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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2665/'12

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the assistance programmes of the state designed to develop infrastructure facilities in places of religious worship including temples, Kovils, Churches and Mosques as mentioned in the 'Mahinda Chinthana - Vision for the Future'; and
 - (ii) the details of such assistance programmes?
- (b) If not, why?

3310/'12

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of Sri Lankans working overseas as at 31st December 2012 and to date?
- (b) Will he state from 2009 to date—
 - (i) the total foreign remittances flowed into the country through foreign employment separately in U.S Dollars and Sri Lankan Rupees;
 - (ii) the number of migrant workers deported or sent back each year owing to the default working contracts;
 - (iii) the steps being taken in this regard;
 - (iv) the amount of money earned through the Insurance Scheme from Sri Lankans who are leaving for overseas jobs; and
 - (v) the amount of money spent from the said Insurance Funds for the Sri Lankans working overseas?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of train engines and compartments imported to Department of Sri Lanka Railways during the past five years;
 - (ii) the names of the countries from which these engines and compartments were imported;
 - (iii) the procedure followed in purchasing the above;
 - (iv) the method that was adopted to find money to purchase them;
 - (v) whether local or foreign loans have been obtained to find money; and
 - (vi) if so, such amounts of loans, interest rates and conditions related to that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it has been revealed that the aforesaid imported engines and compartments lack the required technology;
 - (ii) of the reasons for such technical faults;
 - (iii) whether an investigation has been conducted with regard to the purchasing of compartments and engines with technical faults;
 - (iv) if so, according to the above investigation, the persons responsible for the above transaction; and
 - (v) of the courses of action that have been taken against them?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) two charge sheets have been served under Schedule I of Chapter XLVIII of the Establishments Code against the Deputy Post Master General Mr. K.A.S. Senadheera who has been appointed as the Director of the Project for Networking Post Offices;
 - (ii) Mr. Senadheera has been subjected to punishment as he was found guilty of an allegation mentioned in one of the charge sheets;
 - (iii) a formal disciplinary inquiry has not been conducted regarding the other charge sheet yet;
 - (iv) the Auditor General has informed that the Deputy Post Master General Mr. Senadheera is not qualified to act as the Director of the aforementioned project; and
 - (v) the Auditor General has ordered that the money obtained by Mr. Senadheera through undue means as the Director of the project, be recovered?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to conduct a formal disciplinary inquiry on the remaining charge sheet against Mr. Senadheera; and
 - (ii) whether disciplinary action will be taken to recover the money that has been obtained by him as the Project Director in undue manner?
- (c) If not, why?

4671/'13

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the location and the hotel where the 'Commonwealth Business Conference –2013' was held at;
 - (ii) of the number of countries that the businessmen who attended the aforesaid conference represented; and
 - (iii) separately of the amounts of money spent on the aforesaid conference by the government of Sri Lanka and the Commonwealth Business Forum?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tax concessions have been granted for projects that were started in Sri Lanka after the aforesaid conference; and
 - (ii) separately of the benefits that the government and the people of Sri Lanka receive through the aforesaid concessions?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are special projects which the businessmen who attended the aforesaid conference were interested in investing in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of such projects?
- (d) If not, why?

4766/'14

6.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of the Kurunegala District—
 - (i) the number of centres established to purchase paddy;
 - (ii) the number of storage facilities available for storing paddy;
 - (iii) of the paddy harvest, the percentage of the amount of paddy purchased by the government; and
 - (iv) whether a system will be drawn up for converting paddy into rice and distributing in the District itself?
- (b) If not, why?

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4856/14

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) of the housing programmes operational under the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities;
 - (ii) the housing projects that have been completed and commissioned at present; and
 - (iii) the procedure followed in selecting the recipients of houses under those housing projects?
- (b) Will he table a list of names of the recipients of houses under the above housing projects?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made to provide the houses of the Maligawatta housing scheme to its original residents; and
 - (ii) the objectives of the housing programmes of the Ministry for 2014?
- (d) If not, why?

4958/14

8.

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of hospitals in the Puttalam District administered by the North Western Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) the number of out patients who received treatments from these hospitals during the years 2012 and 2013;
- (b) Will he table separately—
 - (i) the number of doctors, nurses, attendants, hospital labourers and members of other staff approved for each of the said hospitals indicated in (a)(i) above administered under the North Western Provincial Council; and
 - (ii) the number of vacancies exists by now in the said hospitals in respect of the above positions?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the measures taken to fill the vacancies in the posts indicated in (b) (ii) above?
- (d) If not, why?

5027/14

9.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(3)

- (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?

5072/14

10.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a post named Special Projects Operations Director within the approved cadre of the Archaeological Department;
 - (ii) the duties entrusted to that post; and
 - (iii) the date and the year on which the aforesaid post was created in the Archaeological Department?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the person who holds the post of the Special Projects Operations Director of the Archaeological Department at present;
 - (ii) of the educational qualifications that are in possession with the said individual in order to hold the aforesaid post; and
 - (iii) of the objective behind appointing a military officer for the said post?
- (c) If not, why?

5084/14

11.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) drinking water facilities are not available for the occupants of the Uilankulam “50 Houses” housing scheme of Thunukkai, Mulativu; and
 - (ii) the occupants of the aforesaid housing scheme go through various inconveniences, in getting drinking water supplied?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken to address the drinking water issue of the occupants of the aforesaid scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

5174/14

12.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amounts of debt and interest owed by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation to the Bank of Ceylon, People’s Bank and other Banks to date, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

5181/14

13.

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha, — To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(2)

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to the period from year 2009 to 2014—
 - (i) the amount of money that was spent annually by the entities coming under the Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities on sponsorship advertisements, congratulatory cutouts and hoardings;
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent annually on hoardings that were displayed with a view to achieving the objectives of the aforesaid entities; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that was spent annually on hoardings that were displayed with a view to achieving objectives that fall outside the ambit of the objectives of the aforesaid entities?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the facts to which publicity was given through the hoardings that were displayed for achieving the objectives that fall outside the ambit of the objectives of the aforesaid entities;
 - (ii) of the names of persons who gave approval for the display of such hoardings;
 - (iii) of the manner in which the expenses incurred on them were reimbursed; and
 - (iv) whether documents pertaining to the expenses incurred on the same will be presented to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

5192/14

14.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the extent of the progress of discussions that took place recently regarding the issues concerning Sri Lankan and Indian fishermen;
 - (ii) the nature of the intervention of the government with regard to the aforesaid issues;
 - (iii) the number of Sri Lankan fishermen that are held captive in Andhra Pradesh, India at present; and
 - (iv) the nature of the intervention of the government in order to get them released from captivity?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) if the fuel subsidy given to the fishermen has been stopped, whether an alternate package has been introduced to them;
 - (ii) if so, what that package is; and
 - (iii) of the difference between the package and the fuel subsidy system?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. Ahamadu Lebbe Aziz (Sri Lanka Passport No. N0628701), the husband of Mrs. M.L.Fathima Rizana residing at No. 4C/12, Danagama Road, Mahawatta, Mawanella died on 09.07.2012 in the city of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for not granting the insurance compensation despite the submission of insurance claim application under No.00884/2013 of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment together with the relevant documents and affidavits on behalf of the deceased;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to pay the said compensation to the wife of Mr. Aziz without delay?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.20/10

1.

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

2.

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

3.

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

4.

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

5.

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

6.

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

7.

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

8.

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

9.

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

10.

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

11.

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

12.

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

13.

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

14.

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

15.

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

16.

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

17.

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

18.

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

19.

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

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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. 81/10

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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

34.

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

35.

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

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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

39.

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

40.

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

41.

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

42.

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

43.

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

44.

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

45.

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

46.

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

47.

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

48.

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

49.

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

50.

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

51.

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

52.

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

53.

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

54.

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

55.

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

56.

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

57.

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

58.

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

59.

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

60.

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

61.

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

62.

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

63.

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

64.

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

65.

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

66.

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

67.

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

68.

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

69.

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.147/'11

70.

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

71.

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

72.

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

73.

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

74.

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

75.

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

76.

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

77.

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

78.

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

79.

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

80.

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

81.

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

82.

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

83.

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

84.

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

85.

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

86.

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

87.

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

88.

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

89.

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

90.

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

91.

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

92.

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

93.

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.186/'13

94.

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

95.

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

96.

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

97.

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

P.190/'13

98.

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

99.

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

100.

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

101.

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

102.

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

103.

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

104.

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

105.

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

106.

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

107.

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

108.

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

109.

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

110.

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

111.

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

112.

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

113.

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

114.

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

115.

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

116.

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

117.

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

118.

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

119.

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

120.

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

121.

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

122.

