Parliament to review the laws dealing with Elections and to recommend the amendments,—

Whereas over the last several years numerous attempts have been made to reform the Electoral System of Sri Lanka;

And whereas Select Committees to look into the Electoral Reform have been appointed on many occasions including during the 5<sup>th</sup> Parliament and thereafter during the 6<sup>th</sup> Parliament in 2006;

And whereas several interim reports have been presented by these Committees;

And whereas no action has been taken to implement the recommendations of these Committees;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to:

- (a) review the laws dealing with elections more particularly the Registration of Electors Act, the Local Authorities Elections Act, the Provincial Council Elections Act, the Parliamentary Elections Act and the Presidential Elections Act, together with the several amendments made to the said Acts over the years and the Special Provisions Acts made applicable to the provisions of the Acts set out above;
- (b) assess the need to revise, amend and consolidate these Acts, and
- (c) recommend the reform and amendments necessary to the current laws dealing with elections.

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,  
(b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to —
  - (a) fix its quorum;
  - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
  - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
  - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
  - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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5.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. (Dr) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs) Thalatha Atukorale

Hon. (Mrs) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe,—Select Committee of Parliament to review the implementation of the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution and to report whether any further amendments are necessary for its implementation,—

Whereas the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution was passed by Parliament and certified in 2001;

And whereas the provisions of the said amendment have introduced and incorporated several salient provisions to ensure the independence of several state administrative and judicial agencies;

And whereas the said amendments were intended to ensure a just and free society;

And whereas the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution have been observed in the breach,

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to:-

- (a) review the implementation of the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution;
  - (b) recommend the steps necessary to ensure the observance of its provisions;
  - (c) consider whether any further amendments are necessary.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
- (a) fix its quorum;
  - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
  - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
  - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
  - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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6.

Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Rauf Hakeem

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera,—Committee on Public Finance,—

There shall be a Committee to be designated the Committee on Public Finance consisting of a Chairman and eleven members nominated by the Committee of Selection provided that the Chairman shall be a Member of the Opposition.

2. It shall be the duty of the Committee to examine :

- (a) the collection of revenue under Article 148 of the Constitution;
- (b) the payment from the consolidated fund under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
- (c) the utilization of public funds for specific purposes by law under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
- (d) the application of public funds under Article 150(1) and 150(2) of the Constitution;
- (e) the recessions of appropriations contained in the Appropriations Act, for the current year, the transfer of appropriation and the unexpected balance;
- (f) the implementation of the Appropriation Act for the current year;
- (g) public debt and debt service;
- (h) reports and statements under the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 2 of 2003.

3. The Committee shall from time to time report to Parliament matters arising from the matters referred to in paragraph 2.

4. The Committee shall present within 6 weeks of the tabling of the Budget Estimates of the Bill a Report on the estimates including whether the money is well laid out within the limits of Government policy.

5. The Committee shall present before Parliament within 04 days after the presentation of the Budget and the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill a Report on the fiscal, financial and economic assumptions used as bases in arriving at total estimated expenditures and receipts.

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7.

Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Rauf Hakeem

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera,— Oversight Standing Committees,—

This Parliament resolves that,

- (a) There shall be in Parliament Committees styled “Oversight Standing Committees” as indicated below, each of which shall have the jurisdiction and related functions as indicated to examine all Bills, resolutions, treaties, reports and other matters relating to subjects to their jurisdiction as listed below;

- (b) All Bills, resolutions, treaties, reports and other matters within their jurisdiction shall be referred to the relevant Committees for report prior to being placed before the House.
1. International Relations  
Including International Trade-Overseas Employment, International Organization, International Conferences and Agreements, Regional Organizations.
  2. National Security  
Including Defence of Sri Lanka, Armed Forces, Intelligence, Public Law and Order, Police and Security, Cooperation with Foreign Countries.
  3. Agriculture and Lands  
Including Plantation Industries, Mahaweli Authority, Land and Irrigation
  4. Human Resources and Culture  
Including Education, Training, Youth, Sports, Culture and Religious Affairs
  5. Human Settlement and Energy  
Urban and Rural Infrastructure, Highways, Roads, Railway, Shipping, Aviation, Posts and Telecommunications
  6. Human Welfare  
Including Health, Social Welfare, Poverty Alleviation, Disabled, Senior Citizens and Child Welfare
  7. Internal Administration
  8. Environment and Natural Resources  
Including Water Management, Aquatic Resources, Exclusive Economic Zone and Fisheries
  9. Legal and Women's Affairs  
Includes Courts, Human Rights, Media, Labour, National Integration and Gender.
- (c) Parliament shall allocate the subjects, functions, departments and institution assigned to Ministries under Articles 44(c) and 45(1) of the Constitution to the appropriate Standing Committee for the purpose of legislative oversight.
2. (a) The various Oversight Standing Committees shall have general oversight responsibilities as provided in paragraph (b) in order to assist Parliament in:-
- (i) its analysis, appraisal and evaluation of -
    - (a) the application, administration, executive and effectiveness of legislations passed by Parliament; and
    - (b) conditions and circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation; and

