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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2627/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures taken by now to develop the fisheries industry of Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money allocated annually for the fisheries sector from the year 2005 to 2011 ; and
 - (iii) whether the money allocated was sufficient for each of the said years?
- (b) If not, why?

3240/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Will he state, pertaining to the National Housing Development Authority—
 - (i) the profit or loss for the year 2012, and to date;
 - (ii) the profit or loss projected for the years 2015-2016;
 - (iii) the capital and reserves as at today;
 - (iv) the number of people working in the institution;
 - (v) whether it is overstaffed or understaffed;
 - (vi) the cost per employee and profit per employee; and
 - (vii) the total of short term debt along with the bank overdrafts, medium and long term debts as at today?
- (b) If not, why?

(2)

3268/12

3.

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 cost for the construction of a “Seva Piyasa” office; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the first “Seva Piyasa” office will be constructed ?
- (b) If not, why?

3447/13

4.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the minimum qualifications one should have in order to be appointed to the Office of Zonal Director of Education;
 - (ii) separately, of the names and educational qualifications of the Zonal Directors of Education in each of the education zones in the North Central Province;
 - (iii) of the number of officers working in the capacity of Zonal Director of Education without possessing the qualification mentioned in (i) above; and
 - (iv) of the names and the education zones of them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of officers belonging to Grades I, II, and III of Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service working in the North Central Province;
 - (ii) of their names and present places of work;
 - (iii) of the number of Zonal Directors of Education working in that Province who have not gained the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service qualifications;
 - (iv) of the names and the education zones of them;
 - (v) of the basis on which officers who do not possess the required qualifications are appointed to the aforesaid position; and
 - (vi) whether action will be taken to recover from the officers who are not qualified to hold the aforesaid offices any allowance they have obtained by improper means after accepting posts for which they are not qualified?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that people level accusations to the effect that the paddy lands in the Welipitiya Divisional Secretariat Division are being filled;
 - (ii) the extent of paddy land in the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division, that has been filled without permission from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (iii) whether complaints have been received against the aforesaid unauthorized fillings;
 - (iv) if so, the number of complaints received;
 - (v) whether legal action has been taken after conducting investigations into the aforesaid complaints; and
 - (vi) the courses of action taken accordingly?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to fill the paddy lands in the Welipitiya Divisional Secretariat Division from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands for which permission has been granted to be filled; and
 - (iii) the reasons for granting permission to fill the aforesaid paddy lands?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(3)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) only one State Drama Festival was held for the years 2011 and 2012; and
 - (ii) the reason for holding the aforesaid drama festival once in every two years as mentioned above although it is due to be held once a year, is the shortage of funds?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of money that was allocated for the State Drama Festival that was held as mentioned above; and
 - (ii) separately, the manner in which the said money was spent?

(4)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money allocated for the staging of “Maha Samayama” show at the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre under the state patronage;
 - (ii) of the funding source for that; and
 - (iii) separately, the manner in which the said money was spent for each activity in the aforesaid show?
- (d) If not, why?

4433/’13

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether India has purchased weapons from Sri Lanka according to a statement made by the Indian Minister of Defence in the Lok Sabha;
 - (ii) if so, the time period in which that transaction was taken place;
 - (iii) of the types of weapons that have been purchased by India;
 - (iv) of the income earned by Sri Lanka by selling those weapons; and
 - (v) of the report that ensures the transparency of that transaction?
- (b) If not why?

4505/’13

8.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of tourist hotels that had been reserved for the Heads of State and other guests who participated in the Commonwealth Heads of State Meeting (CHOGM);
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent on that;
 - (iii) the number of hotels that provided meals to the guests who participated in that conference; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on that?
- (b) If not, why?

4521/13

9.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has permitted foreign companies to fish in the international waters close to the territorial waters of Sri Lanka based on the fishery harbour in Dikovita;
 - (ii) if so, the companies which are currently engaged in fishing upon this permission in that sea area and the countries to which these companies belong; and
 - (iii) whether rules have been introduced for such companies to observe pertaining to fishing industry of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

4588/13

10.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a casino under the name “Marina Colombo” or a similar name was registered for the payment of gaming levy and other related taxes;
 - (ii) as to when the same was registered for the first time; and
 - (iii) the name (individual or company) under which the aforesaid casino was registered?
- (b) If not, why?

4714/14

11.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. N.P.M. Thawfeer residing at No.122, Kulugammana, Kandy, has submitted a written request on 01.03.2008 to retire from service, while he was holding the post of Deputy Principal (Grade II, Principals’ Service) of K/W/Al Hikma Muslim Maha Vidyalaya which belongs to Wattedgama Educational Zone?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for the delaying the retirement of Mr. Thawfeer who has completed 60 years of age on 30.05.2011; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken immediately to send that gentleman on retirement, considering his satisfactory service of three decades from 03.10.1971, his date of first appointment?
- (c) If not, why?

4741/'14

12.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the schools in which aesthetic subjects are taught from grade 6 up to Advanced Level out of the schools in the island;
 - (ii) the number of such schools found in the Kurunegala District;
 - (iii) the number of teachers of aesthetic subjects of music, dancing, art and drama and theatre employed in the schools in the Kurunegala District; and
 - (iv) the number of schools in the District, which need teachers of aesthetic subjects?
- (b) If not, why?

4797/'14

13.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of candidates who were called for the interview that was held on the marks obtained in the open competitive examination conducted in 1994 to recruit persons to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service;
 - (ii) of the cut off mark on which the candidates were called for the aforesaid interview;
 - (iii) of the reason for not calling Mr. L.A. Nimal residing at No. 36 Galgamuwa, Mahagalakandawila, Medagama who sat for the aforesaid examination under Examination No. 01381 and obtained 421 marks out of 850;
 - (iv) whether he admits that Mr. L.A. Nimal suffered injustice as he was not called for the interview; and
 - (v) if so, the relief that can be given to Mr. L.A. Nimal?
- (b) If not, why?

4818/'14

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that nearly 2 kilometer road to Walala, Galedanda in Kundasale Electorate in the Kandy District, which is used by around 300 families and 500 school children, is dilapidated to such an extent that it is not motorable and eroded?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to repair this road speedily; and
 - (ii) if so, the date by which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

4842/14

15.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is no permanent building for the Post Office in Dharmapuram village in Kandawalei Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kilinochchi District; and
 - (ii) people living in Dharmapuram village and surrounding areas have been getting their postal services done from the Dharmapuram Post Office which was operative in private residences since 1958?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he will take action to provide a permanent building to the Dharmapuram Post Office?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.

*2.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

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 05th 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.)

*4.

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 22nd 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.)

*5.

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 31st July 2013, which were presented on 22.11.2013, be approved.

*6.

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 13th May 2013, which were presented on 21.06.2013, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

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 24th August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*8.

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 06th December 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

*9.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital (2011),— That the Annual Report and Accounts of Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 04.09.2013 under the Parliamentary Act, No.38 of 1999 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 13.09.2013.)

*10.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital (2011),—That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2011 and presented on 22.11.2013 under the Parliamentary Act, No. 54 of 1983 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 07.02.2014.)

*11.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka National Engineering Research and Development Center (2011),— That the Annual Report of Sri Lanka National Engineering Research and Development Center together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year commencing from 1st of January 2011 and ending 31st of December 2011 and presented on 10.10.2013 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No.49 of 1957 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Technology and Research on 21.02.2014)

12.

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

13.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

14.

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

15.

Piyasena Gamage Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

16.

Bodhirajarama Educational and Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

17.

Vasantha Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

18.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, August 06, 2014
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2642/'12

1. Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action has been taken to grant a loan not exceeding Rupees Two Hundred Thousand under a concessionary interest rate to each family of woman headed households in the North and East for them to take up a suitable economic process; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of families that have been granted the said loan?
- (b) If not, why?

3272/'12

2. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Private Transport Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the private bus concept has helped the public transport system in the country;
 - (ii) the number of private bus operators who have been issued with permits on per district basis;
 - (iii) the number of private buses operating at the moment; and
 - (iv) whether all these buses are operated with permits?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the benefits received by the private bus operators from the government;
 - (ii) the total seating capacity available in private bus industry island wide; and
 - (iii) the revenue earned per bus from national and provincial level per year?
- (c) If not why?

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(4)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the public and private fuel companies that pay taxes to the government;
 - (ii) separately per each tax category, the amount of taxes paid annually by each of the aforesaid companies during the last 10 years;
 - (iii) whether any kind of tax relief in paying taxes has been granted to any company;
 - (iv) if so, the names of those companies;
 - (v) the reasons for granting such a tax concession; and
 - (vi) separately in each year, the amount of tax revenue as per each tax category lost by the government of Sri Lanka during the last ten years due to granting the aforesaid tax concession?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of teaching hospitals coming under the scope of the Ministry of Health;
 - (ii) the number of sanitary labourers serving in each of the said hospitals, separately;
 - (iii) the work performed by the sanitary labourers for the patients in the said hospitals; and
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated for the salaries including the allowances for the sanitary labourers in each teaching hospital separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the amount of money paid to the private sector in the year 2012 for sanitation activities of each teaching hospital, separately; and
 - (ii) the names of private institutions to which such payments have been made?
- (c) If not, why?