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

123.

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

124.

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

125.

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

126.

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

127.

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

128.

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

P.223/'14

129.

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

P.224/'14

130.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Designating as National Heroes those Sri Lankans who were branded by British Colonial rulers as traitors,— That this Parliament resolves that all those Sri Lankans, who had fought death-defiantly against British Colonial rulers in the name of the country and had been branded as traitors from the year 1815 up to the Independence in the year 1948, should be designated National Heroes by a Gazette Extraordinary.

P.225/'14

131.

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

P.226/'14

132.

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

P.227/'14

133.

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

P.228/'14

134.

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

P.229/'14

135.

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

P.230/'14

136.

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

P.231/'14

137.

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

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138.

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

P.233/'14

139.

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

P.234/'14

140.

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

P.235/'14

141.

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

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142

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

P.237/'14

143.

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

P.238/'14

144.

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

P.239/'14

145.

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

P.240/'14

146.

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

P.241/'14

147.

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

P.242/'14

148.

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

P.243/'14

149.

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

P.244/'14

150.

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

P.245/'14

151.

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

P. 246/'14

152.

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

P. 247/'14

153.

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

P. 248/'14

154.

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

P. 249/'14

155.

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

P. 250/'14

156.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting a Standard for the Sinhala Language,— That this Parliament resolves that a procedure that can ensure that sustainability of the Sinhala Language be made through the appointment of a panel of experts to set a standard for the language by taking into consideration the changes that occur over time since the syntax and the use of certain letters, particularly 'න, ණ, ට, ඬ,' are controversial.

P. 251/'14

157.

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

P. 252/'14

158.

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

P. 253/'14

159.

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

P. 254/'14

160.

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

P. 255/'14

161.

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

P. 256/'14

162.

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

P.257/'14

163.

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

P. 258/'14

164.

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

P. 259/'14

165.

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

*166.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President in relation to Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1875/30 of 14th August 2014, which was presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*167.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President in relation to Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1876/42 of 22nd August 2014, which was presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*168.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the President in relation to Special Commodity Levy under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1878/42 of 04th September 2014, which was presented on 19.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*169.

The Minister of Power and Energy,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Electricity Act,— That the Regulations (Electrical Inspectors' Functions, Duties and Procedures) made by the Minister of Power and Energy under Section 54 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 on the recommendation of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1883/12 of 10th October 2014, which were presented on 24.11.2014, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*170.

Prescription (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned debate on question (07th August, 2014) [1].

*171.

Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill — Second Reading.

*172.

Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*173.

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.)

*174.

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.)

*175.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.3),— 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 Czech Republic for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 28th March 2011, 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 05.08.2014 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*176.

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.

*177.

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.)

*178.

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.)

*179.

The Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,— 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.

180.

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

181.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

182.

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

183.

The Institute of Medicina Alternativa (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

184.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Consideration.

185.

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

* *Indicates Government Business*

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

[1].

Motion made and question proposed “That the Bill be now read a second time.”

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2691/’12

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the deficiencies of human and physical resources prevalent in the University of Peradeniya; and
- (ii) the date on which action will be taken to remedy these deficiencies and shortcomings?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the total number of undergraduates studying in the University of Peradeniya at present;
- (ii) the number of faculties available in the aforesaid university;
- (iii) the total value of provisions allocated for the aforesaid university for the year 2012; and
- (iv) the amount increased or decreased when compared with the amount allocated for the university in the year 2011?

(c) If not, why?

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of hotel rooms in Sri Lanka in star class basis as at today;
 - (ii) the number of room nights per year;
 - (iii) the number of transit arrivals for the last 3 years on per year basis; and
 - (iv) the average amount spent in Sri Lanka by a foreigner?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) all the taxes imposed on tourist arrivals; and
 - (ii) the amount earned by each tax separately for the last 3 years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

Hon. P. Harrison,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(4)

- (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 given 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?

4.

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

- (a) Will he state whether an office has been established for the project of networking Post Offices?
- (b) Will he table—
 - (i) if so, the names, addresses, designations and educational and other qualifications of the members of the staff working in that office; and
 - (ii) separately the allowances that have been paid to the staff working at that office since its inception?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the institution that has been assigned with consultancy duties of the project of networking Post Offices;
 - (ii) of the sum of money spent for purchasing computer hardware required for the aforesaid project up to now;
 - (iii) of the name of the institution that has been assigned with the duty of developing software of the aforesaid project; and
 - (iv) of total amount of money that has been paid to the aforesaid institution for developing software up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake;— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House under which officer the supervision work is done at the Main Service Station Equipment Workshop at Kolonnawa, which is governed under the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation?
- (b) Will he state for the period from the year 2005 to June 2013—
 - (i) the amount that had been spent for purchasing pumps and spare parts and for carrying out repairs to the fuel filling stations; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that was earned from selling spare parts?
- (c) Will he also inform this House of the number of employees employed at the workshop concerned by the end of June 2013?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,—(3)

- (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”; and
 - (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?

4584/13

7.

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment has introduced a compulsory insurance scheme that has been functioning with contributions from migrant workers; and
 - (ii) the activities under this insurance scheme were first operated by the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation and later divested to a foreign recruitment agency, who in turn transferred the activities through a broker company to MBSL Insurance?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the foreign recruitment agency concerned started to obtain the service of the broker company referred to above;
 - (ii) what percentage is paid to the broker company from the premium collected from a migrant worker;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money that has been paid to the broker company so far;
 - (iv) whether the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation obtained the service of a broker when it operated the insurance scheme; and
 - (v) what benefits have been accrued through obtaining the services of the broker?

(42)

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the name of the representative of the broker company who received the fees paid for the broker services; and
- (ii) whether the representative concerned had been in employment of that company throughout the period during which the fees were paid?

(d) If not, why?

4767/'14

8.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the quantity of wheat imported to this country annually;
- (ii) of its value;
- (iii) of the quantity of wheat flour imported annually;
- (iv) of the daily consumption of bread; and
- (v) whether measures will be taken to reduce the consumption of bread?

(b) If not, why?

4941/'14

9.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he table—

- (i) separately and on the basis of each higher educational institution of the number of students who receive financial assistance from the commencement through the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund every year;
- (ii) the number of students who received financial assistance through the Mahapola scholarships from 1981 up to date?

(43)

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the sources that contribute to the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund;
 - (ii) whether the selection of student of low income families to grant Mahapola scholarships takes place in accordance with an acceptable methodology; and
 - (iii) if so, what that methodology is?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether a follow up has been done on the benefits reaped by the recipients of the Mahapola Scholarship who have completed their higher education?
- (d) If not, why?

5035/14

10.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development, —(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) there is a big demand for Virgin Coconut Oil in the international market;
 - (ii) there is an opportunity of earning large amount of foreign exchange by the exportation of Virgin Coconut Oil which is being sold at high prices?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of factories manufacturing Virgin Coconut Oil in the country;
 - (ii) of the amount of Virgin Coconut Oil manufactured annually;
 - (iii) the income generated by the exportation of Virgin Coconut Oil in the year 2013;
 - (iv) of the government patronage extended towards such manufacturers; and
 - (v) whether a standard quality control mechanism has been introduced in view of maintaining a higher level of the quality of Virgin Coconut Oil exported by Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(3)

(a) Will she state—

- (i) the number of coal power plants that are in operation in Sri Lanka at present;
- (ii) the names of those power plants;
- (iii) the number of new coal power plants that have been proposed to be built;
- (iv) the locations in which the aforesaid power plants will be established;
- (v) the methodology that will be adopted to acquire land that is required for the aforesaid construction activities;
- (vi) the number of units of electricity that is generated by the Norochcholai coal power plant at present; and
- (vii) the aforesaid amount as a percentage of the total energy requirement of Sri Lanka?

(b) If not, why?

12.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the people who use the main road from Delthota to Pallegama face many difficulties because that road has been in a highly dilapidated condition for along time;
- (ii) the school children who use that road face many difficulties during the rainy season?

(b) Will he state whether steps will be taken to repair that main road speedily for the well being of the residents of Delthota and Pallegama area?

(c) If not, why?

5359/'14

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to when the construction work of Palali Airport will be completed; and
 - (ii) as to when it will be opened for public?
- (b) If not, why?

2693/'12

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which the Eastern University was established;
 - (ii) separately of the number of undergraduates studying and the number of academic staff members serving in that University at present;
 - (iii) the number of faculties in that University; and
 - (iv) the names of those faculties?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) human and physical resource shortages that exist in the Eastern University;
 - (ii) the date on which action will be taken to address those shortages and deficiencies;
 - (iii) whether there is a development plan for that University;
 - (iv) if so, the details of that plan;
 - (v) the estimated expenditure for the implementation of that plan;
 - (vi) the time frame within which the government will take action to provide those financial provisions?
- (c) If not, why?