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- (ii) its formulation, consideration, and enactment or changes in laws, and of such additional legislation as may be necessary or appropriate.
- (b) In order to determine whether laws, projects and programmes addressing subjects within the jurisdiction of a committee are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Parliament and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated, each standing committee shall review and study on a continuing basis-
  - (i) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;
  - (ii) the organization and operation of Departments and Institutions having responsibilities for the administration and execution of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;
  - (iii) any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation addressing subjects within its jurisdiction (whether or not a bill or resolution has been introduced with respect thereto); and
  - (iv) future research and forecasting on subjects within its jurisdiction.
- (c) Each Committee may conduct at any time such investigations and studies as it considers necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities.
- (d) Not later than six weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, each Standing Committee shall, adopt its oversight plan for that Parliament. Such plan shall be submitted to the Committee on Parliament Business. In developing its plan each committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible-
  - (i) consult with other committees that have jurisdiction over the same or related legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction with the objective of ensuring maximum coordination and cooperation among committees when conducting reviews of such legislation projects, programmes, or agencies and include in its plan an explanation of steps that have been or will be taken to ensure such coordination and cooperation;
  - (ii) review specific problems with Government rules, regulations, statues and court decisions that are ambiguous, arbitrary or nonsensical, or that impose severe financial burdens on individuals;
  - (iii) give priority consideration to including in its plan the review of those legislation projects, programmes, or agencies operating under permanent budget authority or permanent statutory authority; and

- (iv) have a view toward ensuring that all significant legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction are subject to review every 10 years.
  - (e) Not later than nine weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, the Committee on Parliamentary Business shall report to the Parliament the oversight plans submitted by committees together with any recommendations that it, may make to ensure the most effective coordination of oversight plans and otherwise to achieve the objectives of this sub clause.
- 3.
  - (a) The Parliament may refer any item to any Oversight Standing Committee.
  - (b) A Minister may refer any matter to the relevant Oversight Standing Committee having jurisdiction over the subject, function, department or institution coming under the Minister.
- 4.
  - (a) The Speaker shall refer each Bill, regulation, resolution or other matter that relates to a subject listed under an Oversight Standing Committee named under Paragraph 1(a) above in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Order.
  - (b) The Speaker shall refer matters under paragraph 4 (a) in such manner as to ensure to the maximum extent feasible that each committee that has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1(a) over the subject matter of a provision thereof may consider such provision and report to Parliament thereon.
  - (c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with respect to the referral of a matter, the Speaker:-
    - (i) shall designate a committee of primary jurisdiction;
    - (ii) may refer the matter to one or more additional committees for consideration initially or after the matter has been reported by the committee of primary jurisdiction for its opinion;
    - (iii) may subject a referral to appropriate time limitations; and
    - (iv) may make such other provision as may be considered appropriate.
  - (d) The opinion shall deal solely with those matters that fall under the areas of responsibility of the Committee giving an opinion.
  - (e) The Committee of Primary Jurisdiction shall fix a deadline within which the Committee asks for an opinion and must deliver if it to be taken into account in the Committee of Primary Jurisdiction.
- 5.
  - (a) Each Committee when acting in the exercise of its jurisdiction shall submit to the Speaker a report in respect of each item considered by the Committee. The Speaker shall cause such report to be tabled before Parliament.
  - (b)
    - (i) Any Report by a Committee on any Bill or regulation shall comprise draft amendments if any to the proposal accompanied, if appropriate by short justifications.



- (ii) Any such amendment to a Bill will be submitted by the Speaker to Parliament during the Committee stage of such Bill under SO 56 as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
    - (iii) Any such amendment to a regulation will be submitted by the Speaker as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
  - (c) The Parliament may by motion approve the recommendations of any non-legislative report placed before Parliament.
6. (a) Each Standing Committee will prepare a calendar of its meetings and submit it to the Speaker.
- (b) Each Standing Committee will meet not less than two days of the month. The meetings of each Standing Committee will be summoned in accordance with the calendar/timetable upon its approval by the Speaker.
- (c) Additional meetings of any Standing Committee shall be summoned either at the request of Parliament or at the request of half the members of the Standing Committee.
- (d) One third of the Members of Parliament may in writing request that any Standing Committee submit a report on the progress of any matter referred to such Committee provided that 8 weeks has passed after such referral. Upon receiving such request, such Standing Committee shall within two weeks submit a Report to Parliament. Such Report shall be tabled in Parliament.
7. Every Standing Committee will function for the duration of Parliament.
8. (a) All Members of Parliament other than the following are eligible to serve as Members of Standing Committees:
- (i) Speaker
  - (ii) Deputy Speaker
  - (iii) Deputy Chairman of Committees
  - (iv) Prime Minister
  - (v) Leader of the House
  - (vi) Leader of the Opposition
  - (vii) Ministers of Cabinet appointed under Article 44(1) of the Constitution
  - (viii) Ministers appointed under Article 45(1) of the Constitution the subjects and functions of whose Ministries do not come within the purview of a Minister of the Cabinet or is not delegated subjects and functions under Article 45(4).