3919/'13

5. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that some businessmen use various chemicals to make fruits like mangoes, bananas and papaw last longer and ripen quickly;
 - (ii) of the scientific names and the trade names of the chemicals used in that manner; and
 - (iii) of the substances that are harmful to the human body out of those chemicals?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures taken to nab the businessmen who use chemicals harmful to the human body to make fruits ripen and last longer;
 - (ii) the number of such businessmen nabbed in the years 2011 and 2012; and
 - (iii) the number that has been punished out of them?
- (c) If not, why?

4506/'13

6. Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a plan to purchase ten new aircrafts for the Sri Lankan Airlines;
 - (ii) the amount of money due to be spent on those aircrafts; and
 - (iii) the country from which those aircrafts will be purchased?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the loss incurred by the Sri Lankan Airlines and the Mihin Lanka (Private) Company from January 2013 to date;
 - (ii) the manner in which funds will be raised to purchase new aircrafts to Sri Lankan Airlines which is run at huge losses; and
 - (iii) whether the purchase of new aircrafts is approved?
- (c) If not, why?

4522/'13

7. Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware whether an action is taken to popularize and sell with the local market the beverage called “Red Bull”, that has been introduced to the market as an energizing drink?

(13)

(b) Will he inform this House whether the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine has granted permission for importing this beverage despite the move by the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board to ban it, having considered the potential of the beverage to cause side effects in persons consuming it?

(c) If not, why?

4737/'14

8.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) Mr. A.A. Sabju residing at No. 9/1, Pansalhena Road, Kolonnawa purchased the Mahendra Jeep bearing No. 38 Sri 6185 from its original owner Mrs. P. Wijesuriya and submitted an application (TR 200760250) in the year 2007 to the Department of Motor Traffic to have the registration of said vehicle transferred officially to his name; and

(ii) though several years have lapsed, the legal transfer of the said vehicle has still not taken place as per the above application?

(b) Will he state whether action will be taken to transfer the registered ownership of the above vehicle to the name of Mr. Sabju?

(c) If not, why?

4749/'14

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the—

(i) length of the roads maintained by the Central Government;

(ii) length of the roads maintained by the Provincial Councils; and

(iii) length of the roads maintained by the Pradeshiya Sabhas?

(b) Will he state the length of the roads carpeted by now, out of the roads maintained by the Central Government?

(c) If not, why?

4845/'14

10.

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

(a) Is she aware that the Secretary to the Ministry of Power and Energy has stated that the Norochcholai thermal power plant is not up to the expected standards?

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- (b) Will she inform this House in relation to that power plant—
 - (i) the estimated sum and the sum spent on the first phase;
 - (ii) whether an agreement with a warranty period of time had been entered into with the relevant construction company with regard to the standard, equipment and operational standard;
 - (iii) the action taken against the company that constructed the power plant regarding low standards and breakdowns that occur;
 - (iv) whether arrangements will be made to recover the massive amount of money spent on repairs the lost power during that period from those responsible for that; and
 - (v) if the company which did not complete the first phase properly engages in the construction of the other phases too, the reasons for it?
- (c) Will she state—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to provide electricity to the people in a beneficial manner in future; and
 - (ii) the plan that seeks to bring down the electricity tariff with the stipulated period of time?
- (d) If not, why?

4852/14

11.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of registrations issued by the Department of Inland Revenue to carry on the business of gaming for the year 2013;
 - (ii) the names of persons to whom each of the above registrations were issued; and
 - (iii) the exact date of issue of each of the said registrations?
- (b) If not, why?

4865/14

12.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the access road to the Eriyanpity Cemetery in Kodikamam is in a state not suitable to traverse; and
 - (ii) people face numerous difficulties in carrying remains to the cemetery during the rains since the road abounds with pits filled with rainwater?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether immediate steps will be taken to reconstruct the access road to the Eriyanpity Cemetery in Kodikamam?
- (c) If not, why?

4908/14

13.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. W.M. Weerasinghe at No. 127/1, opposite hospital, Athimalewewa, Monegarala worked as a Survey Field Assistant (WE/W/158) in the Department of Surveyor General; and
 - (ii) he was interdicted as per the letter of the Surveyor General, dated 20.08.2004 bearing No. CG/1/1/V/460 while he was working in the Surveyor's Office in Polonaruwa new town?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to provide the pension and the arrears due to Mr. Weerasinghe from the date on which he was interdicted as he has been acquitted on 02.11.2012 to the inquiry held by the Court of Appeal in regard to the case bearing No. 91/2003 filed in the High Court of Badulla, which caused his interdiction?
- (c) If not, why?

4952/14

14.

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

- (a) Will he state whether he is aware that the coastal belt from Mahawewa to Katuneriya in the Puttlam District is being severely eroded by the sea?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken to prevent coastal erosion in the said area;
 - (ii) whether it has not been possible to prevent coastal erosion even after taking those measures; and
 - (iii) if so, why?

(16)

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of houses destroyed or in danger of being destroyed as a result of coastal erosion in the said area;
 - (ii) whether a programme to pay compensation for the houses and property destroyed has been commenced;
 - (iii) the methodology adopted in valuation of damage to pay compensation; and
 - (iv) the measures taken to safeguard the lives of the people displaced owing to coastal erosion?
- (d) If not, why?

4962/'14

15.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately on per crop basis the number of farmers who were given the fertilizer subsidy during the last year?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that an additional sum of Rs. 150/- is charged as an insurance coverage since last year per bag of fertilizer which was given at Rs. 350/- under the fertilizer subsidy scheme;
 - (ii) if so, of the basis of that insurance coverage which was started with the additional sum of Rs. 150/- that is charged per bag of fertilizer given under the fertilizer subsidy scheme;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money that has been charged from the farmers during the period from the date on which the aforesaid insurance coverage was commenced to date; and
 - (iv) of the conditions that have to be fulfilled by the farmers in order to claim benefits of that insurance coverage?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, August 07, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2652/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether Information Technology Centres have been established in 25 major cities as mentioned in 'Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future'; and
 - (ii) if so, separately, the number of the aforesaid Information Technology Centres that have been established in each of the major cities?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the private companies got involved in track sharing or train sharing concept;
- (ii) the names of the directors of the companies involved in the aforesaid activities;
- (iii) the areas that they provide the service;
- (iv) the rates they charge as opposed to rates hitherto to be charged by the Department of Sri Lanka Railways;
- (v) the loss in opportunity cost to the Department of Sri Lanka Railways for outsourcing this service; and
- (vi) the time period which the contract is signed for?

(b) If not, why?

3.

Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that the newly-laid “Sandwich” track of the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo had been in a state that needed repairing?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Sports has appointed a Committee to look into the above matter;
 - (ii) if so, who the members of that Committee are;
 - (iii) the date on which the Committee was appointed;
 - (iv) what the Committee’s recommendations are;
 - (v) of the company or the persons to whom the laying of the new track was assigned; and
 - (vi) whether yet another Committee was appointed by the Presidential Investigations Unit to look into the laying of the track?
- (c) If not, why?

3714/13

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basis on which qualified individuals were selected for the provision of Education Aid from the President's Fund in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) accordingly, of the number selected for the provision of Education Aid during the period of last 03 years; and
 - (iii) separately, of the names of the recipients and the amount of money granted to each individual?
- (b) If not, why?

3827/13

5.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a housing scheme has been constructed on the Diyathithawewa road in the Horowpathana Divisional Secretariat Division, by the National Housing Development Authority;
 - (ii) of the amount of money granted to a recipient of such a house to construct each house; and
 - (iii) whether that amount was granted as a loan or an aid?
- (b) Will he state in relation to the recipients of those houses—
 - (i) the extent of a plot of land so given;
 - (ii) whether freehold ownership of those lands have been granted; and
 - (iii) whether arrangements have been made to provide those people with drinking water?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the total number of houses that has been constructed;
 - (ii) the number of houses which has been occupied by the recipients; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken in relation to the unoccupied houses?
- (d) If not, why?

6. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the use of compact fluorescent lights, fluorescent tube lights and mobile phones within Sri Lanka has increased to a greater extent;
 - (ii) the amount of mercury and cadmium added to the environment increases with the increase in the use of such equipment?
- (b) Will he state the measures taken by now to recycle the discarded compact fluorescent lights, fluorescent tube lights and mobile phones?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that special equipment is used in developed countries in the world to check the mercury and cadmium added to the water;
 - (ii) whether such equipment is used in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) if not, of the measures taken to introduce the use of such equipment?
- (d) If not, why?

7. Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on the maintenance activities of the Hambantota port from the date of its commencement up to date;
 - (ii) whether he acknowledges the generation of an income of Rs 420 million through the Hambantota port;
 - (iii) the income generated from importing and re-exporting vehicles through that port?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) unloading and shipping of all exported or re-exported vehicles were handled by the Colombo port prior to the commencement of operations of the Hambantota port; and
 - (ii) vehicle importers have to pay an additional cost owing to the transfer of those activities from Colombo port to Hambantota port without any justifiable reason?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether nearly 400 ships ply in the international waters close to the Hambantota port in a day; and
 - (ii) out of those ships the number of ships that arrive at the Hambantota port for fuelling ?
- (d) If not, why?