3319/'12

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the 'Real Purchasing Power' of government servants as of today, comparing the monthly salary received 5 years ago with the inflation rate of each year?

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- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the value of the Cost of Living Allowance of government servants;
 - (ii) whether it is paid monthly;
 - (iii) the last date or month it was paid; and
 - (iv) the reasons, if the Cost of Living Allowance is not paid?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2695/12

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the world famous hot water springs of Madunagala are situated in the village of Mahapelessa in the Sooriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division in Hambantota District;
 - (ii) the area surrounding the aforesaid hot water springs was developed as a tourist zone;
 - (iii) a large number of Sri Lankans and foreigners visit this area at present; and
 - (iv) the facilities for tourism that were developed in the area surrounding the hot water springs are decaying at present?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a programme with proper targets will be implemented with a view to addressing the shortcomings prevalent in the tourist zone around Madunagala hot water springs; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

3323/12

2.

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

- (a) Will he state from 2010 to date on per year basis;
 - (i) the consumption of beer and hard liquor separately;
 - (ii) the quantity of beer and hard liquor produced in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the quantity of beer and hard liquor imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the revenue earned by the Government as all forms of taxes imposed on imports and local production of beer and hard liquor?

(47)

- (b) Will he also state the estimated amount of illicit brewing taken place on per year basis for the last 3 years?
- (c) If not, why?

4088/'13

3.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a project for networking all the Post Offices located around the island has been launched;
 - (ii) the name of the institution with which an agreement has been signed;
 - (iii) whether a feasibility study was carried out before signing that agreement;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to submit a copy of the said agreement to this House; and
 - (v) the date on which that agreement was signed?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the sum of money expected to be spent for the project of networking of the Post Offices;
 - (ii) of the duration of the aforesaid project; and
 - (iii) separately, of the number of Post Offices networked in each phase?
- (c) If not, why?

4091/'13

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there were days in the year 2013 that the Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery was not functioning;
 - (ii) the reasons for non functioning of the refinery;
 - (iii) whether the refinery was closed down due to the failure in obtaining crude oil;
 - (iv) what those days were;
 - (v) the gross loss incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a result of the closure of the refinery due to the lack of crude oil;
 - (vi) whether an inquiry has been conducted about the shortage of crude oil;
 - (vii) whether disciplinary actions have been taken against the persons who were found guilty in that inquiry?
- (b) If not, why?

4297/13

5. Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a decision has been taken to sell the stocks of paddy in excess in warehouses belonging to the government at lower prices for animal feed;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for selling the stocks of paddy at lower prices for animal feed;
 - (iii) whether a moisture content test is carried out when purchasing paddy by the government warehouses; and
 - (iv) of the percentage of moisture content that should be contained in the stocks of paddy when being purchased?
- (b) If not, why?

4656/13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the state institutions have been privatized during the period of 20 years from 1994 to 2014;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of the aforesaid institutions;
 - (iii) of the institutions or the parties by whom such institutions were purchased; and
 - (iv) whether the privatization of state institutions, is not in contravention to the policy of the government?
- (b) If not, why?

4676/13

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

- (a) Will he table —
 - (i) the number of registered companies from which drugs are purchased for government hospitals;
 - (ii) the number of foreign and local companies out of the number registered, separately; and
 - (iii) the names of the local agents of the foreign companies registered?

(49)

- (b) Will he also table—
- (i) the countries from which drugs are purchased for government hospitals;
 - (ii) the names of those countries in the order of the quantity of drugs purchased; and
 - (iii) the names of the countries that produce sub standard drugs, out of the said countries?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of types of drugs withdrawn due to lack of proper standard out of the drugs supplied to government hospitals, separately in each year within the last three years;
 - (ii) whether a sample test is carried out at government laboratories and a report is obtained prior to the ordering of drugs; and
 - (iii) of the number and names of the companies blacklisted for importing sub standard drugs within the last two years?
- (d) If not, why?

4769/14

8.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Sub Post Masters employed on permanent basis in the Kurunegala District;
 - (ii) whether the privileges enjoyed by the public servants will be granted to the Sub Post Masters too; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to grant an extra allowance to the Sub Post Masters for the duty they carry out on Saturdays?
- (b) If not, why?

4943/14

9.

Hon.(Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he table in this House—
- (i) the state and non state banks and financial institutions which have provided loans to state institutions;
 - (ii) the state institutions which have obtained loans from the year 2013 up to now in the year 2014;

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- (b) Will he also table a list which includes the name of each institution that has obtained loans as mentioned in (a) above (Ministry, Department, State, Corporation and other institutions), the name of the lending institution (bank/financial institution), the amount of the loan obtained and the reason or the requirement of obtaining loans?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the interest rate charged when providing loans to public institutions as mentioned above;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid interest rate is changed based on the reason of obtaining loans; and
 - (iii) if so, the aforesaid changes?
- (d) If not, why?

5097/'14

10.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of minor irrigation works which were developed in the North-Western Province parallel to the Deyata Kirula 2014 Exhibition;
 - (ii) whether there are newly-commenced irrigation projects parallel to the Exhibition; and
 - (iii) the amounts that were spent for each such project?
- (b) If not, why?

5199/'14

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the objectives of the 'Bim Saviya' programme;
 - (ii) whether there is a possibility to survey lands under the 'Bim Saviya' programme violating a ruling given by the court; and
 - (iii) if so, the legal provisions under which the aforesaid survey of land has taken place?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that a land divided into three blocks as per the final decision given by the Homagama District court for the partition case bearing case number 2061, has been divided into two blocks by ‘Bim Saviya’ officers violating the aforesaid decision; and
 - (ii) the reason for the aforesaid land to be divided in that manner?
- (c) If not, why?

2731/’12

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) bread is sold at various prices in different areas with the price increase of wheat flour ; and
 - (ii) although the fixed weight of a loaf of bread should be of 450g, there is no fixed weight in the bread that is sold at the market by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the owners of the bakeries and the sellers of bread have been made aware by the relevant officials, of the fixed weight and the fixed price of a loaf of bread ; and
 - (ii) of the measures taken, to bring to book the sellers those who sell bread without fixed weight and above the fixed price?
- (c) If not, why?

3324/’12

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the total number of passenger cars, vans, lorries, trishaws and motor bikes registered in the country in the years of 2010, 2011 and 2012 separately?
- (b) Will he state the number of vehicles existing in each of the aforesaid types under the following categories based on the date of registration—
- (i) less than 2 years old;
 - (ii) 2 to 5 years old;
 - (iii) 5 to 10 years old;
 - (iv) 10 to 20 years old; and
 - (v) over 20 years old?
- (c) Will he also state the amount of money earned by the Government or the Provincial Council through issuing vehicle revenue licenses for the years referred to in part (a)?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Sri Lankan embassy in the United States had dealings with the company named Patton Boggs 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?

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Vehicles Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., that has been registered under the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka, is currently engaged in a business of assembling and selling vehicles in Free Trade Zone and their customers are shown a letter that has been issued by the Commissioner General of Motor Traffic to the effect that the vehicles that are purchased from aforesaid company will be registered within a period of one month;
 - (ii) but, however, the Department of Motor Traffic turned down the registration of vehicles sold by the aforesaid company; and
 - (iii) for that reason, a large number of buyers who have purchased motor vehicles from aforesaid company have been inconvenienced a great deal, being unable to run their vehicles ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the facilities will be provided to register the vehicles that have been purchased from Vehicles Lanka (Pvt)., Ltd, in Department of Motor Traffic?
- (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, January 22, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2763/12

1. Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)
 - (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the total amount of money spent for the function held to commemorate the “Nurses Day”;
 - (ii) the number of vacancies exist for nurses in the government hospitals;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that sometimes the nurses have to work approximately 18 hours per day due to the shortage of nurses; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken in the future to prevent this situation?
 - (b) If not, why?
- 3325/12
2. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)
 - (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the benefits proposed by the budget speeches for 2012 and 2013 to the journalists;
 - (ii) of them, the benefits given to the journalists in 2012 and 2013; and
 - (iii) the total value of the aforesaid benefits?
 - (b) Will he also state the names of the journalists to whom the car loans were given along with the name of the media institution?
 - (c) If not, why ?
- 4424/13
3. Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Investment Promotion,—(2)
 - (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to start a cement factory based at China Port in Trincomalee;
 - (ii) whether an environmental report has been obtained pertaining to the construction of the proposed factory;
 - (iii) if so, whether he could submit the contents of the report to this House; and
 - (iv) whether complaints or objections have been received to the effect that there is a threat of the fish resource being destroyed due to the construction of the factory concerned?
 - (b) If not, why?