- (b) Every eligible member shall serve as a Member of one Standing Committee. Deputy Ministers and Ministers not falling under Paragraph 8 (a)(viii) shall not serve in any Standing Committee whose jurisdiction and related functions are the same as any subject, function, Department or Institution of the Minister of the Cabinet under whose purview such Deputy Minister or Minister functions.
  - (c)
    - (i) The Speaker shall prepare a list of eligible members.
    - (ii) The places in each Standing Committee will be allocated by the Speaker to political parties and independent groups represented in Parliament according to the numerical strength amongst the list of eligible members.
  - (d) The Leaders of the Parties or of the Independent Groups in Parliament shall submit the nomination of members of each Standing Committee to the Speaker. The Speaker shall announce such names to Parliament in consultation with the Committee of Selection.
  - (e) The Leader of any Party or Independent Group in Parliament may in writing request the Speaker to remove any such member nominated under paragraph 8(d) from such Committee. The Speaker shall on receiving such request remove such member from such Committee after informing Parliament.
  - (f)
    - (i) Each Standing Committee shall at its first meeting and thereafter at the first meeting after the post of Chairman becomes vacant elect a Chairman of the Standing Committee.
    - (ii) A Minister or a Deputy Minister shall not be eligible to be elected as a Chairman of a Standing Committee.
  - (g) Any Member who absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of the Committee.
9. Each Oversight Standing Committee may when it considers necessary appoint Sub Committees of its own members to examine and report to such Committee such matters as deemed necessary.
10. Matters referred to an Oversight Standing Committee may not be taken up for consideration by Parliament until 3 months has lapsed from the Reference provided that if Parliament has by resolution extended the time for the reporting on any specific matter then the consideration of such matter shall take place only after the lapse of the period as referred to in the resolution.
11. Every Oversight Standing Committee may in regard to any Bill or any other matter of public importance call for evidence from all parties affected by such Bill or of any interested parties or persons of experience.

12. (a) Whenever a Report of an Oversight Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation other than a Bill referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution or an amendment to the Constitution, the Chairman or any other member of the Committee specified in the Report for such purpose may after notice, subject to Article 78 of the Constitution, present a motion for the Bill to be read the first time in Parliament without an order of Parliament. Copies of the Bill shall be presented with the motion. The Speaker shall place such motion before Parliament for a vote within six weeks of the motion being presented to Parliament, provided that if the period of six weeks falls within the Second Reading or the Committee Stage or Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill shall be placed before Parliament after the completion of the consideration of the Appropriation Bill. Upon Parliament approving such a motion, the Bill shall be read for the first time and ordered to be printed.

Provided that such Bill has been approved by 2/3 of the total Members of the Oversight Standing Committee and recorded so with the names.

- (b) After the Bill is read the first time and ordered to be Printed, the Speaker shall refer such Bill to the Cabinet of Ministers and no further proceedings shall be taken until the Cabinet of Ministers submits a Report to Parliament.
- (c) After the Cabinet of Ministers have submitted a Report to Parliament or after the expiry of two months from the date the Bill was referred to the Cabinet of Ministers, the Bill shall be set down for Second Reading.
13. (a) Every Standing Committee shall be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and shall submit Reports containing their opinions and observations together with the minutes of evidence taken before them to Parliament.
- (b) A reservation by any member of a Standing Committee may be attached to any Report of such Committee.
14. (a) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion to Parliament within 3 months of such report being tabled in Parliament.
- (b) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee is a non-legislation report, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion within 2 months of the Report being tabled in Parliament. Such Report shall not be taken up for consideration by Parliament.
15. Whenever any agency, association, officer or person is required to maintain confidentiality or secrecy under any law the relevant Standing Committee shall act in accordance with such law.
16. (a) Any Regulation pertaining to Public Security made under Article 155 of the Constitution shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal and Women's Affairs for report. Whenever the short title of a Regulation refers to specific subjects coming under the jurisdiction of another Committee, the Speaker shall refer such Regulation to such Standing Committee in accordance with paragraph 4(c)(ii).
- (b) Paragraph 7 shall not apply to reference made under sub paragraph (a).

17. Any Oversight Standing Committee may after obtaining the permission of the Speaker confer with one or more other Standing Committees.
18. The Secretary to the Minister of Finance and the Director Budget and the Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the Public Finance Committee of the transfer of any appropriations and the transfer of unexpended balance.
19. Jurisdiction shall mean Legislative Oversight Jurisdiction and include jurisdiction over subordinate Legislation.  
The Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the relevant Oversight Committee of any transfer of appropriation and the transfer of any unexpended balance.
20. Paragraph 8(a) and (f)(ii) shall apply to Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises.

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8.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara  
Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero  
Hon. C. A. Suriyaarachchi  
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena  
Hon. Hunais Farook  
Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana  
Hon. Y. G. Padmasiri  
Hon. Shantha Bandara  
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle  
Hon. R. Duminda Silva  
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura  
Hon. Udith Lokubandara  
Hon. Rohana Dissanayake  
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana  
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa  
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage  
Hon. Dilum Amunugama  
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda  
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte  
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera  
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan  
Hon. Janaka Bandara  
Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne

Hon. V. K. Indika  
Hon. Neranjan Wickremasinghe  
Hon. Perumal Rajathurai  
Hon. Lalith Dissanayake  
Hon. (Alhaj) A. H. M. Azwer  
Hon. A. P. Jagath Pushpakumara  
Hon. Hemal Gunasekera  
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe  
Hon. Wijaya Dahanayake  
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka  
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera  
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana  
Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva  
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne  
Hon. Dilan Perera  
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena  
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka  
Hon. Gunaratne Weerakoon  
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe  
Hon. Athauda Seneviratne  
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera  
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake  
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake  
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe  
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena  
Hon. Nandimithra Ekanayake  
Hon. J. R. P. Suriyapperuma  
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda  
Hon. (Miss) Kamala Ranathunga  
Hon. Felix Perera  
Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran  
Hon. Neomal Perera  
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena  
Hon. H.R. Mithrapala  
Hon. Jayarathne Herath  
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithra Devi Wanniarachchi  
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen

Hon (Mrs) Malani Fonseka  
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana  
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa  
Hon. Saneer Rohana Kodithuvakku  
Hon. Victor Antony  
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekara  
Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara  
Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader  
Hon. Duminda Dissanayake  
Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala  
Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah  
Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon  
Hon. Dayarathna Thissera  
Hon. Arundika Fernando  
Hon. Sanath Jayasuriya  
Hon. S. B. Dissanayake  
Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into and report on the conduct of the Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana , Member of Parliament in violation of the Constitution of the Republic of Sri Lanka,—

Whereas reports have been received to the effect that the Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana , who is a Member of Parliament of this august Assembly has either directly and / or indirectly participated in meetings, protest campaigns, discussions held in London by LTTE activists against the Government of Sri Lanka and His Excellency the President Mahinda Rajapaksa on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2010 and the preceding dates and that he has either directly and / or indirectly aided and abetted the said discussions and protests;

And whereas it has been reported that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana , Member of Parliament has directly participated in the preliminary discussions, persuading meetings and in related awareness activities in connection with the organization of the said protests;

And whereas matters have come to light that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament has maintained relationships of diverse nature with the LTTE and its supporters previously as well;

And whereas it has been revealed that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament has maintained and is maintaining very close links with LTTE activists and / or LTTE supporters in London and other major towns of Europe;

And whereas consequently it is apparent that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament has clearly violated Article 157 A and the Sixth Amendment and the oath of the Constitution either through one or more of the above activities;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into the conduct of Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament with regard to the above matters and in respect of the above matters and report to this august Assembly;

- 2 (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.

The Committee shall have the power to—

- (b) fix its quorum,  
(c) summon any person to appear before it and to procure any document and  
(d) examine witnesses under oath.
- 3 It shall also have the power to make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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9.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale

Hon. Harin Fernando,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into and report whether any Member of this august assembly was involved in the protest campaign held at the “Heathrow” Airport in England,—

Whereas the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage and Chief Government Whip Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena has made a statement on the 2nd December 2010 in Parliament to the effect that,

“ If any Member of Parliament who has taken Oaths in this Parliament in terms of the Constitution has acted in breach of his oath and against the country by associating himself with a banned organization and an illegal group, being present at the Airport in England at the time of arrival of His Excellency the President, such Member of Parliament should be subjected to an inquiry forthwith by this House”;

And whereas the issue raised by Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena warrants serious investigation by this House above mentioned

We, the inquire into and report Members of Parliament, resolve that a Select Committee be appointed to determine,

- (a) the background that led to the allegation levelled by the Minister the Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena ; and
  - (b) whether any Member of this august Assembly was involved in the aforesaid protest campaign held at the “Heathrow” Airport in England.
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- (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
  - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members,
  - (c) That its Report of shall be presented to Parliament within three months of its first meeting or any such period as extended by Parliament.
- 3 That the Committee shall have power to,
- (a) fix its Quorum,
  - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to produce and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for fullest consideration of the matters referred to above ;
  - (c) obtain the services of specialists and experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
  - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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10.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya  
Hon. John Amaratunga  
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera  
Hon. Harin Fernando  
Hon. Kabir Hashim  
Hon. D. M. Swaminadan  
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene  
Hon. R. Yogarajan  
Hon. Tissa Attanayake  
Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana



Hon. A.D. Champika Premadasa,— Vote of no confidence on the Hon. A.L.M. Athaulla, Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

Whereas the Hon. A.L.M. Athaulla, Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils assured the House in the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2011 that the Elections of Local Authorities will be held in March 2011 since the new terms of the Local Authorities are due to commence on 01<sup>st</sup> April 2011, when he said,

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Whereas Elections to Municipal Councils of Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura-Kotte and Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia and Urban Council of Kolonnawa have been now postponed and it is also reported that elections to some other Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas are also due to be postponed; and

The Minister uttered an untruth making deliberately a false statement and thereby mislead the House;

This House resolves that it has lost confidence in the ability of the Minister to continue to discharge his functions as the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils and is no longer a fit and proper person to hold office in the Cabinet of Ministers.

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11.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma

Hon. Niroshan Perera

Hon. Abdul Haleem

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on what Legal Provisions, Kumaran Pathmanathan is held in custody and the charges are to be framed against him and other matters,—

Whereas Shanmugam Kumaran Tharmalingam alias Selvarasa Pathmanathan, alias Kumaran Pathmanathan more commonly known as “KP” has as per the announcement of the Government of Sri Lanka on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, 2009 being in its custody for over an year now;

And whereas “KP” is on Interpol’s most wanted list for various charges including arms smuggling and criminal conspiracy;

And whereas he is also wanted by India’s law enforcement agencies in connection with the assassination of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991 and for violation of the Terrorist Act and the Indian Explosive Act;

And whereas he is implicated both directly and indirectly in several terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka including the attack on the Sri Maha Bodhi and the Temple of the Tooth Relic;

And whereas he was the procurer of arms for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE);

And whereas he ran a global network of LTTE offices which were engaged in its weapons procurement, logistics and money laundering operations;

And whereas he was known to operate a shipping company which was involved in shipping arms and ammunition for the LTTE;

And whereas he is also said to have orchestrated several Bank robberies in Sri Lanka;

And whereas he was engaged in equipping the LTTE with an arsenal of weapons;