4523/13

8.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of sandalwood trees which had been planted in the land in which the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine is located;
 - (ii) whether action was taken to cut and remove a certain number of these sandalwood trees;
 - (iii) if so, how many; and
 - (iv) the objective of cutting and removing these trees?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the sandalwood trees so cut and removed as referred to in (ii) above have been sold; and
 - (ii) if so, the extent of the consignment of sandalwood sold and its value?
- (c) If not, why?

4756/14

9.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of doctors registered at the Ayurvedic Medical Council and have obtained the Degree in Ayurvedic Medicine;
 - (ii) of the number of doctors registered at the aforesaid Council and have obtained the Diploma in Ayurvedic Medicine;
 - (iii) whether traditional Ayurvedic doctors have been registered at the aforesaid Council;
 - (iv) if so, of the number of such doctors registered; and
 - (v) whether the register of all the aforesaid doctors had been updated by the end of 2013?
- (b) If not, why?

4814/'14

10.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the members of the present Elections Commission;
- (ii) whether they have acted in accordance with the objectives that are expected to be fulfilled in consistent with the section 103(2) of the Constitution;
- (iii) if not, the measures that will be taken with regard to that?

(b) If not, why?

4854/'14

11.

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the ratio of Exports to Gross Domestic Product (exports as a percentage of GDP) for the years 2002 to 2013 on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

4866/'14

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the road leading to the Jumma Masjid in Jaffna, which has not been reconstructed for a long time, has been difficult to pass through due to its state abounding with pits and potholes?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to reconstruct this road for the convenience of devotees and visitors to the Jumma Masjid of Jaffna, which is an ancient structure constructed in 1868?
- (c) If not, why?

4871/'14

13.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she state the volume of electricity power that was lost to the national power grid due to suspension of power generation at the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station owing to its breakdowns and maintenance work?

(22)

- (b) Will she inform this House—
- (i) whether there is any truth in the assertion that salt or a chemical akin to salt has been introduced into the condenser system of the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station on 13 February 2014;
 - (ii) if so, what investigations have been conducted into it by now;
 - (iii) the persons who were found guilty for it; and
 - (iv) what legal action has been taken against them in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

4953/'14

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the length of the road from Thopputhota to Mahawewa via Dankotuwa-Naththandiya, in Wennappuwa electorate in the Puttlam District;
 - (ii) the total amount estimated for construction and restoration of that road;
 - (iii) the company which carries out the construction of that road; and
 - (iv) whether proper tender procedure has been followed in awarding the contract to that company?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the date on which construction of the said road commenced; and
 - (ii) the date by which construction of the said road is scheduled to be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

4963/'14

15.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the number of students who are enrolled for the Management degree course of the Peradeniya University has been reduced?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the year in which the aforesaid degree course was started;
 - (ii) the number of internal students that have been planned to be enrolled for the Management degree course per year; and
 - (iii) the number of internal students who were enrolled for the Management degree course last year?
- (c) If not, why?
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Friday, August 08, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2671/12

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of fish landing places engaged in the fresh water fishing industry in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the number of families engaged in the fresh water fishing industry around the aforesaid landing places;
- (iii) the annual allocation made for the development of the fresh water fishing industry from the year 2006 up to 2012 separately; and
- (iv) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the total amount of money allocated for the Ministry of Fisheries in each of the aforesaid years separately ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a sufficient allocation had been made for the fresh water fishing industry during the above period;
- (ii) whether a programme is implemented to provide fishing gear to the fishermen engaged in the fresh water fishing industry ;
- (iii) if so, what that programme is; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid programme is sufficient to address the needs of the fresh water fishermen ?

(c) If not, why?

3276/12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state pertaining to the loans and grants given to Sri Lanka by the World Bank in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013—

- (i) the values ;
- (ii) the period of the loans;
- (iii) the average interest cost; and
- (iv) the contracts or projects that the loans and grants were given for?

(b) If not, why?

3. Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately of the total amount of paddy purchased by the government in each season during the last four years;
 - (ii) the aforesaid amounts of paddy as a percentage of the total production of each season;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on purchasing paddy last year; and
 - (iv) the manner in which money was generated for the purchase of paddy during last four years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the stocks of paddy purchased in each season, the prices at which paddy was sold on each occasion, the persons who purchased and the amounts purchased by each of the aforesaid persons;
 - (ii) separately of the profit made/ loss incurred through the above purchases of paddy annually; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for the loss, if a loss has incurred?
- (c) If not, why?

4. Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the employees of the Public Service —
 - (i) the total strength;
 - (ii) the percentage of female Public Servants out of the aforesaid amount;
 - (iii) the number of Secretaries to the Ministries;
 - (iv) the number of females holding the position of Secretaries to the Ministries;
 - (v) the number of officers in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service who are not holding the posts of Secretaries to the Ministers;
 - (vi) the number of female officers in the figure mentioned in (v) above; and
 - (vii) the break down of the percentage of the aforesaid female officers based on each grade?
- (b) If not, why?

3921/'13

5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a project to remove the methane and mercury at the pump house was in operation at the beginning of phase I of the 2000-2005 Greater Kandy, Kandy North and Harispaththuwa water supply project; and
 - (ii) no such removal project is in operation at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures taken to restart the process of removing the methane and mercury at the pump house;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that a water filter with advanced technology for purifying water which was at the said pump house has disappeared;
 - (iii) whether a proper investigation was conducted regarding that incident; and
 - (iv) what its results were?
- (c) If not, why?

4129/'13

6.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(3)

- (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; and
 - (v) the current condition of each of those projects?
- (b) If not, why?

4163/'13

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) a fire occurred at Anuradhapura Magistrate's Court on or around 26.11.2011;
 - (ii) a large number of productions and documents of Anuradhapura Magistrate's Court were burnt or damaged due to that fire;
 - (iii) the cases that were being heard at that court have been caused to delays of many years as a result of the damages caused to the productions and documents; and
 - (iv) certain case files have been misplaced after that fire?

(26)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the cause for the fire that occurred at Anuradhapura Magistrate's Court;
 - (ii) if the fire has been caused due to an act of arson, whether the persons involved have been arrested;
 - (iii) if so, the action taken in relation to those persons;
 - (iv) of the Police Station that is conducting investigations regarding that incident; and
 - (v) of the results of such investigations?
- (c) If not, why?

4524/'13

8.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a computer software system was established in the Sri Jayewardenepura Hospital within about the period of last three years;
 - (ii) if so, what amount of money was spent for it;
 - (iii) of the name of the institution to which the payments was made for the establishment of this computer software system; and
 - (iv) whether the quality of the computer software system so added is at a satisfactory level?
- (b) If not, why?

4613/'13

9.

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

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the amount that had been allocated by the Budget for the year 2013 for salaries of the members of the three forces; and
 - (ii) the total amount that was spent for salaries of the members of the three forces in that year?

(27)

- (b) Will he also state —
- (i) the amount that had been allocated for the year 2013 for the Urban Development Authority;
 - (ii) its apportionment for the beautification of the Colombo city;
 - (iii) the total amount allotted for the workers employed for the Colombo city beautification programme;
 - (iv) whether an additional allowance was paid to the members of the Three Forces who provided labour for performing various tasks for the beautification of Colombo city; and
 - (v) if an allowance as referred to in (iv) above was not paid, the total amount spent in 2013 for workers for the programme and the manner in which that amount was spent?
- (c) If not, why?

4757/14

10.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of registered Ayurvedic hospitals in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number such hospitals that come under the purview of the Central Government and the Provincial Councils;
 - (iii) the number of registered Ayurvedic hospitals in the Kurunegala District;
 - (iv) the number of graduate Ayurvedic doctors registered in the Kurunegala District;
 - (v) the number of doctors that hold Ayurvedic Diplomas in the aforesaid District; and
 - (vi) the number of traditional Ayurvedic doctors registered in the Kurunegala District?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of registered Ayurvedic nurses in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of registered Ayurvedic nurses in the Kurunegala District; and
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the presence of a number of Ayurvedic nurses who have not been registered up to now although they have applied for registration?
- (c) If not, why?

4902/'14

11.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount spent to pay the monthly salaries of the employees of Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to use Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport in future for domestic flight services only;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that;
 - (iii) whether goods and equipment owned by that airport have been secretly distributed to other public institutions by now; and
 - (iv) if so, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

4945/'14

12.

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a teak cultivation of over 50-60 years old at the Baduluwela forest reserve in the Madulla Divisional Secretariat of the Monaragala District, which belonged to then existed River Valleys Development Board;
 - (ii) a certain person has prepared forged documents and enjoying the said land as a private freehold land; and
 - (iii) a few individuals are destroying the said state owned teak cultivation?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether prompt action will be taken to protect the teak cultivation in the Baduluwela Forest Reserve which remained safe for many years from encroachers?
- (c) If not, why?

4954/'14

13.

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the estimated cost of the new main bus station that is being constructed in Wennappuwa town of Puttlam District?