4529/13

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that there was a budget proposal in the budget 2013—
 - (i) to develop isolated schools into a child friendly environment;
 - (ii) to give free food containing cereal, eggs and milk to every child admitted to those schools; and
 - (iii) to provide a pair of shoes and an additional uniform in the middle of the year for the students of those schools?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of child friendly schools that have been developed by now;
 - (ii) whether the proposals mentioned in above (a) (ii) and (iii) are being implemented by now;
 - (iii) if so, the number of schools in which the aforesaid proposals are being implemented;
 - (iv) if the aforesaid proposals are not being implemented, the reasons for that; and
 - (v) if so, the date on which that the aforesaid proposals will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

4573/13

5.

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

- (a) Will he state the quantity of liquid milk that is required to meet the annual requirement of milk and milk products in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the amount of money that is charged per kilogram of imported milk powder; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid amount as percentage of the price at which the imported milk powder is sold in the local market?
- (c) If not, why?

4657/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether a letter has been issued, in consultation with the Prime Minister, in order to get a container released on a concessionary manner that was found to be carrying a huge amount of Heroin amounting to 250 Kg, to this country ;
 - (ii) if so, whether aforesaid letter will be tabled;
 - (iii) whether responsibility is borne by the Prime Minister when the letters are issued under the letter head of Prime Minister's office;
 - (iv) of the measures taken in relation to the officer who signed the letter that was issued intending the release of the container with aforesaid stock of Heroine?
- (b) If not, why?

4677/'13

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the increase in the number of Dengue patients reported within Sri Lanka in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013, separately; and
 - (ii) the number that died of Dengue in the aforesaid years?
- (b) Will he table the names of the Districts in descending order with the highest number of deaths due to Dengue reported in the said years?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been implemented to eradicate Dengue;
 - (ii) the amount spent for the said purpose within the last three years;
 - (iii) the results gained through that?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the countries from which the BTI bacteria for Dengue eradication was imported;
 - (ii) the amount spent for the importation of those bacteria in 2011, 2012 and 2013 separately;
 - (iii) whether it is possible to produce the BTI bacteria in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) if that is possible, the reasons for not using the BTI bacteria in Sri Lanka?
- (e) If not, why?

4772/'14

8.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a combined Time Table is to be implemented for the buses of the Sri Lanka Transport Board and private buses;
 - (ii) whether Sri Lanka Transport Board will be faced with a huge loss due to the aforesaid combined Time Table as the number of buses owned by the Sri Lanka Transport Board is lesser than the number of private buses; and
 - (iii) if so, whether any action will be taken to prevent the aforesaid loss that will be caused to the SLTB?
- (b) If not, why?

5022/'14

9.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money spent on the project to broaden the road from Gampaha, Miriswatte to Wathurugama;
 - (ii) whether a copy of the estimate which was prepared for the aforesaid project will be tabled?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the institution by which the contract to broaden the aforesaid road was undertaken;
 - (ii) whether the accepted tender procedures were followed for the selection of that institution; and
 - (iii) of the reasons led, if the formal tender procedure was not followed?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which the lands were taken over for the purpose of broadening the aforesaid road;
 - (ii) whether compensation has been paid for the lands that were taken over;
 - (iii) if so, of the year in which the compensation was paid; and
 - (iv) whether compensation has been paid for all the lands that were taken over as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

5105/'14

10.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that an invasive plant by the name of Giant Mimosa is spreading in many parts of Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it has been identified the way this Giant Mimosa plant entered into Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the areas in which this Giant Mimosa plant has been mainly spread;
 - (iii) the identified adverse effects that are caused as a result of the spreading of this plant; and
 - (iv) the names of the other invasive plants that have started spreading within Sri Lanka by now?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken to prevent the spreading of the Giant Mimosa plant; and
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to prevent such harmful invasive plants entering into the country?
- (d) If not, why?

5144/'14

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of public libraries that come under the Maharagama Urban Council;
 - (ii) of the locations where libraries that are open to the public at present out of the aforementioned libraries are situated; and
 - (iii) whether reference facilities and lending facilities have been made available at the aforesaid public libraries?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether Librarians and other staff have been appointed to public libraries that are under the purview of the Maharagama Urban Council;
 - (ii) if so, separately the salary of each of the aforesaid positions; and
 - (iii) the amount of provisions received annually by the Urban Council to pay the aforementioned salaries?

(58)

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the facilities that are available in the library buildings mentioned above;
 - (ii) of the amount of provisions allocated monthly by the Urban Council for the maintenance of the aforesaid buildings;
 - (iii) whether new books are provided for the aforesaid libraries; and
 - (iv) whether a survey is carried out regarding the books that are in the aforesaid libraries?
- (d) If not, why?

5202/'14

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the documents that should be submitted together with the application forwarded to seek approval to travel overseas for the Umra and Haj pilgrimages by Muslim devotees employed in the public service;
 - (ii) when the relevant individual is a teacher, whether he is entitled to leave with pay for such pilgrimage;
 - (iii) whether he acknowledges that a simplified application and visa granting mechanism should be formulated for those who travel overseas for the Umara pilgrimage and Haj pilgrimage;
 - (iv) if so, whether an intervention will be made in this connection;
 - (v) the number of days of approved leave for public servants undertaking the above pilgrimage; and
 - (vi) whether this number of dates is sufficient?
- (b) If not, why?

5226/'14

13.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a stock of expired pharmaceuticals with a value of over Rs. 500 million which had been prepared to be released to the market was raided by the Consumer Affairs Authority on 27.05.2014 at Aththidiya area in Ratmalana?

(59)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the name of the pharmaceutical company to which the stores where the aforesaid stock of expired pharmaceuticals had been stored belongs to;
 - (ii) of the registration number and the year of registration of the aforesaid company; and
 - (iii) of the names of the pharmaceuticals which were included in the aforesaid stock?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether a certain part of the aforesaid expired stock of pharmaceuticals had been released to the market by 27.05.2014;
 - (ii) if so, the steps that were taken in that regard; and
 - (iii) of the action taken against the pharmaceuticals company mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

5421/'14

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the profit or loss of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the importing of petroleum and refining in the years 2013 and 2014 and to date;
 - (ii) of the expected profit or loss for the aforesaid period;
 - (iii) of the capital and the reserves belong to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as at today;
 - (iv) how many permanent and casual employees work in the Corporation;
 - (v) whether there is a shortage or surplus of employees in the Corporation; and
 - (vi) of the amount spent per year for the employees concerned?

(60)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether a repair or a renovation has been carried out on the buoy belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in the year 2014;
 - (ii) if so, what its cost is;
 - (iii) whether a break down has occurred in the buoy concerned after the repair referred to above;
 - (iv) if so, what that breakdown is;
 - (v) what loss was caused to the Corporation by the breakdown concerned; and
 - (vi) whether that loss was recovered from the institution that carried out the repair?
- (c) If not, why?

5640/14

15.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) Whether it has been decided to change the syllabuses from Grade 6 to Grade 10 in government schools from the year 2015;
 - (ii) if so, what the aforesaid new syllabuses are;
 - (iii) whether training of teachers in relation to the aforesaid syllabuses has been commenced;
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it has been commenced;
 - (v) the duration of the aforesaid training;
 - (vi) whether steps will be taken to provide teachers guides to the teachers who are trained and to provide text books to children in the due time; and
 - (vii) the amount of money spent for printing the aforesaid text books?
- (b) If not, why?
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Friday, January 23, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2764/12

1.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons as to why the water supply and Drainage Board failed for three years to find out the damage caused to a main water pipe that supply water to the people living in Benthara;
- (ii) whether action will be taken to charge a reasonable compensation from the private telephone company which damaged the aforesaid water pipe; and
- (iii) whether action will be taken to give a part of the compensation received, to the affected water consumers in the area ?

(b) If not, why?

3547/13

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of Members of Parliament in the present Parliament of Sri Lanka
- (ii) the names of the Members of Parliament who have created Trusts from the year 2000 onwards to facilitate ease in performing public duties;
- (iii) the names of the aforesaid Trusts along with the dates that they were incorporated?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the taxes are paid for the aforesaid Trusts;
- (ii) if not, the areas to which the taxes are not applicable;
- (iii) the overall loss out on revenue owing to the incorporation of the Trusts;
- (iv) whether the stipulated objectives of each Trust are being implemented in the present day context; and
- (v) whether there is any misuse taking place in relation to aforesaid Trusts?

(c) If not, why?

4265/'13

3.