And whereas he is alleged to be in control of a vast amount of assets including 19 ships and bullion belonging to the LTTE;

And whereas a statement issued by the LTTE on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2009 declared him the Leader of the LTTE;

And whereas UN Statement says that the LTTE have committed atrocities killing innocent people;

And whereas the Government says that the “KP” was the person who internationally collected money to finance the LTTE activities;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on the following :

- (a) Under which legal provision KP is being held in custody;
- (b) Whether it is intended to frame charges against KP, and if so —
  - (i) Under what law he be charged,
  - (ii) What offences be included in the charge sheet,
  - (iii) When it is proposed to file charges against him, and
  - (iv) In which Court such charges be framed;
- (c) Whether requests have been made for his extradition and if so, which countries have made such requests and whether it is proposed to extradite him;

- (d) The fate and location of the assets of the LTTE which were in the possession of “KP” with particular reference to bullion and ships;
  - (e) The Select Committee should also address itself to the question whether any official or officials are guilty of treacherous conduct and dereliction of duty in holding “KP” without proceeding against him under the laws of the country.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to,—
- (a) fix its quorum;
  - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
  - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
  - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
  - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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12.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. Harin Fernando

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the disadvantage and loss to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation on the Hedging Agreements and steps to be taken against those responsible for the said Agreements,—

Whereas the total incompetence of the management of the Ceylon Petroleum, the Corporation has resulted in a judgment against them in a sum of US\$ 160 million;

And whereas there are two more judgments pending which if they so against the Corporation will result in the Corporation standing to lose another US\$ 60 million and US\$ 200 million respectively;

And whereas it is not clear whether these ill conceived Hedging Agreements were entered into as a result of incompetence or dishonesty.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on the following :

- (a) How such a Hedging Agreements totally disadvantageous to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation came to be entered into;
  - (b) Who were the officers in the Corporation responsible for these Agreements;
  - (c) The total loss to the Corporation as a result of these Hedging Agreements;
  - (d) The steps that should be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future;
  - (e) What action should be taken against those responsible for the Hedging Agreements;
  - (f) Any other matter that the Committee deems appropriate in the circumstances which has a bearing on these matters under consideration.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
  - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
    - (a) fix its quorum;
    - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
    - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;

- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
  - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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13.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. Mohan Lal Gero

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on how the low quality petroleum was imported by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and total loss to the Corporation and steps to be taken against those responsible for the imports under question,—

Whereas the administration of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in the recent past has been found to be totally wanting;

And whereas it has now come to light that the Corporation has imported low quality petroleum;

And whereas this low quality petroleum has damaged thousands of vehicles, some even beyond repair;

And whereas damage has also been caused to several petrol pumps installed at numerous pumping stations;

And whereas this action of the Corporation has caused untold financial loss;

And whereas the powers that be have already found a scapegoat to take the blame;

And whereas the Minister has admitted that low grade petroleum had in fact been imported;

And whereas the Government has made several contradictory statements regarding this fiasco;

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on the following:

- (a) Why tender procedures were not followed in placing the order of this stock of petroleum;

- (b) Whether in fact low quality petroleum was imported by the Corporation;
  - (c) The country from where such imports were made;
  - (d) The total cost of the imports;
  - (e) The total loss to the Corporation as a result of such imports;
  - (f) Why no action was taken to prevent such imports;
  - (g) Why no action was taken to reject the stocks that arrived if they were found to be low quality;
  - (h) Why after having known that the imported stocks were low quality, they were dispatched to the several sheds in the country;
  - (i) Why the payment was made after it was discovered that the imported stocks were of low quality;
  - (j) Why the public were not informed that there was bound to be a shortage of petrol;
  - (k) The persons responsible for such imports;
  - (l) The steps that should be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future;
  - (m) What action should be taken against those responsible for these imports;
  - (n) Any other matter that the Committee deems appropriate in the circumstances which has a bearing on these matters under consideration.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
- (a) fix its quorum;
  - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
  - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
  - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and

(e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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14.

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajyantha  
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka  
Hon. Rauf Hakeem  
Hon. (Prof) Tissa Vitarana  
Hon. Douglas Devananda  
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena  
Hon. Maithripala Sirisena  
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara  
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen  
Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa  
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan  
Hon. DEW Gunasekara  
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam  
Hon. Perumal Rajathurai  
Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Select Committee of Parliament to recommend and report political and constitutional measures to empower the people of Sri Lanka as one nation,—

Whereas a unique opportunity has arisen for the people of Sri Lanka to unite and work together as a nation towards the economic, social and political development of the country and its citizens;

And whereas to this end it is opportune to take steps to enhance the unity of the people of Sri Lanka and empower them to take decisions and engage in actions towards their economic, social and political development;

And whereas a Select Committee of Members of Parliament being a committee of the elected representatives of the people is best equipped to determine the nature and scope of steps to be taken to enable the aforesaid.

This Parliament resolves as follows:

A Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to recommend to this House within 6 months the initiative appropriate to achieve political and constitutional measures to—

- (a) enhance the unity of the people of Sri Lanka;
  - (b) further empower the people to work as a nation; and
  - (c) enable the people to take decisions and engage in actions towards their economic, social and political development.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.  
(b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than thirty one (31) members.
  3. The said Select Committee of Parliament is empowered to—
    - (a) determine its quorum,
    - (b) summon such persons and documents as it deemed necessary;
    - (c) examine, on oath or affirmation and person so summoned;
    - (d) continue notwithstanding the adjournment of Parliament from time to time, and
    - (e) submit interim reports from time to time.