(29)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the name of the company which has been assigned the construction of that bus station;
 - (ii) whether that company has given a sub-contract to another institution for the said construction;
 - (iii) if so, whether proper tender procedure has been followed in awarding that sub-contract; and
 - (iv) the name, address and the telephone number of the owner of the institution which has been awarded such sub-contract?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of —
- (i) the institution which supervises the construction of that bus station;
 - (ii) the time that will be taken to complete the construction; and
 - (iii) the number of buses that can be parked at the said bus station after the completion of its construction?
- (d) If not, why?

4964/14

14.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements are being made to give a certain tract of land in Mawathagama area of the Kurunegala District to a Dutch company to establish a diary farm;
 - (ii) if so, of the extent of the proposed land that will be given to the aforesaid company;
 - (iii) of the name of the Dutch company to which the aforesaid land will be given;
 - (iv) of the conditions on which the land will be sold to that company; and
 - (v) of the purpose for which the aforesaid land had been utilized before giving it to that company for establishing a diary farm?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of families settled down without permission in state lands in Nawammahara village in No.179, Elapitiwala Grama Niladhari Division in Wattala Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) the names of the chief occupant of households of the aforesaid unauthorized settlers?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for not taking action to issue them with permanent deeds or temporary permits to date despite that most of those families have been living in the aforesaid village for over 20 years;
 - (ii) whether permanent deeds will be issued to the aforesaid families for the lands they are living in;
 - (iii) if so, the action that has been taken with regard to that;
 - (iv) whether temporary permits will be issued until permanent deeds are issued; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which such permits will be issued?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.18/10

1.

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

2.

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

3.

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.

P.22/'10

4.

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.

P.23/'10

5.

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.

P.24/'10

6.

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

7.

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.

P.26/'10

8.

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.

P.27/'10

9.

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

10.

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

11.

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.31/'10

12.

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

13.

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

14.

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

15.

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

16.

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

17.

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

18.

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

19.

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

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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

23.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Awarding pensions for the armed personnel who served before 19th 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 19th of May, 2009 but have not completed the period of 22 years should also be entitled to a pension.

P.62/10

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

27.

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.80/'10

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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

34.

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

35.

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

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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

39.

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

40.

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

41.

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

42.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to strengthen Parliamentary Democracy,— That this Parliament resolves that an amendment to the Constitution required to design a system to ensure the representation of the heads of the Local Government Bodies in the Provincial Councils and the heads of Provincial Councils in the Parliament, be introduced for the maintenance of proper coordination between the Parliament and the Provincial Councils and between the Provincial Councils and the Local Government Bodies in order to make democracy in the country more stronger.

P. 95/'10

43.

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

44.

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

45.

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

46.

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

47.

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

48.

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

49.

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

50.

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

51.

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

52.

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

53.

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

54.

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

55.

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

56.

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

57.

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

58.

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

59.

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

60.

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

61.

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

62.

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

63.

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

64.

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

65.

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

66.

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

67.

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

68.

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

69.

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

70.

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

71.

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.144/'11

72

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

73.

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

74.

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

75.

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

76.

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 1st January 2013.

P.154/'11

77.

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

78.

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

79.

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.159/'12

80.

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

81.

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

82.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Commencing a national programme to conserve the traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be commenced, jointly by the relevant sectors including the Bio-diversity Unit and the National Intellectual Property Office, by obtaining information from people representing various sectors such as systems of medicine, agriculture, food preservation and handicrafts where traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people is used, to conserve such knowledge.

P.162/'12

83.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Obtaining patents for genetic resources in medicinal herbs endemic to Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a special programme be prepared, jointly by all responsible institutions including the Bio-diversity Unit, National Intellectual Property Office and the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine, to prevent foreign countries from identifying active chemicals and genetic resources contained in valuable medicinal herbs endemic to Sri Lanka and obtaining patents for them fraudulently, by obtaining patents for the relevant active chemicals and genetic resources for Sri Lanka, and to use those properties for producing and upgrading pharmaceuticals.

P.163/'12

84.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Abandoning of honorary titles of representatives of the people,— Since all representatives of the people representing the Parliament, the Provincial Councils, the Pradeshiya Sabhas including the President and the Prime Minister receive salaries and/or allowances monthly for the duties they perform, and since none of the holders of the above posts render an honorary service with altruistic concerns, and since the use of titles such as His Excellency, Honourable or Sir with the name or the post has become an object for ridicule, that this Parliament resolves that necessary action be pursued to discontinue the use of honorary titles of the representatives of the people.

P.164/'12

85.

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.

P.165/'12

86.

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.

P.166/'12

87.

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.

P.170/'12

88.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Extension of the Maintenance Board for Elders Programme at Provincial, District and Divisional Secretariat levels,— That this Parliament resolves that the Maintenance Board for Elders Programme, functioning under the Secretariat for Elders of the Ministry of Social Services to lodge complaints against injustices caused by various parties by neglecting elderly citizens, be extended at Provincial, District and Divisional Secretariat levels.

P.171/'12

89.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a Loan Scheme for the elderly community that enables them to contribute towards the economic development of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, since the non-existence of a Loan Scheme in the Banking System for the elders who have passed 60 years of age that enables them to contribute to the overall economic development of Sri Lanka and strengthening their means of livelihood is social discrimination against them, a proper programme be formulated to prevent this injustice caused to the elders.

P.172/'12

90.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a programme for persons who are over the age of 60 to make them active members of the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be adopted to create awareness in the society including the school community to formulate a programme to make the elders over the age of 60, who laboured for the social economic progress and who are now in an inactive and left out state without any recognition in the society, active members of the society.

P.175/'13

91.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expanding the knowledge of school children regarding Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be drawn up to include Motor Mechanics as a subject in the school syllabus, as a solution for the unemployment problem of the future youth of Sri Lanka and with the aim of meeting the demand for skilled workers in comparison to the advancement of the field of Motor Mechanics.

P.176/'13

92.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a College of Education to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a College of Education be established to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics at school level so that the demand for skilled workers in the field can be met in a manner that keeps pace with the growth and development taking place in the field of Automotive Technology in Sri Lanka and abroad.

P.177/'13

93.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated to change and update the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics that are 25-30 years old, since the government technical colleges and the affiliated institutes related to the Motor Mechanics still follow such archaic syllabuses.

P.178/'13

94.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Ensuring security of Employment of those who are engaged in occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be prepared expeditiously to develop the economic strength of youth, retired members of the Armed Forces and senior citizen groups living in Sri Lanka who are willing to engage in direct and indirect occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes, with the objective of obtaining their contribution to the total national production and thereby adding the active contribution of those who are involved in the aforementioned field to the national economy.

P.179/'13

95.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Broadening public attitudes on Sri Lankan/local cookery in the country,— That this Parliament resolves that a broad attitudinal change should be effected in the public about the Sri Lankan/local cookery and culinary arts by introducing measures such as the inclusion of Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts as a subject in the curricula of schools, universities and tertiary educational institutions, making new discoveries through the promotion of research with the intervention of both public and private sector and the creation of Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Post-graduate courses with the involvement of the institutions connected to the field with a view to changing the public attitudes towards the Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts sector.

P.180/'13

96.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Integrating Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching and learning process,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to uplift the Sri Lankan identity internationally, by transferring Sri Lankan food culture to the future generations through teaching and learning methodologies and spreading our food culture among locals and foreigners, in the context that the Sri Lankan food culture has been formed with a number of sectors including the art of flavours and blending, art of cookery, art of colouring and cutting technique.

P.183/'13

97.

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.

P.186/'13

98.

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.

P.187/'13

99.

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.

P.188/'13

100.

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.

P.189/'13

101.

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” (බීරල) 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.

P.190/'13

102.

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.

P.191/'13

103.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Targeting development activities of Ministries when preparing research theses of students of Universities and Tertiary Education Institutes,— That this Parliament resolves that, since it is important to utilize the research theses submitted by students of universities and tertiary education institutes as part of their courses of study for economic, social, cultural and developmental activities, a systematic programme should be introduced enabling the realization of future development processes and timely objectives of the ministries by appointing an officer from the ministry relevant to the theses for proper coordination between the lecturers who supervise the theses and ministries for which the theses are applicable.

P.192/'13

104.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Entering the name in the Register of Electors immediately upon completion of 18 years of age,— That this Parliament resolves that a practical arrangement be made to enable a person completing 18 years of age to get his/her name entered in the Register of Electors on the very date that person completes 18 years of age, prior or subsequent to the date that the Department of Elections is due to make annual revision of the Registers of Electors.

P.193/'13

105.

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.

P.195/'13

106.

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.

P.196/'13

107.

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.

P.197/'13

108.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Putting in place a formal mechanism to produce saline in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that with the intervention of the government, a formal mechanism be put in place to produce saline in Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Government, private and co-operative sectors and by utilizing the local technology with a view to saving the foreign exchange that flows out of the country every year to import saline which is used in massive quantities in Sri Lanka annually.

P.198/'13

109.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing new products made using coconut water,— That this Parliament resolves that a process be implemented to introduce new products made using coconut water with the help of new technology, targeting the local and international markets under a proper methodology, as a huge amount of coconut water is wasted within Sri Lanka annually.