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) arrangements are being made to extend the Southern Expressway to Mattala in Hambantota via Godagama, Matara;
 - (ii) the Aparekka road had been proposed as the closest entry point to the Southern Expressway from the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Thihagoda, Kirinda and Dondra and surveying has also been conducted already;
 - (iii) a move has been made to change the proposed Aparekka entry point and shift the entry point to Walakanda in the Kirinda-Puhulwella Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (iv) if the entry point is subjected to a change as mentioned in (iii) above, the opportunity to give the benefits to a wider population will be lost?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether he will ensure that the entry point to the Southern Expressway will not be changed as stated in (a) (iii) above?
- (c) If not, why?

4469/'13

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Sri Lankan embassy in the United States had dealings with the company named Qorvis Communications 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?

4487/13

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that it was in the year 2012 that an examination has been held for the promotion of government minor employees?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number that sat the above examination held in the year 2012;
 - (ii) the number who passed the said examination;
 - (iii) of those who passed, the number called for interviews;
 - (iv) the number granted appointments accordingly; and
 - (v) whether there was a delay in conducting this examination in the year 2013?
- (c) If not, why?

4678/13

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform in this House —
 - (i) separately, the number of people who die of smoking daily and annually in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of people who died of smoking in the year 2013;
 - (iii) the number of people who become sick owing to smoking annually; and
 - (iv) the annual income earned by the government by importing cigarettes?
- (b) Will he table this House in relation to the last five years —
 - (i) the number of people who became sick owing to smoking;
 - (ii) the income earned by the government by importing cigarettes?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the steps taken by the government to minimize smoking;
 - (ii) the date on which the cigarette packets with pictorial warnings depicting the harm caused by smoking will be issued to the market;
 - (iii) if there are any obstacles to that, what they are;
 - (iv) whether there is any possibility of reducing the use of cigarettes by introducing such a packet of cigarettes; and
 - (v) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

4946/'14

7.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of farmers who have subscribed to the Farmers' Pension Scheme at present;
- (ii) out of that number, the number of farmers who have become eligible to receive pension benefits; and
- (iii) out of that number, the number of farmers who receive pensions at present?

(b) If not, why?

5023/'14

8.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the name of the company that carries out the construction works of Gampaha Railway Station; and
- (ii) the basis on which that company was selected?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether the proposed plan for the development of the aforesaid railway station which is being carried out by that company, will be submitted; and
- (ii) of the expenditure for the aforesaid development tasks?

(c) If not, why?

5107/'14

9.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the steps taken to promote Nano Technology in Sri Lanka;
- (ii) the amount allocated for the year 2014 to promote Nano Technology;
- (iii) the local industries or other sectors that use Nano Technology by now;
- (iv) the advantages in using Nano technology; and
- (v) whether steps will be taken to bring to the notice of the authorities the necessity to use Nano Technology for local development projects in every possible instance?

(b) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether a Consular General Office is run in Melbourne, Australia in addition to the Sri Lankan High Commission that is at Canberra, Australia;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid Consular General Office was declared opened;
 - (iii) the purpose of opening a Sri Lankan Consular General Office in Melbourne; and
 - (iv) the benefits that have been reaped by Sri Lanka through the aforesaid Consular General Office?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the name and professional qualifications of the person who acts in the capacity of the Consul at the Sri Lankan Consular General Office in Melbourne;
 - (ii) of the number of other officers who are employed there;
 - (iii) separately of the name, designation, professional qualifications and duties of each of the aforesaid officers;
 - (iv) of the amounts of salaries that are paid to the aforesaid officers including the Consul according to their respective positions;
 - (v) of the official vehicles and other additional facilities and allowances that are provided to the aforesaid officers; and
 - (vi) of the total expenditure borne by the government of Sri Lanka for the aforesaid office monthly?
- (c) If not, why?

5312/'14

11.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a person called Lakshman Hulugalla holds a post related to the Ministry of External Affairs in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, what that post is?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the qualifications of the person called Lakshman Hulugalla with regard to the matters related to diplomacy and / or external affairs;
 - (ii) the G.C.E. (O/L) and (A/L) qualifications and other academic or professional qualifications of that person?
- (c) If not, why?

5422/'14

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the CT Scanner of the Kurunegala General Hospital has been defunct for a considerable length of time; and
 - (ii) as a result of it being defunct, the patients who come to that Hospital have to bear a huge expense as they have to go to private institutions to obtain the service of a CT Scanner?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any measure has been taken to repair the defunct CT Scanner or to install a new one;
 - (ii) how long it will take;
 - (iii) what amount of expenditure will be borne by the Ministry for the purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

5423/'14

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a person named D. Karunaratna has been appointed to a Working Director post in the National Film Corporation;
 - (ii) whether the Board of Directors includes a post of Working Director according to the National Film Corporation Act;
 - (iii) if not, whether it is possible to appoint such a person;
 - (iv) the remuneration and perks received by that person; and
 - (v) whether the person so appointed is performing his duties to the maximum satisfactory level expected of him?
- (b) If not, why?

5438/'14

14.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) about 75 families affected by Tsunami have resettled by roadsides in the village of Pandirippu Metuwattai in Kalmunai Divisional Secretary's division where the majority of the population are Tamil speaking people?
 - (ii) the roads in the aforesaid village have not been renovated despite the lapse of a period of nearly 10 years after the occurrence of the Tsunami disaster; and

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- (iii) the villagers of the aforesaid areas suffer hardships in their transportation activities consequent to the flood situation that occur during the rainy season as well as due to the bad condition of the roads?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to renovate the roads in the aforesaid area in order to improve transportation facilities for the villagers of that area?
- (c) If not, why?

5567/14

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the estimated construction cost for Keeriyankalla-Andigama road in Puttlam district;
 - (ii) of the institution that has been awarded the construction of that road; and
 - (iii) whether a proper tender procedure has been followed in awarding the construction to that institution?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the people have been highly inconvenienced as a result of stopping the construction of that road half way;
 - (ii) the date on which construction of that road will be started again; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to provide relief to the people affected in transport activities as a result of keeping the construction of that road on hold for a long time?
- (c) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, January 23, 2015)

2905/12

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(5)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of governments that have been ruling Sri Lanka from the independence to date;
 - (ii) the number of members in the Cabinet of Ministers of each government referred to in (i) separately from the beginning to the end ; and
 - (iii) the average cost per minister in year 1985, 1995, 2005 and 2012 separately?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) as to why the number of Ministers in the Cabinet is not limited by law as it has been done in Provincial Council Act; and
 - (ii) whether the increase in the number of Cabinet Ministers has helped the country or placed more burdens on the country?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, February 05, 2015

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2765/12

1.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) A large number of impoverished students face difficulties due to the circular issued by the Ministry of Education preventing students from moving to one national school from another to take G.C.E Advanced Level classes; and
 - (ii) although the Royal College Colombo as well as Kotahena Central College are both recognized as “National Schools”, there exists an enormous difference between the facilities available in these two schools?
- (b) If so, will he state whether steps will be taken to withdraw the aforesaid circular with immediate effect?
- (c) If not, why?

3548/13

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last five years from 2009 to 2013 on per year basis —
 - (i) the companies, institutions or industrial investors who bought Treasury Bonds or Treasury Bills;
 - (ii) the rate and the time period that the aforesaid debt instruments were sold for;
 - (iii) whether there was any guarantee given to the buyers of the Treasury Bonds or Treasury Bills saying that the Government will incur the loss due to exchange rise;
 - (iv) the five biggest investors or the industrial investors who bought the Government debt instruments; and
 - (v) the total debt instruments in terms of short term, medium term and long term sold by the Government along with the value and the period they were sold?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that oil refining in Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery has to be stopped from 14.05.2013 due to a delay in importation of crude oil needed for the refinery;
 - (ii) the date on which the crude oil was imported for the last time before 14.05.2013 the day on which the refining was stopped;
 - (iii) the number of tanks in the Sapugaskanda Refinery Complex that can store crude oil;
 - (iv) the storing capacity of those tanks;
 - (v) the number of days needed to refine the maximum capacity of that crude oil;
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reason for the failure to import crude oil until the aforesaid refinery has to stop the refining of crude oil;
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken up to now against the persons who are responsible for that delay;
 - (iii) the loss incurred by the Ceylon Petroleum Co-operation per day due to the stoppage of oil refining; and
 - (iv) the measures that have been taken to avert such a loss in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware that a special loan scheme by the name of 'Ranawiru Divi Neguma' was started to direct the disabled war heroes to engage in self-employment;
 - (ii) if so, the self employments for which loans will be granted under that loan scheme; and
 - (iii) the minimum and maximum amount granted as a loan to start a self-employment?