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15.

Hon. Maithripala Sirisena  
Hon. Nirmala Kotalawala  
Hon. Mohamed Aslam  
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake  
Hon. W. B. Ekanayake  
Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader  
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame  
Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga  
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka  
Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran  
Hon. Palany Thigambaram  
Hon. Sarana Gunawardena  
Hon. Jagath Balasuriya  
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya  
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera  
Hon. Y. G. Padmasiri  
Hon. Sajin De Vass Gunawardena



Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne  
Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara  
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi  
Hon. Udith Lokubandara  
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe  
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie  
Hon. H. M. M. Harees  
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera  
Hon. Achala Jagodage  
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva  
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage  
Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara  
Hon. Shantha Bandara  
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa  
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana  
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage  
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna  
Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne  
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda  
Hon. Hemal Gunasekera  
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana  
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe  
Hon. Kanaka Herath  
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte  
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe  
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena  
Hon. Reginold Cooray  
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan  
Hon. Jayarathne Herath  
Hon. Victor Antony  
Hon. (Miss) Kamala Ranathunga  
Hon. Siripala Gamalath  
Hon. H.R. Mithrapala  
Hon. Rohana Dissanayake  
Hon. (Mrs) Upeksha Swarnamali  
Hon (Mrs) Malani Fonseka

Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura  
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda  
Hon. Gamini Lokuge  
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera  
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake  
Hon. Piyasena Gamage  
Hon. Kumara Welgama  
Hon. Gamini Wijith Wijithamuni De Zoysa  
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa  
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen  
Hon. J. R. P. Suriyapperuma  
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne  
Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana  
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha  
Hon. Rauf Hakeem  
Hon. Milroy Fernando  
Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva  
Hon. A. L. M. Athaulla  
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa  
Hon. Felix Perera  
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa  
Hon. M.B. Farook

Hon. Nandimithra Ekanayake,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into and report on the allegations of abuse of power, misconduct and/or misbehavior that have been leveled against Hon Sarath N Silva, former Chief Justice of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Whereas such allegations stipulate that they did bring the Judiciary into disrepute;

And that he had failed to protect and preserve the Independence of the Judiciary and Rule of Law;

This Parliament resolves that Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into the following matters and report;

- (a) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Janaka Bandara, former Magistrate, Wellawaya and whether he was compelled and pressurized to tender his resignation,
- (b) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Hiran Ekenayake, former Additional Magistrate, Colombo and whether his services were terminated maliciously.

- (c) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Sunil Lawrence de Costa, former Magistrate,
- (d) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Anura Bandara, former Additional District Judge, Matara,
- (e) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr D M Siriwardena, former Magistrate, Maligakanda
- (f) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Palitha Bandaranayake, former District Judge, Negombo,
- (g) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Prabhath de Silva, former District Judge, Nuwara Eliya,
- (h) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr D M T B Dissanayake, former Magistrate, Kebithigollawa,
- (i) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Harold Wijesiri Liyanage, former Additional Magistrate, Colombo,
- (j) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr K D D K de Abrew, former Magistrate, Morawaka,
- (k) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Y L Dharmasena, former Magistrate, Balapitiya,
- (l) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Nandana Weerasinghe, former Additional Magistrate, Kandy,
- (m) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr A M D S Dikkapitiya, former Magistrate, Kantale,
- (n) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr G D Kulatilake, former District Judge, Elpitiya,
- (o) in addition to the aforementioned, instances where the services of judicial officers has been terminated maliciously,
- (p) whether Hon Sarath N Silva caused the appointment as caretaker of the Judges Institute which was functioning at the official residence of the chief justice at 129, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07, of a person by the name of Rohana Kumara, against whom several cases were pending,
- (q) the circumstances relating to the formation of The Buddhist Broadcasting Services of which Hon Sarath N Silva is an honorary Director and the decision in CBN Sat case, where the Petitioner Muhunthan Canagey had given a donation of Rs. 65 million to start The Buddhist TV channel,

- (r) matters connected with the role of Hon Sarath N Silva in the World Bank/ UNDP funded project on modernization of Parliament, democracy and development,
  - (s) whether any other persons are aggrieved as a result of malicious action on the part of Hon Sarath N Silva during his tenure of office as Chief Justice.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than thirty one (31) Members,
3. That the Committee shall have the power to, —
- (a) fix its quorum;
  - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
  - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
  - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
  - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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16.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. P. Harrison

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva

Hon. Sajith Premadasa

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, – Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the losses of State Owned Enterprises highlighted by the Report of the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) presented to Parliament on 01.12.2011 and steps to be taken against those responsible, and recommend other remedial measures, etc. ,–

Whereas the Report of the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) was presented by the Hon. DEW Gunasekara, Minister of Human Resources and Chairman of the Committee on December 01<sup>st</sup>, 2011;

And whereas the said Report highlights several institutions and State Owned Enterprises running at loss;

And whereas the more prominent among these institutions are:

- 1.Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital
- 2.Samurdhi Authority of Sri Lanka
- 3.Ceylon Petroleum Corporation
- 4.Sri Lankan Air Lines
- 5.Mihin Air Ltd.
- 6.Sri Lanka Ports Authority
- 7.Road Development Authority;

And whereas it also transpires that Sri Lanka Cricket is bankrupt and has to be bailed out by the Government of Sri Lanka;