P.199/'13

110.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Cultivating Durian for the Export Market,— That this Parliament resolves that steps must be taken to cultivate on a commercial basis, the popular fruit Durian, which is expensive but has a good demand in the export market, so that the country could earn substantial foreign exchange.

P.200/'13

111.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— A Decade for Tri Lingual Sri Lanka Plan,— That this Parliament resolves that whilst appreciating the Cabinet approval for the ten year plan “A Decade for Tri Lingual Sri Lanka Plan 2012-2021”, that this project be implemented quickly and extensively with the support of the multi lingual, multi ethnic communities in order to make it beneficial to the entire nation with the support of Government and Private Institutions.

P.77/'10

112.

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.201/'14

113.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Exploring new resources in the ocean,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal further study on oceanic resources should be conducted with a view to creating a large number of employment opportunities, and to earn wealth, as Sri Lanka is a country with a large marine zone, that has given priority only for the fishing industry and since there is a vast amount of natural resources connected to the ocean.

P.202/'14

114.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Prevention of Sri Lankan fishing resources being harvested by foreigners,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be devised and implemented by the Government to prevent foreigners from fishing in the Sri Lankan waters and to prevent foreign vessels from using it as a port for fishing since the fisheries resources within the Sri Lankan marine zone are harvested by foreigners thus causing a severe economic disadvantage to Sri Lankan fishermen.

P.203/'14

115.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Increasing Jackfruit production and exporting associated products,— That this Parliament resolves that since the country can earn a huge amount of foreign exchange by exporting Jackfruit based products through expansion of the cultivation of Jackfruit, which is a very delectable fruit with medicinal qualities, that can be cultivated without agrochemicals, a systematic programme should be drawn up with the intervention of the government toward this end.

P.204/'14

116.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Organizing an Annual National Farmers Awards Ceremony,— That this Parliament resolves that a farmers awards ceremony that is implemented through a proper organizational structure be organized annually with the intervention of the Government, so that the farmers who enrich the country are made to feel proud about their vocation as agricultural prosperity is fundamental for the advancement of a country.

P.205/'14

117.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing LED bulbs to consumers at a concessionary price,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic program should be formulated to provide LED bulbs to consumers at a concessionary price and on an instalment based payment system with the intervention of the Electricity Board so that a large amount of electricity could be saved and an extra income could also be earned by the Electricity Board by making LED bulbs popular among people as qualitative LED bulbs which are used to light up houses are expensive.

P.206/'14

118.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expansion of small scale Toy Factories,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper procedure be formulated in view of expanding the toy industry in rural areas since it is an industry which can be sustained at a very low cost and as a lot of foreign exchange is drained out towards China and other countries, to purchase toys, owing to the fact that less toys are produced although a large market is available for toys in Sri Lanka.

P.208/'14

119.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Starting Pharmaceuticals Production Factories in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that as a country with developed human resources the government should intervene and provide facilities to establish pharmaceutical production factories in Sri Lanka to produce essential pharmaceuticals within the country since the production of pharmaceuticals in Sri Lanka is at a minimum level at present and a large amount of foreign exchange is spent annually to import pharmaceuticals.

P.209/'14

120.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Including the subject of psychology in the school curriculum,— That this parliament resolves that a subject named “Psychology and Meditation”, a methodically planned combination of Buddhist psychology and Western psychology be introduced to the school curriculum to be taught from Grade six in order to mould the student community into a group who can take intelligent decisions with healthy minds.

P.210/'14

121.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing support centers for pensioners,— That this parliament resolves that the government should take measures to build pensioners support centers throughout the country for the pensioners so that they can obtain welfare services like counseling, medical facilities and daycare facilities, which are required by the elderly, under the same roof, and to provide them the opportunity to earn some extra income to ease their lives by directing them to engage in some economic activity through such centers.

P.211/'14

122.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing a new lottery with a view to strengthening the economy of the pensioners,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to introduce a new lottery to the market in order to generate funds required to remove the salary anomalies of the pensions paid to the retired public servants and for their welfare activities.

P.213/'14

123.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Punishment for corrupt high ranking 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.214/'14

124.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Training Tourist Guides,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal programme to train Tourist Guides be formulated in order to make Tourist Guides a group of professionals who can provide an efficient and polite service to tourists and enhance the professionalism of these Tourist Guides.

P.215/'14

125.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Amendment of the existing laws on lands,— That this Parliament resolves that due to the fact that a racket of selling lands, having made forged deeds is being carried out at present in Sri Lanka, and the law is executed at a minimum level in this regard, the existing legal system should be amended in order that the security of entitlement to lands is enhanced and severe punishment could be inflicted on the offenders.

P.216/'14

126.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protection of coral reefs in the Sri Lankan territorial waters,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be planned and implemented through a committee of experts, to bring about a change in the statutory framework, and a change in the attitudes of people where human action can be controlled to ensure the protection of corals, owing to the fact that the coral reefs available in the Sri Lankan territorial waters are confronted with the threat of getting destroyed as a result of human activities.

P.217/'14

127.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Employing women for school service vehicles,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate legislation be formulated making it compulsory to employ women to serve in all the school service vehicles in order to enhance the quality of the school vehicle service and to ensure the safety of the school children who are transported in these vehicles.

P.218/'14

128.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reducing the prices of medicinal drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene in reducing the prices of medicinal drugs, declaring the National Medicinal Drugs Policy in Sri Lanka and initiating the sale in their generic names, with immediate effect.

P.219/'14

129.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Curtailing the rackets carried out via the internet including the sale of medicinal drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that it is proper to formulate an appropriate programme and implement it in order to restrain the ongoing hefty sale of substandard medicinal drugs, medical equipment, and cosmetic products via internet since these rackets pose a huge threat on the health and the wellbeing of the people in our country.

P.220/'14

130.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Cultivation without use of agrochemicals,— That this Parliament resolves that it is prudent for the government to intervene to take steps to provide for the people with healthy meals devoid of harmful effects, by setting up a Committee consisting of agriculture experts and environmentalists to conduct research in order to introduce an environmental friendly cultivating method and banning highly toxic agrochemicals in Sri Lanka by obtaining their recommendations.

P.221/'14

131.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Freeing school children from addiction to narcotic drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be implemented to free the school children from addiction to narcotic drugs since the tendency for drug addiction is on the increase in Sri Lanka at present.

P.222/'14

132.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appointment of a National Productivity Committee,— That this Parliament resolves that the Heads of Institutions who have driven their institutions to high productivity levels be identified during productivity improvement programmes conducted by the government and that a National Productivity Committee be established consisting of the aforesaid Heads of Institutions so that their knowledge and experience can be used and programmes and methodologies implemented in their institutions can be applied to other institutions.

133.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Developing medical consultancy services on community medicine,— That this Parliament resolves that the government must intervene to formulate plans to develop medical consultancy services in the field of community medicine which is an essential aspect of the healthcare service and take action to resolve the issues after observing issues prevalent in the field.

Tuesday, August 19, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2675/12

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the companies that carried out feasibility studies in connection with the Hambantota Port Project;
 - (ii) of the amount of money paid to those companies for conducting the said studies;
 - (iii) whether it has been revealed by the feasibility studies that there was a rock in the beach where the Hambantota Port was constructed; and
 - (iv) of the total cost incurred on blasting the rock at the Hambantota Port?
- (b) If not, why ?

3277/12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state pertaining to the loans and grants given to Sri Lanka by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013—
- (i) the values ;
 - (ii) the length of the lending period;
 - (iii) the average interest cost; and
 - (iv) the contracts or projects that the loans and grants were given for ?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the total square area of swamp forests in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the areas in which these swamp forests are situated;
 - (iii) the number of identified animal species living within the swamp forests in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken to conserve these species?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to conserve the plant species called "SUWADA" (*kayea stylosa*), which is endemic to Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

4. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the garbage collected in the city of Kandy is disposed of at a place in Gohagoda area in Kandy close to the Mahaweli river; and
 - (ii) an animal farm is run close to that place?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether legal permission has been granted to run an animal farm in the aforesaid place;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the institutions that have granted the aforesaid permission or the name of the institution that has granted the aforesaid permission;
 - (iii) the name and address of the owner of the aforesaid animal farm; and
 - (iv) if the owner of the aforesaid farm is employed in another institution in addition to that industry, the name of that institution and the post held by him?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Presidential Commissions appointed during the period of the year 2005 to 2013;
 - (ii) the names of those Commissions; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been spent for each of those Commissions separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of members of each of the aforesaid Commissions, their names and qualifications;
 - (ii) of the objectives of such appointments;
 - (iii) whether they have submitted their reports;
 - (iv) whether those reports will be tabled; and
 - (v) whether the recommendations of those reports have been implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

4164/13

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the categories of Ayurvedic doctors found in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of doctors belonging to each of those categories; and
 - (iii) the number of General Physicians among those categories, separately in terms of each district?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of massage centres that have been provided with licences by the Department of Ayurveda within the period from the year 2005 up to 2013;
 - (ii) the number and the addresses of those centres separately according to the districts;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the doctors who have been permitted to maintain those massage centres; and
 - (iv) if licences for maintaining massage centres have been provided by other institutions in addition to the Department of Ayurveda, the names of such institutions?