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(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the procedure that should be followed to obtain a loan under the 'Ranaviru Divi Neguma' loan scheme; and
- (ii) of the security and conditions for the loan along with the interest rates charged for the loan?

(c) If not, why?

4582/'13

5.

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 the protest against the contamination of drinking water carried out by the people of Rathupaswala, Weliveriya was shot at;
- (ii) if so, of the number injured owing to the aforesaid shooting;
- (iii) of the names and addresses of the injured and the deceased;
- (iv) whether an investigation has been carried out with relevance to that shooting;
- (v) accordingly whether the officers who gave orders to fire and those who performed it have been identified;
- (vi) if so, who the aforesaid group was; and
- (vii) whether penalties were meted out to the aforesaid group?

(b) If not, why?

4683/'13

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the number of agro-chemicals (weedicides and pesticides) imported to Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the names of the institutions by which the aforesaid pesticides are imported;
- (iii) the amount of weedicides and pesticides imported during the year 2013 in litres?

- (b) Will he table—
- (i) the amount of pesticides which have by now been banned out of the pesticides which were imported during the period from 1995 to 2013;
 - (ii) the names of the pesticides that have been banned;
 - (iii) the list of names of the companies that have imported the aforesaid pesticides that were banned?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the methodology adopted in relation to banning a pesticide;
 - (ii) whether Cabinet approval is required in that regard;
 - (iii) whether a gazette notification is issued with relevance to banning a pesticide;
 - (iv) of the number of categories of pesticides which were banned by the Minister of Agriculture in the year 2013;
 - (v) of the date of the gazette notification if one has been issued with relevance to that ?
- (d) If not, why?

5020/14

7.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately of the years in which the lands were taken over for the last time, to broaden the “Main Street”, “Siri Kurusa Road” and “Mangala Road” of Gampaha Town; and
 - (ii) separately, pertaining to each road, of the years in which the compensation was paid for aforesaid lands so taken over, if compensation has been paid by now?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether all lands which were taken over, intending the development of the aforesaid roads, have been physically utilized, for the benefit of the Public;
 - (ii) whether there are lands that have not been utilized at present for the benefit of public despite the fact that they were taken over intending the road development; and
 - (iii) if so, the roads on which such lands are located?
- (c) If not, why?

5106/'14

8.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether a National Educational Research Council has been established to take action in relation to research related to ordinary school education in Sri Lanka; and
- (ii) if so, who the members of that Council are?

(b) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the amount allocated for educational research for the year 2014;
- (ii) the key educational research projects completed within this year;
- (iii) the year in which a symposium on educational research was held last;
- (iv) the steps taken to encourage persons with professional expertise to conduct educational research?

(c) If not, why?

5204/'14

9.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether promotions have been granted to a group of employees of National Savings Bank to Grade III-II with effect from 01.07.2013;
- (ii) whether a list of names of the recipients of such promotions will be tabled;
- (iii) whether he is aware that some employees who should have been granted promotions in granting the above promotions have been overlooked;
- (iv) whether a group of employees who have retired before the relevant date too have been granted promotions;
- (v) whether he is aware that there is no possibility of granting promotions as indicated in (iv) above;

(b) If not, why?

5207/'14

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that nearly 11.05 k.m. main road used by over hundred families living in the villages of Vannivilamkulam, Palaipani and Kompuwaitthakulam in Manthai East Divisional Secretariat Division, Mulathivu, is in a dangerous and unusable condition with shrubs grown on either side of the road?

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- (b) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to repair that road and make that road usable again?
- (c) If not, why?

5249/14

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a Commission was established for the demarcation of the limits of local government wards;
 - (ii) the date on which the said Commission was appointed; and
 - (iii) the names of the members of the Commission?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) of the matters focused by the Commission appointed to demarcate the limits of the local government wards in preparing its report;
 - (ii) whether the report concerned has been finalized or presented;
 - (iii) if the report has not been presented up to now, what the reasons are;
 - (iv) whether the inputs were obtained from the main political parties in preparing the report concerned; and
 - (v) if so, what methodology was used for it?
- (c) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) if the delimitation activity has been completed, the date on which people will be informed of it;
 - (ii) what course of action will be taken for it; and
 - (iii) the date on which it will be handed over to the Commissioner of Elections and political parties?
- (d) If not, why?

5313/14

12.

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

- (a) Will he state whether there is a possibility of providing an access to Kalutara-Horana highway from the Southern Expressway;

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a comprehensive study was conducted on the construction of an interchange according to the notice given as per the motion number 3619 presented to the Consultative Committee on Highways, Ports and Shipping; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons for that?
- (c) If not, why?

5520/14

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the persons who receive “Thriposha” manufactured in this country free of charge;
 - (ii) the number of packets of “Thriposha” given to them monthly;
 - (iii) the regional institutions that identify the nutritional needs of the recipients of “Thriposha” and distribute them;
 - (iv) the institution that monitors and manages the “Thriposha” programme?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the annual “Thriposha” production is sufficient to meet the current demand;
 - (ii) separately the annual production of “Thriposha” in 2012, 2013 and 2014;
 - (iii) the cost incurred on the “Thriposha” programme annually?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether concessions are offered to the farmers to produce soya beans and maize required to manufacture “Thriposha”, locally;
 - (ii) if so, what those concessions are;
 - (iii) what the other ingredients required to manufacture “Thriposha” in addition to Soya beans or maize;
 - (iv) whether those ingredients are obtained locally; and
 - (v) if not, the sources from which they are obtained?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether, a new advanced level subject stream called technology, has been introduced;
 - (ii) if so, the year in which the first batch of students who take aforesaid new subject stream, sit for G.C.E. Advanced level;
 - (iii) whether preparation of syllabuses and lessons for major subjects of aforesaid stream, has been completed by now;
 - (iv) if so, aforesaid date; and
 - (v) whether providing training for the teachers concerned on aforesaid subjects, has been completed?
- (b) Will he table the names of the schools in other areas of the island other than Kurunegala district, where the technology subject stream is already taught?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the bridge, which is approximately 30 years old, that provides access to Maduwa island in Madu river, which is a place of tourist attraction for local and foreign tourists, is caved-in in several places and is in a dilapidated condition with rotted side walls; and
 - (ii) this bridge is the access road for about 220 families that live on the island?
 - (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to repair the aforesaid bridge before it falls into further decay and become unusable?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, February 06, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2766/'12

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for the delay in granting teaching appointments to trainees of the Colleges of Education;
 - (ii) of the number of vacancies available for teachers at present in order to grant those appointment;
 - (iii) as to whether he admits the fact that not filling the relevant vacancies for teachers in an expeditious manner causes much damage to trainees of the Colleges of Education as well as school children who suffer due to the dearth of teachers; and
 - (iv) if so, whether steps will be taken to fill the vacancies for teachers with immediate effect?
- (b) if not, why?

3562/'13

2.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any consultant, advisor or other official of similar category has been appointed to the Ministry of Education or any other institution/office under the Ministry for the years 2012 and 2013;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the said appointees and as from when they have been appointed,
 - (iii) the purpose of their appointments; and
 - (iv) the total cost incurred on them per month?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether any appointment as of (a)(i) has been done during the years from 2009 to 2011;
 - (ii) whether they are functioning as of now; and
 - (iii) if so, their professional qualifications or any other criteria considered for appointing?
- (c) If not, why?

4427/13

3.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an investigation report on the investigation conducted into the fire that occurred on the 7th floor of the C.W.E. Secretariat located on the Vauxhall Street, Colombo on 31 August 2013;
 - (ii) what the reason for the fire was, according to the investigation report;
 - (iii) whether an estimate has been taken with regard to the documents destroyed by the fire; and
 - (iv) how much was the loss caused by the fire?
- (b) If not, why?

4474/13

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a group of personnel have been recruited to the Transport Sub-Division of the Sri Lanka Railways Department through appointment letters dated 15.05.2009 and 17.11.2009 for the positions of Railways Assistant, Sanitation Worker and Office Labourer; and
 - (ii) their service has not been made permanent up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of personnel recruited in the aforesaid manner;
 - (ii) if the aforesaid persons will be made permanent in the service, of the date on which it will be done; and
 - (iii) of the methodology that will be adopted to do so?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Botanical Gardens and Public Recreation,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether a Zoo was established in the premises of Janakala Kendraya in Battaramulla simultaneous to the Commonwealth Heads of the Government Meeting;
- (ii) the institution from which the animals were brought to that Zoo;
- (iii) the species of animals that were brought to the aforesaid Zoo; and
- (iv) separately, each aforesaid variety and the figures?

(b) Will he inform this House separately, as per each variety—

- (i) of the number of animals died; and
 - (ii) of the number of birds who flew away;
- subsequent to the transfer of animals to the aforesaid Zoo?