And whereas these losses are a severe drain of the Sri Lanka's financial;

And whereas the cost of maintaining and bailing out these institutions have finally to be borne by the public;

And whereas the powers of the Committee on Public Enterprises limit it to merely making reports and have no role in taking further action in regard to their findings.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to–

- (a) look into the affairs of these institutions reflected in the COPE Report and more particularly the institutions listed herein to determine the causes for these losses;
- (b) determine whether any individual or individuals are responsible for the mismanagement of these institutions or involved in fraudulent activities;
- (c) prevent continued occurrence of these losses;

- (d) recommend what action should be taken in the first instance to punish those responsible;
  - (e) determine what steps should be taken to recover these losses; and
  - (f) determine what additional legislation is necessary to implement the recommendations in the Report, including the establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
- (a) fix its quorum ;
  - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person ;
  - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer ;
  - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and
  - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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17.

Hon. John Amaratunga  
Hon. Tissa Attanayake  
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera  
Hon. Kabir Hashim  
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera  
Hon. P. Harrison  
Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— Select Committee of Parliament to examine the problems relating to the results of Advance Level Examination in the year 2011 and to recommend means to rectify and remedy them,— Whereas the release of the Advance Level results for the academic year 2011 has caused serious problems;

And whereas contradictory statements are being made by various parties;

And whereas some quarters say that the problems are due to technical errors;

And whereas yet others cast the blame on undue haste in releasing the results;

And whereas yet others blame that the problem on the incompetence of the officials concerned;

And whereas the Commissioner of Examinations has been relieved of his post;

And whereas the President himself appointed a Commission to go into this matter;

And whereas the future of a whole generation of students have been placed in jeopardy, and

And whereas this has resulted in the confidence in the Education System being severely eroded;

And whereas doubts have arisen regarding the acceptance of certificates issued by the Department of Education;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to—

- (a) examine the modalities of the 'Z' score;
  - (b) examine the reasons which led to this problem;
  - (c) recommend means to rectify and remedy to the Advance Level results for the academic year 2011;
  - (d) recommend steps to be taken to prevent future occurrence of such problems; and
  - (e) recommend other remedial measures that the Committee deems necessary.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to—
- (a) fix its quorum;
  - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
  - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;

- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
- (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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18.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara  
Hon. Sajith Premadasa  
Hon. D. M. Swaminadan  
Hon. Kabir Hashim  
Hon. Akila Wiraj Kariyawasam  
Hon. Tissa Attanayake  
Hon. Karu Jayasuriya  
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka  
Hon. Ajith P. Perera  
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera  
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana  
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale  
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera  
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara  
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe  
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe  
Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage  
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne  
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella  
Hon. Abdul Haleem  
Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare  
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara  
Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma  
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda  
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe  
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga  
Hon. R. Yogarajan  
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake  
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi  
Hon. Dunesh Gankanda  
Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake



Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

Whereas there are over 40,000 unemployed graduates in the country at present;

And whereas a systematic and fair programme is not implemented for granting employment to these unemployed graduates in the Public Sector;

And whereas action is pursued by the Government in giving primacy to political affiliations, family connections and nepotism in granting employment to unemployed graduates;

And whereas granting of employment in the Public Sector to unemployed graduates through “Political Lists” is unfair, unsystematic and a blatant violation of the recruitment procedures to the public sector;

And whereas the granting of employment in the public sector on the basis of political affiliations has violated the fundamental rights enshrined in the Article 12(1) of the Constitution;

And whereas the responsibility of implementing the fundamental rights, has been entrusted to the government by the Article 27(2)(a) on the directive principle of the State policy;

And whereas the relevant Minister has failed to make reasonable submissions with regard to the reasons of granting employment in this manner;

And whereas treating the unemployed graduates in this manner can be deemed as a step with the basic objective of making the youth of the country political lackeys;

And whereas injustice has been caused to the youth of the country who constitute a majority of the population by the absence of any transparency in the recruitment to the public sector on account of the releasing of results subsequent to recruitment through interviews without making public the results of the competitive examinations in recruiting public officers to the public sector through limited competitive examinations; and

Whereas the independent functioning of the Public Services Commission which is the independent public body entrusted with the tasks of recruiting, transferring and promoting public officials has been impeded;

This Parliament resolves that this House has lost confidence in the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs, the Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne.

19.

Hon.(Dr.) Harsha De Silva

Hon. Ajith P. Perera

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the statement made by the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation in Parliament with regard to the investments made by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in Greek Bonds,—

Whereas around 2010 several Euro zone economies fell into crises as a result of the global financial crisis compounded by irresponsible domestic economic management;

And whereas Greece was one of the worst affected countries with its growth rate falling well below estimates, fiscal imbalances building up with expenditure outstripping tax revenues by a large margin, debt beginning to spiral out of control and the credibility of official statistics falling to almost zero particularly upon the revelation that the Greek government had consistently misled the European Union with fictitious budget deficit figures;

And whereas by the first quarter of 2010 the ability of the Greek government to meet its debt obligations had come into serious question driving fears of a possible sovereign default;

And whereas rating agencies began downgrading Greek debt to 'junk' status and with its private credit to Greece virtually dried up;

And whereas in April 2010 the Greek government requested and obtained a EURO 110 billion bail-out package jointly funded by the Euro zone countries and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) conditional upon implementing a tough austerity package with the hope of putting a stop to the deteriorating economy;