(55)

- (c) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the minimum professional qualifications required to maintain an ayurvedic massage centre; and
 - (ii) the conditions that should prevail at a place where such a centre is maintained?
- (d) If not, why?

4318/'13

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which a survey on the literacy rate of the people of the Eastern Province was held last;
 - (ii) separately, the literacy rate of females and males as a percentage of the total population of the Eastern Province; and
 - (iii) the number of children not receiving primary education out of the children upto 10 years of age in the Ampara District ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the rates referred to above are accepted by the educational authorities as of a sufficient level;
 - (ii) of the factors that have been identified for the decline in the literacy rate; and
 - (iii) of the programme implemented to change that situation?
- (c) If not, why?

4525/'13

8.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of occasions in which tenders were called for selling rail blocks discarded from use in the year 2013;
 - (ii) the dates on which the tenders referred to above were called; and
 - (iii) the number of rails sold, name of the institutions that purchased the rails and the amount of money paid per kilogram of weight of rails on each of the occasions the tenders were called?
- (b) If not, why?

4614/13

9.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately the current per capita income of Sri Lanka in standard terms and in Sri Lankan rupees?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of public servants among the income earning personnel of the country;
 - (ii) the number of public servants out of the said number, who receive salaries equal or in excess to the current per capita income; and
 - (iii) the answer to (b)(ii) as a percentage of the total number of public servants?
- (c) If not, why?

4758/14

10.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Homeopathic Medical Council was established;
 - (ii) whether the Homeopathic Medical Council is active at present;
 - (iii) of the number of registered Homeopathic doctors in Sri Lanka as at 2012;
 - (iv) whether any programme has been implemented by the Ministry to make Homeopathy treatment method popular?
- (b) If not, why?

4903/14

11.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a group of prisoners on death warrant were transferred to Welikada prison from Bogambara prison on 4th January 2014;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of prisoners in that group; and
 - (iii) of the location within Welikada prison where they are detained at present?

- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) a habitable environment for those prisoners is lacking at Welikada prison;
 - (ii) they have been subjected to severe difficulties as result; and
 - (iii) those prisoners are subjected to intense and inhuman torture from the day that they were transferred to Welikada prison?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the measures that will be taken with respect to this predicament of those prisoners?
- (d) If not, why?

4955/'14

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the overall cost of the bridge constructed across the Hamilton Canal on the road called “Aluth Mawatha” running up to Kirimetiya from the Wennappuwa town;
 - (ii) of the name of the institution to which the construction of the said bridge has been handed over;
 - (iii) whether the said institution has awarded a sub-contract to another institution to carry out the above construction;
 - (iv) if so, whether the awarding of the said sub-contract has been done under a proper tender procedure;
 - (v) of the name of the institution which supervises the construction activities of the above mentioned bridge; and
 - (vi) of the period of time that will be taken for the completion of the construction of the bridge?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether a temporary bridge has been constructed for transport purposes until the construction work is completed in the bridge indicated in (a) (i) above;
 - (ii) if not, the number of additional kilometers to be travelled if the alternative road is used for travelling from Wennappuwa to Kirimetiya?
- (c) If not, why?

5024/14

13.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology, —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the construction of the buildings out in the premises of the University of Wayamba, Central College Kuliyaipitiya and Technical College Kuliyaipitiya for the Deyata Kirula 2014 were undertaken by the State Engineering Corporation;
 - (ii) of the names of the companies if the aforesaid constructions were carried out by the other companies;
 - (iii) separately, of the estimated amount of money for each of the aforesaid building;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid buildings were constructed on contract basis; and
 - (v) if so, of the tender procedures that were followed in providing contracts for constructions?
- (b) If not, why?

2677/12

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately in relation to each month, the monthly income and expenditure of the Hambantota International Port since the date on which it was inaugurated up to now ; and
 - (ii) whether the profit earned or the loss incurred as per the income and expenditure reported as mentioned above is at a satisfactory level as against the targets of the port development project planned for this port ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3278/12

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state pertaining to the loans and grants given to Sri Lanka by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in years 2011, 2012 and 2013—
- (i) the values ;
 - (ii) the lending period;
 - (iii) the average interest cost; and
 - (iv) the contracts or projects that the loans and grants were given for?
- (b) If not, why?
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Wednesday, August 20, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2679/'12

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) several higher authorities of 'MILCO' have got together and are executing a scheme to totally destroy the milk production of the country;
 - (ii) they have pledged all assets of the institution a few months ago and imported 2 machines for packing liquid milk spending Rs. 700 million;
 - (iii) MILCO Company is set to bring down machinery, having again obtained a loan of about Rs. 40 million;
 - (iv) the institution has defaulted the dues to be credited to the Employees' Provident Fund and the Employees Trust Fund from last December up to now; and
 - (v) it owes over Rs. 100 million to its suppliers?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to protect MILCO Company by taking action against corrupt officials?
- (c) If not, why ?

3279/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state pertaining to the loans and grants given to Sri Lanka by the Japan International Corporation Agency (JAICA) in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013—
 - (i) the values ;
 - (ii) the lending period;
 - (iii) the average interest cost; and
 - (iv) the contracts or projects that the loans and grants were given for ?
- (b) If not, why?

3. Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of individuals convicted for rape; and
 - (ii) the number of individuals convicted for murdering women; on each of the years between 2008 and 2012?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of individuals connected to politics who were found guilty of rape and murder of women during the above period of time; and
 - (ii) of the punishments meted out to those offenders?
- (c) If not, why?

4. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the number of children affected with cancer who are between the age of one month to 18 years;
 - (ii) the number of individuals affected with cancer per hundred thousand individuals;
 - (iii) the number of females affected with cancer per hundred thousand females; and
 - (iv) the number of males affected with cancer per hundred thousand males;in each of the year 1985,1995,2005 and 2012 in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of cancer related deaths out of the number of annual deaths in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) of the measures taken so far with a view to minimizing the aforesaid situation?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately on annual basis, the loans taken by the government of Sri Lanka from the Export-Import Bank of China from the year 2005 to 2013;
- (ii) separately, the loans taken each year as per the date they were taken; and
- (iii) separately, interest rates to be paid for each such loan?

(b) If not, why?

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether 11 secured cards and 02 multimedia equipments used to prepare identity cards in the Department of Registration of Persons have been disappeared in the year 2013;
- (ii) if so, whether persons responsible for have been identified by conducting an investigation in the departmental level with regard to the disappearance; and
- (iii) whether the loss has been recovered from them?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether the investigations that are being carried out by the Cinnamon Garden Police has been able to find out the lost materials and equipment or identify the culprits; and
- (ii) the stance of the government with regard to that incident that took place at an institution that is responsible for national security?

(c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Balangoda-Kalthota District Hospital is in a dilapidated condition and faced with the threat of closing down?
- (b) Will he state the number of families that obtain medical services from the District Hospital, Kalthota?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that there is a severe dearth of staff in the aforesaid hospital and that sufficient building facilities are not available in order to provide proper services;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of doctors, nurses and other staff working at the hospital;
 - (iii) of the number of buildings that must be constructed anew and the number of buildings that must be repaired in the hospital; and
 - (iv) of the action that will be taken to provide the staff and all other facilities necessary for the hospital to provide an efficient service to the people of the area?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of houses that have been constructed in the Welangolla Housing Scheme in Kurunegala;
 - (ii) the cost of construction of that Housing Scheme;
 - (iii) the methodology of granting a house under that Housing Scheme; and
 - (iv) the sale price of a house from that Housing Scheme?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a machine that can detect subterranean treasures using laser beams has been imported to Sri Lanka and that it has been taken into police custody?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a powerful individual of the defence sector has been involved in importing that machine;
 - (ii) if so, the name of that person;
 - (iii) whether investigations into that machine were stopped due to intervention by the said powerful individual of the defence sector; and
 - (iv) if not, the current situation of those investigations?
- (c) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the country from which that laser machine has been imported;
 - (ii) the amount spent of that; and
 - (iii) the number of such machines imported to this country other than the one mentioned in (a) above?
- (d) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the safety of the subterranean treasures could be affected as result of importing the machine or machines mentioned above; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures taken by now in that regard?
- (e) If not, why?

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that various kinds of seeds are imported to Sri Lanka without permission;
 - (ii) of the names of countries from which seeds are imported in the aforesaid manner;
 - (iii) of the names of the seeds that are imported without permission;
 - (iv) of the nature of requirement for importing seeds without permission; and
 - (v) of the difficulty in making a government intervention in importing seeds from foreign countries?

(64)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he is aware that farmers are greatly inconvenienced due to the unauthorized importation of seeds;
- (ii) if so, the measures that have been taken to stop the unauthorized importation of seeds and to raise awareness among farmers on this matter;
- (iii) whether there is any possibility of taking legal action against persons who import seeds without permission; and
- (iv) if so, the steps that have been taken to enact the aforesaid laws in order to punish those who import seeds without permission?

(c) If not, why?