(c) If not, why?

6.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately in each year the amount of fertilizer that has been issued under the fertilizer subsidy programme to cultivate one hectare of paddy land in the North Central province during the last five years;
- (ii) separately the amount of money annually spent for the provision of fertilizer subsidy for one hectare of paddy lands during the last five years;
- (iii) the total amount of money spent for cultivating one hectare of paddy land in the north central province under the fertilizer subsidy;
- (iv) the harvest of paddy in kilos obtained from the aforesaid hectare of paddy land;
- (v) separately the income received , if the aforesaid harvest is sold for a price of Rs.32 and Rs.35 per kilo;
- (vi) separately the profit received when the expenditures are deducted from the aforesaid income?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the harvest received from one hectare of paddy land which has been cultivated without using chemical fertilizer;
 - (ii) of the income received when selling the aforesaid harvest for a price of Rs.32 and Rs.35 per kilo;
 - (iii) of the remainder over expenses received by a farmer from one hectare of aforesaid paddy land?
- (c) If not, why?

5021/'14

7.

Hon Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Janasabha programme is operative at rural level; and
 - (ii) if not, the reasons led for it?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether a systematized mechanism is in place to recognize the priorities of the development programmes that should be carried out at rural level;
 - (ii) if so, whether the aforesaid mechanism is submitted; and
 - (iii) of the reasons led, if there isn't a systematized mechanism to make out the priorities of the development programmes?
- (c) If not, why?

5310/'14

8.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the market price of one kilogram of rubber latex has drastically gone down; and
 - (ii) the reason for the drop of prices?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the quantity of rubber latex imported to Sri Lanka from 01.01.2014 to 31.05.2014;
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to establish a higher price for rubber latex; and
 - (iii) the steps expected to be taken in the future with regard to the above mentioned matter?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the ownership that Sri Lanka has in regard to Supreme Sat 1 satellite which was launched into space on 27th November 2012;
 - (ii) the advantages gained by Sri Lanka through the aforesaid satellite; and
 - (iii) the performance and the progress of the aforesaid satellite at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total amount spent for the Supreme Sat 1 Satellite Space Project;
 - (ii) the amount received as aid from China and the amount borne by Sri Lanka out of that cost;
 - (iii) whether the construction work of the Teleport and the Space Science Faculty in Palkeleke Investment Zone, which were presented as the second phase of the aforesaid project, has been completed by now;
 - (iv) the total amount spent for it;
 - (v) whether the work of the third phase of the aforesaid project has been commenced by now;
 - (vi) its performance and the amount expected to be spent for it; and
 - (vii) the date on which it is planned to launch the Supreme Sat 1 satellite related to the third phase?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

Hon.(Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of places that are maintained throughout the country under the name “Industrial Parks”; and
 - (ii) whether those places have been established related to some specific field?
- (b) Will he table this House of the names of the places where each of such Industrial Parks has been established and the nature of activities taking place at each of those Industrial parks;

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- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the date on which Buttala Industrial Park was established;
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent by the government on the construction of that Industrial Park;
 - (iii) the nature of the industries / production that is going on at present there; and
 - (iv) separately on the basis of the position, the number of employees of the public sector and the other sectors currently employed in the aforesaid Industrial Park?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the manner in which electricity is supplied to Buttala Industrial Park;
 - (ii) whether transformers have been installed for that purpose;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been spent on the maintenance of the aforesaid transformer from January 2014 to date; and
 - (iv) the procedure that has been implemented with regard to the sale of timber products that are produced at the aforesaid Industrial Park?
- (e) If not, why?

5424/'14

11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether he is aware that all trainee technicians have been absorbed into the Trainee Technician Service with effect from 01.01.1997 as per the basic service minute of the Department of Railway;
 - (ii) whether a 6:1 ratio is adopted when promoting Technicians in the group 'A' to Class 1 based on the category and the promotion, which is a condition that is not imposed by any other service minute;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that those in authority have agreed on a number of occasions to alter the aforesaid ratio when implementing the 6/2006 circular ;
 - (iv) whether a promotion procedure has not yet been formulated as per the 6/2006 circular;
 - (v) if so the reasons for not doing so;
 - (vi) whether he is aware that a large group of employees who remain stagnant at the upper ceiling of their salary increment scheme are faced with injustice as a result of this issue?
- (c) If not, why?

5439/14

12.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that
 - (i) people belonging to nearly 200 families living in Holyrood Estate in Talawakelle have been facing hardships for a long period due to the difficulty in finding drinking water;
 - (ii) the people in the aforesaid area had the opportunity of getting water for their needs through the water tanks and the pipe line system constructed recently by a non-governmental organization named Tea Field operating in the Talawakelle area; and
 - (iii) at present the tea factory situated in the aforesaid estate get the water supplied through those tanks causing difficulties again for the people in that area to get drinking water?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to fulfill the need of drinking water of the people living in Holyrood Estate?
- (c) If not, why?

5568/14

13.

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Wildlife Resources Conservation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount spent on the Unmanned Ariel Vehicle imported for the Department of Wildlife Conservation;
 - (ii) the illegal activities brought to light based on the information obtained through that aircraft;
 - (iii) the number of persons identified as responsible for the illegal activities brought to light in that manner; and
 - (iv) the legal action taken against those individuals?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether that Unmanned Ariel Vehicle has been misplaced by now;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for the misplacement of that air craft; and
 - (iii) whether it has been substituted with another air craft?
- (c) If not, why?

5642/14

14.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the total number of tea small holders;
 - (ii) whether the concession of Rs. 5000/= per acre that was proposed by the Budget 2014, will be provided for tea small holders as a lump sum, intending the soil and water conservation of the tea estates;
 - (iii) if not whether it will be provided in instalments; and
 - (iv) the total allocated amount of money to provide aforesaid concession for the year 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

5656/14

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the owner of “Panama Traders” located at No. 3-26 and 27 on the Third Floor of Majestic City, Colombo, Ramasamy Prabhakaran, is a person released on a Supreme Court ruling after being detained for a period of 28 months;
 - (ii) after his release he had filed a human rights violation case against Anura Senanayaka, Deputy Inspector General of Police and Vass Gunawardhana, Senior Superintendent of Police who served in the state investigations unit;
 - (iii) the hearing of the relevant case was scheduled for 13th February 2012;
 - (iv) he was abducted by some individuals who had come by a white van, around 3.30 p.m. on 11th February 2012 in Wellawatta?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) where Ramasamy Prabhakaran who disappeared on 11th February 2012 is today;
 - (ii) what his condition is;
 - (iii) who the persons involved in the said abduction or who the relevant suspects are;
 - (iv) the reason for not divulging their names, if such divulgence is not possible?
- (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, February 18, 2015
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2767/'12

1. Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)
- (a) Is he aware that Makeliya Waterfall located in Palinda Nuwara Divisional Secretariat Division of Kalutara district is gradually losing attraction as a tourist destination due to lack of any required infrastructure facilities?
 - (b) Will he inform this House whether necessary steps will be taken to provide facilities to enable local and foreign tourists to visit the said waterfall by holding discussions with other relevant institutions as well?
 - (c) If not, why?

3438/'13

2. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)
- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) all the direct and indirect taxes in operation as of today; and
 - (ii) the rupee value of the impact of the tax using rates as of today?
 - (b) Will he state separately —
 - (i) the figures of all taxes imposed on rice, sugar, dhal, milk powder, wheat flour, petrol, diesel and kerosene oil, canned fish, onions, electricity and bank loan as of today; and
 - (ii) a comparison of those figures as at 2nd April 2004, 1st December 2005 and 2009 and 1st January 2013?
 - (c) Will he inform this House of the resource value of the impact of the tax using rates as at today?
 - (d) If not, why?

4488/'13

3. Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)
- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action had been taken to close the Sugathadasa Stadium from 15th October 2013 owing to maintenance work of the artificial track;
 - (ii) if so, the reason for same;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for the laying of the artificial track of this stadium;
 - (iv) of the said expenditure, the amount that has been paid by October 2013;
 - (v) the number of instances the stadium was closed during the period from June 2012 to October 2013 for renovation activities;
 - (b) If not, why?

4532/13

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the programme for granting an allowance of One Hundred Thousand rupees for the birth of the third child of the families of security force personnel, implemented as per a proposal of the 2011 budget, is still in operation;
 - (ii) the procedure to be adopted by a member of security forces to receive the above allowance in respect of the birth of the third child?
- (b) If not, why?

4579/13

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka;— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of licences that have been issued for casino gambling in Sri Lanka from the year 2012 to date;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the aforesaid licence holders;
 - (iii) of the areas in which those casino resorts are operated;
 - (iv) whether it has been reported that casino resorts are being operated without licence; and
 - (v) if so, the action that has been taken against such casino resorts?
- (b) If not, why?