And whereas the Greek government was unable to carry through the tough fiscal conditions, given no flexibility on the monetary side, the measures implemented were sufficient to push people to the streets to riot;

And whereas the Greek economy continued to falter and the confidence in Greek debt fell dramatically leading to heightened expectations of sovereign default;

And whereas in March 2011 Moody's further downgraded Greek debt deep into 'junk' territory with a speculative and high risk rating along with a negative outlook;

And whereas with this development, investors quickly began dismissing Greek bonds as 'worthless paper' and its yields began to rise with imminent default as the Euro zone IMF bail-out was stuck with the Greek government unable to implement the austerity package to meet disbursement conditions;

And whereas in this background the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in early April 2011 had purportedly invested EURO 22 million on Greek bonds at the risk of great loss;

And whereas on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 this was raised in Parliament after the press revealed that there had been a large loss to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka due to selling some of its Greek bonds at a loss;

And whereas the Minister of International Monetary Co-operation was asked if it was true and if so the details of the investments and an explanation as to why such an investment was made, and in particular, without the consent of the Monetary Board;

And whereas the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation, replying to the question stated that in fact the Central Bank had invested in Greek bonds in early April;

And whereas in justifying the investments the Hon. Minister stated that *"The decision (to invest in Greek bonds) was influenced by the fact that at that time (April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011) there was a robust framework in place for crisis management in Europe supported by a Financial Stability Package."*;

And whereas the Hon. Minister further stated that *"So, there was this big fund that the global monetary authorities created to save Greece at that point of time. Therefore, the risk was considered to be reasonably low and tolerable in the circumstances... "*;

And whereas it is noted that the above statement by the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation, is incorrect;

And whereas the risk in Greek bonds was reasonably high and default was imminent;

And whereas at the time of the said investments in Greek bonds the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) had no arrangement with that country;

And whereas even if Greece were to have obtained a bail-out from the EFSF that would not have been to the benefit of Sri Lanka as the temporary EFSF that was being converted in to the permanent European Satiability Mechanism (ESM) with 'preferred creditor' status second only to the International Monetary Fund (IMF);

And whereas 'preferred creditor' status meant that at payment in order of preference investment made by the ESM would have preference over all other parties except the IMF;

And whereas the investments by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka were in serious peril of being defaulted;

And whereas the Hon. Minister misled the House by implying that the funds invested by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka were safe when in fact they were in great danger;

And whereas soon after the reckless investment by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in Greek bonds, the Greek government faltered again and its debt rating was downgraded to the lowest in the world;

And whereas by October 2011 Greece went into a controlled default with creditors agreeing to a more than 50 percent write off on their debt;

And whereas the Central Bank of Sri Lanka also had 53.5 percent of the principal of its remaining (after selling at a deep discount) Greek bonds wiped out at a great loss to the country;

And whereas the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation, in his statement on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 by not disclosing the truth and justifying the investment where the "*risk was considered to be reasonably low and tolerable*" purportedly due to "*a big fund that the global monetary authorities created to save Greece at that point of time*" has deliberately misled the House.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to:

- (a) determine whether and to what extent the Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Amunugama, Minister of International Monetary Co-operation has misled this House with regard to the investments of EURO 22 million on Greek bonds by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka; and
  - (b) recommend to this House what action should be taken in the circumstances.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker; and
  - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
    - (a) fix its quorum;
    - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person ;

- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
  - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and
  - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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20.

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. (Mrs) Vijayakala Maheswaran,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the prison riot which took place on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012,—

Whereas a prison riot of enormous magnitude took place on the night of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and continued till early hours of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and has resulted in nearly 30 deaths and equal number of injured including the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Commandant of the Special Task Force;

And whereas this is not the first time that such occurrences have happened within prisons;

And whereas it appears that these incidents happened because of corruption in the system;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on—

- (a) what was the immediate cause of this riot;
- (b) what sparks off prison riots so often;
- (c) what are the long standing issues that effect prison discipline;
- (d) what steps need to be taken in the short term and the long term to prevent such occurrences;
- (e) any other matters that the Committee feels are relevant.

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
  - (a) fix its quorum;
  - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
  - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
  - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ; and
  - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within one year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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Hon. Ravi Karunanayake  
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella  
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara  
Hon. D. M. Swaminathan  
Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana  
Hon. J. Sri Ranga  
Hon. (Mrs) Vijayakala Maheswaran  
Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake  
Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma  
Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi  
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam  
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake  
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe  
Hon. Ajith P. Perera  
Hon. Niroschan Perera  
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. R . Yogarajan,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Minister of Power and Energy,—

Whereas Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Minister of Power and Energy in the course of her reply to the question raised by Hon John Amaratunga, Chief Opposition Whip on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013 regarding the electricity tariff hikes, positively stated that the proposal to implement the recent power tariff hike had been made by her predecessor, Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka before she had assumed duties in her present post;

And whereas Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka presently the Minister of Technology, Research and Atomic Energy has specifically denied any responsibility to the increase in the electricity tariff, in a statement issued on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2013;

And whereas in fact he has gone to the extent of challenging her to produce evidence to substantiate her statement;

And whereas it is obvious that the Minister of Power and Energy has deliberately mislead this House and in doing so, is guilty of a breach of privilege of the whole House and also its Members;

That this Parliament therefore resolves that it no longer has any confidence in the Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi to continue as the Minister of Power and Energy.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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