4759/14

11.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the amount that has been allocated for the importation of dairy cows to increase local milk production;
- (ii) the number of cows that has been imported by now;
- (iii) the amount allocated for the importation of milk producing and dual purpose goats; and
- (iv) whether those goats had been imported by 2013?

(b) If not, why?

4956/14

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the estimated amount for the construction of the Battuluoya-Udappuwa Road in the Puttalam District;
- (ii) the institution to which the construction of this road has been handed over; and
- (iii) whether the proper tender procedure has been followed when the construction was handed over to the said company?

(65)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware that the people have been severely inconvenienced as a result of the construction of the above road being abandoned midway;
 - (ii) the date on which the construction of the said road will be resumed; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to grant relief to the people who have been adversely affected as a result of the lengthy stoppage of the construction of the above road?
- (c) If not, why ?

5026/14

13.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the trend among Sri Lankan consumers to order and purchase pharmaceutical drugs online has increased rapidly during recent times;
 - (ii) most of the pharmaceutical drugs sold in the aforementioned manner have not been registered in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) pharmaceutical drugs obtained through online orders are often used without proper recommendation from doctors?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) whether a formal study has been carried out regarding pharmaceutical drugs that are sold to locals through the internet;
 - (ii) whether the local health officers have the legal authority to regulate the sale of pharmaceutical drugs that is carried out in the aforesaid manner;
 - (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to educate the public on the dangers of purchasing drugs online without a medical prescription and the use of such drugs; and
 - (iv) if so, the manner that will be adopted to educate the public regarding the aforesaid matter?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the total number of students studying at the University of Colombo at present;
- (ii) the number of faculties belonging to the University of Colombo; and
- (iii) the names of the aforesaid faculties ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the total value of the provisions allocated for the University of Colombo for the Year 2012; and
- (ii) whether the aforesaid provisions were sufficient for fulfilling all the requirements of the aforesaid university in the year 2012 ?

(c) If not why ?

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Graduate Trainees who had been absorbed to the Public Service in the year 2012;
- (ii) as to where they have been provided training facilities;
- (iii) whether they were paid an allowance or a salary during the training period;
- (iv) the duration of the training and the trainers who trained them;
- (v) whether the training manuals are available;
- (vi) the number of Graduate Trainees who will be recruited during the year 2013; and
- (vii) the present emoluments and future salary scales of the Graduate Trainees?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, August 21, 2014
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2687/'12

1.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the total number of students studying at the University of Kelaniya and the number of members of the academic staff serving at that university at present;
 - (ii) the number of faculties belonging to the aforesaid university; and
 - (iii) the names of those faculties ?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total value of the provisions allocated for the University of Kelaniya for the year 2012; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid provisions that have been allocated will be sufficient for fulfilling all the requirements of the aforesaid university within the relevant period of time; and
 - (iii) whether the University of Kelaniya possesses sufficient amount of physical and human resources ?
- (c) If not, why?

3302/'12

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the amount of money spent in the years 2010, 2011,2012,2013 and todate on the construction of the Weerawila Airport, separately;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid project will be implemented further;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for discontinuing of the project;
 - (iv) the loss incurred by the Government of Sri Lanka as a result of abandoning the aforesaid project;
 - (v) the name of the person or persons responsible for causing the aforesaid loss; and
 - (vi) the course of action that will be followed against them?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the number of kraals and abattoirs in Dandugama area close to Ja_Ela town in the Gampaha District;
 - (ii) of the system in place to dispose of the Bio-waste that gets constantly accumulated in this area; and
 - (iii) whether there is any environmental and health conservation programme in place in relation to such waste?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana;— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether he is aware that a large number of human lives are lost annually as a result of the human-elephant conflict in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) separately the number of human lives lost annually as a result of this from the year 2005 to date; and
 - (iii) separately the amount of money paid annually as compensation for the human lives lost and property destroyed as a result of the human-elephant conflict during the above period of time?
- (b) Is he aware —
- (i) that an electric fence has been designed as a solution to the human-elephant conflict by Dr. Sarath Wimalasuriya (retired) of the Midigama Government Hospital, Matara;
 - (ii) that the aforesaid apparatus was obtained by wildlife officers to conduct tests; and
 - (iii) that it has not been returned to him up to now?
- (c) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether action will be taken to examine the electric fence designed by Dr. Sarath Wimalasuriya at a low cost and use it as a solution to the human-elephant conflict; and
 - (ii) if so, of the action that will be taken in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the net loss of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited in the year 2010/2011;
- (ii) whether an opinion has been expressed on the existence of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited by Price Waterhouse Coopers, chartered accountants firm which conducted the audit of the said year;
- (iii) if so, whether it has been mentioned in the opinion that “The company had incurred a net loss of Rs. 940.49 million for the year and the company’s current liabilities exceeded its current assets by Rs. 1,083.92 million reflecting a negative net value of Rs. 3,814.45 million which indicated the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the ability of the company to continue as a going concern,”;
- (iv) under these circumstances, whether the government admits that it is no longer productive to channel public funds for the maintenance of Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Limited?

(b) If not, why?

6.

Hon Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine issues a legally valid permit to operate massage centres in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) if so, how many massage centres have been established on such permits in each district; and
- (iii) whether a set of rules have been introduced in respect of the operation of the massage centres so established?

(b) If not, why?

7. Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of ships that arrived at each of the harbours coming under the Sri Lanka Ports Authority and the number of containers handled by each of those harbours during the period from the year 2011 to date;
 - (ii) separately, of the operational profit or loss of each of those harbours during the same period; and
 - (iii) separately, of the total income and the profit earned by the Sri Lanka Ports Authority during the aforesaid period as a whole?
- (b) If not, why?

8. Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of Norochcholai thermal power plant, Hambanthota port, Hambanthota air port, Hambanthota (Sooriyawewa) cricket stadium, Trincomalee power plant and Sampur power plant;
 - (ii) if not, of the reasons for not doing so?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether huge commissions have been obtained in assigning the constructions relevant to the above projects to foreign private companies without calling for tenders; and
 - (ii) the average interest rate agreed upon for the loans relevant to all the above projects implemented under Chinese credit?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the year in which an HIV infection person was identified for the first time in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) the annual growth in the number of HIV affected persons from the date mentioned in (a) above to this date;
 - (ii) separately of the annual growth of the number of HIV infected persons on per district basis;
 - (iii) the main contributory factors for HIV infection; and
 - (iv) the measures that have been taken to control the aforesaid factors?
- (c) Will he state whether the majority of the HIV infected persons are women?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a methodology of preventing a foetus of an HIV infected mother infecting with HIV;
 - (ii) if so, of the methodology that can be adopted;
 - (iii) of the main reasons for the spread of this disease in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) of the measures taken by the government to prevent the spread of HIV disease?
- (e) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures taken to make Sri Lanka self sufficient in milk;
 - (ii) of the institution set up to produce milk powder out of liquid milk; and
 - (iii) whether some programme has been planned to increase the production capacity of that institution?
- (b) If not, why?

4906/'14

11.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of retired public servants on the waiting list to obtain the gratuity from the Department of Pensions as at January 2014;
 - (ii) whether there is a delay in making gratuity payments to them;
 - (iii) if so, of the reasons for that; and
 - (iv) of the amount allocated annually by the Treasury to make gratuity payments to the retired public servants?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken as per Pensions Circular No. 2/2014, to make the gratuity payments made through the Department of Pensions up to now through banks in future; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

4957/'14

12.

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of registered salterns currently in operation in the Puttalam area;
 - (ii) the amount of salt produced annually by the said salterns in metric tons; and
 - (iii) the percentage of salt produced in the Puttalam area as a percentage of the national salt requirement?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether government lands have been handed over under any state policy to salt manufacturing institutions;
 - (ii) if so, separately, the names of companies to which such lands have been given, the extent of lands given to each company and the government's estimated value of such lands; and
 - (iii) whether special privileges have been accorded to certain companies when state lands were allocated for salt production ?
- (c) If not, why?

5027/14

13.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of energy drinks that are sold in the local market at present;
 - (ii) the number of drinks produced locally out of the aforesaid energy drinks;
 - (iii) the criteria that determines the quality and hygienic levels of energy drinks;
 - (iv) the number of complaints received regarding energy drinks by the Consumer Affairs Authority in the year 2014; and
 - (v) the steps taken regarding those complaints?
- (b) If not, why?

2688/12

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of students studying and the number of members of the academic staff serving at the University of Ruhuna at present;
 - (ii) the total value of the funds allocated for the University of Ruhuna in the year 2012;
 - (iii) whether the above mentioned allocations are sufficient to provide an education of high quality to students through that university; and
 - (iv) whether a reasonable salary is paid to the academic staff of that university ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3304/12

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education, —(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House the international rankings obtained for the universities of Colombo, Sri Jayewardenepura, Peradeniya, Moratuwa, and Jaffna in the decades beginning from 1960 to 2000 and from 2000 to 2012 and to date, separately?