4685/13

6.

Hon. P. Harrison;— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform separately in each year the number of Ayurvedic Massage Clinics that have been started in Sri Lanka from the year 2010 to 2013?

- (b) Will he table in this House —
- (i) the above number on District basis separately;
 - (ii) the income that has been received by the government from these massage clinics in the above years; and
 - (iii) whether he will table separately on district basis the names and the addresses of the owners, and the names of the relevant indigenous doctors of the massage clinics of the above type which have been registered in the districts of Anuradapuraya and Kurunegala?
- (c) Will he also state separately, the amount of money charged from a Sri Lankan and a foreigner in an Ayurvedic massage clinic?
- (d) If not, why?

4947/14

7.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether the quality of Colombo-Katunayake, Kottawa-Galle, Galle-Matara and Kottawa-Kaduwela Expressways comply with the internationally accepted standards applicable to the Expressways in other countries;
 - (ii) separately, the cost incurred on a kilometre of the Expressways constructed in Sri Lanka in relation to each aforesaid Expressway; and
 - (iii) whether he can comparatively point out the cost incurred on a kilometre of the expressways in other countries constructed in conformity with the Internationally accepted standards and in parallel with the Expressways in Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

5108/14

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of schools with Advanced Level classes in the Technology Stream;
 - (ii) the number of students studying in the Advanced Level Technology Stream by now?
- (b) Will he table—
- (i) the names of the schools in the Kurunegala District which conduct Advance Level classes in the Technology Stream; and
 - (ii) separately, the number of students studying in the Advanced Level Technology Stream in each of the said schools?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) the number of new teachers recruited to teach the Technology Stream;
- (ii) the qualifications those teachers should have;
- (iii) whether those teachers will be provided the required training; and
- (iv) the facilities provided to the schools that teach the said stream?

(d) If not, why?

5111/14

9.

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

(a) Will she state—

- (i) the number of Transmission Divisions of the Ceylon Electricity Board; and
- (ii) what those Divisions are?

(b) Will she inform this House—

- (i) the expenditure incurred on the distribution of one unit of electricity by each of the above divisions in 2012, separately; and
- (ii) if the expenditure incurred on the distribution of one unit of electricity by the each of the above divisions has varied in 2012 the reasons for that?

(c) If not, why?

5311/14

10.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms,—(1)

(a) Will he table in this House—

- (i) the number of prisoners condemned to death by now;
- (ii) the names of the prisoners against whom the death sentence was pronounced?

(88)

- (b) Will he state separately out of the number of prisoners against whom the death penalty was imposed—
 - (i) the number of persons who were found guilty of murder;
 - (ii) the number of persons who were found guilty of peddling heroine and smuggling;
 - (iii) the number of persons who were found guilty for other offences?
- (c) Will he state separately on per year basis the number of persons against whom the death sentence was pronounced for the last 10 years?
- (d) If not, why?

5339/14

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether a group of officers called Police Security Assistants work in the Department of Police;
 - (ii) if so, the year in which the aforesaid unit was established;
 - (iii) the number of officers who were recruited to the aforesaid post at the beginning;
 - (iv) the year in which they were confirmed on service; and
 - (v) the basic salary that was paid to them when they were confirmed on service and the basic salary that they have been paid by the year 2014?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of officers who are in service and the number of officers who have vacated their post by now, out of the officers who were recruited at the beginning;
 - (ii) whether privileges such as salary increments, combined allowances, difficult service allowances and the opportunity of following various courses, holiday bungalow facilities, which police officers are entitled to, are provided to them;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for it;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the Police Security Assistants who are presently in service have undergone injustice;
 - (v) if so, whether action will be taken to provide them with all the privileges which the post of regular police constable is entitled to; and
 - (vi) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

5440/'14

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the ginger cultivation in Poojapitiya Divisional Secretary's Division in Harispaththuwa yield a rich harvest;
 - (ii) the ginger cultivated in the paddy lands which had been abandoned due to lack of sufficient irrigation facility and those in barren lands even have yielded rich crops; and
 - (iii) instructions, ginger roots (planting material) and organic fertilizer etc. that are needed for ginger cultivation have been provided through the Agrarian Centres in Medawala, Yatiwawala and Poojapitiya?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to provide market facilities for the ginger cultivators in the areas mentioned in (a) (i) above to sell their produce?
- (c) If not, why?

5521/'14

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of factories that operated at the Katunayaka Free Trade Zone at its initial stage, 1990-1992 period ;
 - (ii) the purpose for which production (ready made clothes and others) those factories were opened; and
 - (iii) separately the number of made male and female employees that served in those factories?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the income generated through the export of ready made clothes in 1992;
 - (ii) the income generated through the export of ready made clothes in 2014;
 - (iii) separately and in respect of each production the number of factories that functioned at the Katunayaka Export Processing Zone by August 2014;
 - (iv) the number of employees serving in those factories?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Niroshan Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of motorcars used for motor racing imported to the country duty free during the past five years;
 - (ii) the brands of such motorcars thus imported;
 - (iii) separately, the total value of the duty concessions granted to each brand of said motorcars;
 - (iv) out of the said motorcars, the number re-exported after having used for motor racing competitions;
 - (v) the brands of motorcars re-exported; and
 - (vi) the percentage of the motorcars re-exported out of the motorcars mentioned in (i) above?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of employees who had been resident in the official quarters of the River Valleys Development Board located in the Udawalawa Zone at the time of transfer of the said Board to the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority;
 - (ii) whether action was taken to transfer the houses used as quarters to the employees who had been residing in them;
 - (iii) if so, the basis on which that transfer was effected; and
 - (iv) whether the assessed value presented pertaining to these houses at that time was recovered from the residents and the deeds of transfer were granted to the residents?
- (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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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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- Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. J. Sri Ranga
Hon. Harin Fernando,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the acute shortage of essential drugs in the country,—

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

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

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

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

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

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Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. J. Sri Ranga

Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake

Hon. Harin Fernando

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma

Hon. H. M. M. Harees

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And whereas this is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs.

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

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

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

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

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4.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. D.M. Swaminadan

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

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

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

And whereas Select Committees to look into the Electoral Reform have been appointed on many occasions including during the 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;

(97)

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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 :

- (a) Under which legal provision KP is being held in custody;
 - (b) Whether it is intended to frame charges against KP, and if so —
 - (i) Under what law he be charged,
 - (ii) What offences be included in the charge sheet,
 - (iii) When it is proposed to file charges against him, and
 - (iv) In which Court such charges be framed;
 - (c) Whether requests have been made for his extradition and if so, which countries have made such requests and whether it is proposed to extradite him;
 - (d) The fate and location of the assets of the LTTE which were in the possession of “KP” with particular reference to bullion and ships;
 - (e) The Select Committee should also address itself to the question whether any official or officials are guilty of treacherous conduct and dereliction of duty in holding “KP” without proceeding against him under the laws of the country.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to,—
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;

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

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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.

13.

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. Niroschan Perera

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

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

Whereas Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi, Minister of Power and Energy in the course of her reply to the question raised by Hon John Amaratunga, Chief Opposition Whip on 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;

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.

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20.

Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the implications of proposed amendments to the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance,—

Whereas the Legal Draftsman on the instructions of the Government has prepared a Bill (Presently bearing No. L.D.O. 20/2014) to amend the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance;

And whereas comprehensive and far reaching amendments are being proposed to the present Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance;

And whereas no public discussion has taken place in respect of the provisions of these proposed amendments;

And whereas the Government is Constitutionally bound to safeguard and protect the Buddha Sasana which would include the property in the possession of the temples and the Sangha;

And whereas no consultations have taken place with the Buddhist clergy and especially the Mahanayakas of the several Nikayas who will be the most affected by these amendments.

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

- (a) the implications of the proposed amendments on temple properties and other temporalities in the custody of the Sangha;
 - (b) any amendments that the Committee feels are necessary to safeguard the temple properties;
 - (c) steps that are necessary to prevent alienation or appropriation of the temple properties now in the custody of the Sangha;
 - (d) a mechanism to ensure a process of consultation with the respective Mahanayakas before any action is taken in respect of the temple properties and other temporalities in the custody of the Sangha;
 - (e) any other matters that the Committee deems appropriate and necessary in the circumstances and which will have a bearing on the matters under consideration by the Committee.
2.
 - (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by the Speaker,
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. The Select Committee shall consult and act on the advice of the Venerable Mahanayakas of the Nikayas.
4. 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 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.
5. The Committee shall makes its report within six months of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

* *Indicates Government Business*