(74)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether foreign lecturers have been recruited on a reciprocal basis to the aforesaid universities; and
 - (ii) if so, the dates of such recruitments and the respective universities within last 2 years?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the cost per faculty and per student in each university for the last 5 years on per year basis;
 - (ii) the number of university students having hostel facilities as at today;
 - (iii) whether the said facility is provided free or on payments;
 - (iv) the criteria used to select the students to provide with hostel facilities;
 - (v) the alternate arrangement made for the students who do not have hostel facilities; and
 - (vi) the long term strategy adopted to provide all students with accommodation ?
- (d) If not, why?
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Friday, August 22, 2014

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2689/12

1.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of members of the academic staff who serve in the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, at present;
 - (ii) the number of students who study in this university at present; and
 - (iii) the value of the total provisions allocated for the aforesaid university for the year 2012?

(75)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the provisions allocated as mentioned above are sufficient to address the shortages and the deficiencies that exist in the university;
 - (ii) whether there is a development plan, formulated for the development of the said university; and
 - (iii) if so, of the programmes incorporated in the plan ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3307/'12

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of Samurdhi Development Officers serving in the Colombo District to date;
 - (ii) their names and addresses;
 - (iii) the services rendered by these officers; and
 - (iv) separately, the monthly salary of a Samurdhi Development Officer and the amount of money spent monthly for the payment of the salaries of all the Samurhdhi Officers in the above mentioned district?
- (b) Will he also state that the service rendered by the Samurdhi Development Officers in Colombo District is sufficient?
- (c) If not, why?

3959/'13

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the name and address of the institution to which the management of garbage and waste disposed at Gohagoga area has been assigned by the Municipal Council of Kandy;
 - (ii) the names and the addresses of its owner and the members of the Board of Directors, separately;
 - (iii) whether the owner of that institution holds a post in another institution;
 - (iv) whether the institution mentioned in (i) above is registered under the Registration of Companies Act or under any other institution; and
 - (v) if so, the name of the aforesaid institution or the names of the aforesaid institutions along with the registration number?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a copy of the lease agreement made between the aforesaid institution and the Municipal Council of Kandy will be tabled;
 - (ii) the conditions incorporated in that lease agreement;
 - (iii) the conditions which have been fulfilled and the conditions which have been contravened as per the agreement; and
 - (iv) if conditions have been contravened, the action taken against it?
- (c) If not, why?

4174/13

4.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of employees belonging to each non-academic staff working at the state universities by the end of July 2013, separately;
 - (ii) the minimum salaries pertaining to the recruitment of employees to the non-academic staffs of universities;
 - (iii) the manner in which the salary increments of the non-academic employees have been formed;
 - (iv) the different amounts paid as allowances pertaining to the non-academic employees of different levels; and
 - (v) the number of vacancies prevailing in the non-academic staffs at present?
- (b) If not, why?

4466/13

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lankan embassy in the United States had dealings with the company named Hedges Strategies in the years 2010, 2011 and 2012;
 - (ii) if so, the period during which such transactions have taken place;
 - (iii) the task or tasks accomplished through such transactions;
 - (iv) the benefits derived from them;
 - (v) the value of the payments made for the said transactions;
 - (vi) the expenditure head under which funds were allocated for this purpose; and
 - (vii) if agreements have been entered into with that company whether such agreements will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a private land has been taken over by the Urban Development Authority, to be provided to the Russian Embassy;
 - (ii) the basis on which the said taking over has been done;
 - (iii) the total extent of the land to be provided for the Russian Embassy;
 - (iv) whether it is ethical to take over private lands and sell the same to other institutions; and
 - (v) whether it is possible under the current law to utilize the lands taken over, for some other purpose than a public purpose?
- (b) Will he also state the amount paid as compensation to the former residents of the said lands after taking over the same?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Sri Lanka expects to export rice to foreign countries in the future;
 - (ii) if so, whether the seed paddy which is needed to produce the rice required by the foreign market is produced in the country at present; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of the farms which produce that seed paddy?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the varieties of Basmathi produced in Sri Lanka have been tendered to the local market;
 - (ii) whether action has been taken to provide a higher price to the produce of the farmers who cultivate varieties of Basmathi;
 - (iii) if so, the price paid for Basmathi variety of rice; and
 - (iv) whether a government centre has been established to purchase the varieties of Basmathi so produced?
- (c) If not, why?

4761/'14

8.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether small and medium scale poultry farm development programmes are in operation;
 - (ii) if so, the amount allocated for the said programmes in the year 2012;
 - (iii) of the number of poultry farms that has been registered within the Kurunegala District;
 - (iv) whether a programme to develop small scale poultry farming as a form of self employment, has been implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

4817/'14

9.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) whether it has been proposed to construct a small power station linked to the Deduru Oya Reservoir Project that is being constructed in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) if so, what volume of electricity is expected to be generated from it;
 - (iii) the amount of money which will be spent for the project;
 - (iv) whether the construction work of the electricity project concerned has been commenced by now;
 - (v) if so, the name of the company which conducts the construction work;
 - (vi) whether the Ceylon Electricity Board has entered into an agreement to purchase the volume of electricity expected to be generated in this manner; and
 - (vii) if so, at which price a unit of electricity is intended to be purchased?
- (b) If not, why?

4907/14

10.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total number of inmates held in Mahara prison;
 - (ii) the number of persons detained as suspects, out of them; and
 - (iii) the number of persons held as prisoners?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the wards L and N of the Mahara prison are used to detain suspects;
 - (ii) there is a high congestion in the aforesaid two wards;
 - (iii) the toilet facilities and the drinking water facilities and washing facilities in the aforesaid prison are at a very minimum level; and
 - (iv) the inmates of the aforesaid wards undergo severe strain due to the aforesaid circumstances?
- (c) Will he state the measures taken to minimize the congestion in the detention places in the Mahara prison?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the incumbent superintendent of the Mahara prison;
 - (ii) of the total number of employees working in that prison;
 - (iii) whether there is any truth of the accusation to the effect that the staff of the Mahara prison along with its superintendent treat the inmates of that prison in an inhuman manner; and
 - (iv) if so, the courses of action taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

5028/14

11.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam, — To ask the Minister of Health, —(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the nature of the role of a nutritionist in the provision of medical treatment;
 - (ii) the number of nutritionists that must be in service in the field of healthcare;
 - (iii) the number of nutritionists working in government hospitals at present;
 - (iv) the reason for not recruiting nutritionists to fulfill the requirement at the government hospitals to date; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to recruit immediately, the number of nutritionists required to provide a better service to the patients?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the University of Moratuwa was founded;
 - (ii) the founders of the aforesaid university; and
 - (iii) the number of students, who study in the aforesaid university at present ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the mount of money allocated, for the University of Moratuwa for the year 2012;
 - (ii) of the amount by which the aforesaid allocations have been increased or reduced, in comparison to the allocation made for the aforesaid university in the year 2011; and
 - (iii) whether sufficient allocations have been made to provide a qualitative education for the students of the University of Moratuwa ?
- (c) If not, why?

3308/12

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Sri Lankan Embassies have to spend money out of Embassy funds, to cover up the expenses of politicians or public servants, when they go overseas;
 - (ii) if so, the total amount spent by the relevant Embassies for such expenses for the last 6 years annually;
 - (iii) the purpose of making the aforesaid payments;
 - (iv) whether reasons for such payments are personal or official;
 - (v) if those are on personal reasons, the persons to whom the payments were made; and
 - (vi) the date on which such payments were made and the reasons for payments?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) about 300 milch cows that were in estates coming under the purview of Coconut Research Institute, Lunuwila have been sold for meat by calling a forged tender;
 - (ii) among those cows sold, there were milch cows, calves and pregnant cows; and
 - (iii) according to the rules and regulations of the government only oxen can be sold for meat?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the weight and age of each cow/calf sold as above;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of persons who have purchased those cows/calves?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits the fact the above mentioned cows/calves have been sold in violation of the existing rules and regulations; and
 - (ii) if so, whether steps will be taken to hold a formal investigation about this fraudulent transaction?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware of the problematic situation that arose in applying to the Colleges of Education due to the Z-score crisis in the year 2011;
 - (ii) whether gazette notifications have been issued with regard to the enrollment of students to Colleges of Education;
 - (iii) the numbers and the dates of the aforesaid gazette notifications;
 - (iv) the content of the aforesaid gazette notifications;
 - (v) the number of applications received for the Colleges of Education by now;
 - (vi) the number of applicants who have been called for interviews out of the aforesaid number of applicants?
- (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

* 1

The 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,
- (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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3.
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 5th Parliament and thereafter during the 6th 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
 - (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. 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 4th 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 01st April 2011, when he said,

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Whereas Elections to Municipal Councils of Colombo, Sri Jayawardanepura-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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9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma

Hon. Niroschan 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 7th 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 21st 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 :

(99)

- (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.

10.

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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11.

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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12.

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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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 Premajyantha
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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14.

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 01st, 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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15.

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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- 16.
- 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.

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17.

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 17th, 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 5th, 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 mislead 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 17th, 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.

18.

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 9th, 2012,—

Whereas a prison riot of enormous magnitude took place on the night of November 9th, 2012 and continued till early hours of November 10th, 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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19.

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. Nirosan 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 23rd 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;

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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 24th 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*
