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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

385/15

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the maximum limit applicable in approving the project estimates by Technical Officers under the Ministry of Public Administration and Management is Rs.10 lakhs;
  - (ii) approving project estimates exceeding Rs.10 lakhs has to be done by an officer of the Special Grade of the Sri Lanka Technological Service;
  - (iii) a sufficient number of officers of the Special Grade of the Technological Service is lacking in Public Service; and
  - (iv) delays occur in approving project estimates as a result ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of Technical Officers; and
  - (ii) the number of officers of the Special Grade of the Technological Service;  
serving in the Southern Province at present?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to increase the maximum limit applicable in approving the project estimates by Technical Officers;
  - (ii) whether action will be taken for fresh recruitment of officers of the Special Grade of the Technological Service; and
  - (iii) of the other measures that will be taken to avoid the delays in approving projects?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Women and Child Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of child abuse cases reported in the country in year 2015;
  - (ii) whether investigations have been carried out regarding suspects of the aforesaid cases and offenders have been lawfully punished;
  - (iii) whether there are incidents regarding which action could not be taken according to the law after conducting investigations; and
  - (iv) if so, whether some action will be taken to expedite these investigations?
- (b) If not, why?

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3.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of government schools operating in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) separately of the number of schools operating under Provincial Councils and the number of schools operating under the Central Government out of the aforesaid schools?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) out of the schools mention in (a)(i) above, the number of schools in which principals are employed on acting and temporary basis without a permanent appointment;
  - (ii) whether he admits that administrative activities of these schools which do not have principals with permanent appointments are not carried out properly;
  - (iii) whether immediate steps will be taken to appoint principals on permanent basis to these schools which do not have principals appointed on permanent basis; and
  - (iv) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

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4.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) separately for each year the methodology adopted pertaining to the purchase of spare parts for buses by the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014; and
  - (ii) how different this methodology is from the methodology which existed previously?

(3)

- (b) Will he inform this House separately pertaining to the above years—
- (i) of the companies that submitted tenders for the provision of spare parts for SLTB in the above years and their addresses;
  - (ii) of the Company to which the tender was given and its address;
  - (iii) of the dates on which the spare parts were obtained and their value; and
  - (iv) of the import tax paid to the government on behalf of the spare parts?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether the SLTB is contented with the prices, standard and the requirement of the spare parts imported?
- (d) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the capacity of the electricity generator of the Ambatale Water Treatment Plant;
  - (ii) the daily consumption of hydro electricity units in the Ambatale Water Treatment Plant;
  - (iii) whether this generator is sufficient to maintain an uninterrupted supply of drinking water when there is a long term power outage;
  - (iv) if so, the reason for the Ambatale Water Treatment Plant to stop functioning on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 due to the island wide blackout;
  - (v) if the aforesaid generator is not sufficient whether the chief of the Ambatale Water Treatment Plant informed the relevant authorities;
  - (vi) if it had been informed, the action that has been taken in this regard;
  - (vii) if it had been informed the steps that will be taken against the authorities on their negligence;
  - (viii) if not, the steps that will be taken against the responsible persons on their failure to inform it;
  - (ix) whether steps will be taken to ensure an uninterrupted supply of drinking water to the people in Sri Lanka in the future; and
  - (x) if so, can you explain about it?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a complaint has been made at the Human Rights Commission by 18 employees of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation in the year 2003 to the effect that their Human Rights have been violated;
  - (ii) in 2007, it has been informed to the then Ministry of Mass Media and Information that human rights of the aforesaid employees were violated; and
  - (iii) accordingly in 2014, the then Secretary to the President Mr. Lalith Weerathunga notified all Secretaries that the decision of the Human Rights Commission should be implemented?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the Ministry of Mass Media recognizes Circular No. 17/2005 issued by the Ministry of Public Administration; and
  - (ii) if so, whether rights of the 18 employees of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation mentioned in (a)(i) above will be granted as per the aforementioned circular?
- (c) If not, why?

7

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the year in which the granting of liquor licences to Members of Parliament commenced;
  - (ii) as to who was the Head of the Government of Sri Lanka at that time;
  - (iii) the year in which liquor licences were granted to Members of Parliament last; and
  - (iv) as to who was the Head of the Government of Sri Lanka at that time?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the Members of Parliament who did not obtain liquor licences when they were granted to Members of Parliament last?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of candidates applied for the “Open Competitive Examination for Appointment to Grade II, Class 2 of Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Service -2015” conducted by the Department of Examinations on 26.02.2015 by calling applications through Gazette No. 1904 dated 27.02.2015;
  - (ii) with Rs. 500/-per person, the total amount of money collected as examination fees;
  - (iii) the number who gained qualifications to fill vacancies subsequent to the examination and interviews conducted to check up on qualifications;
  - (iv) whether he will table the list of names of those who gained qualifications and the order of marks; and
  - (v) the reason for not recruiting those who fulfilled the qualifications yet ?
- (b) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the need of obtaining the contribution and assistance of the trustees of the Jumma mosques by the Quasi Judges arises, when enforcing Section 24 of the Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act, No. 1951/13; and
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to issue the necessary instructions educating the trustees of the Jumma mosques on the need to display the announcements referred to them by Quasi Judges on official matters on the notice boards of the mosques and on that traditional responsibility?
- (b) If not, why?

663/16

10.

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Post Masters, treated as having less qualifications;
  - (ii) whether they are entitled to a pension;
  - (iii) if not, is it possible to provide them with a relief allowance, in view of their long term service to the Postal Service; and
  - (iv) if not, of the measures taken for their wellbeing?
- (b) If not, why?

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11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is an agreement or accord entered into with the government of China with regard to the Special Chinese Industrial Zone, associated to the Mattala Airport which is said to have been agreed to by the Prime Minister on his visit to China, as stated by the government;
  - (ii) if so, whether that document will be tabled;
  - (iii) whether he will make a clarification of the preliminary conditions of establishing that Special Chinese Industrial Zone and the manner it is managed; and
  - (iv) whether a map of the land earmarked for that industrial zone will be presented?
- (b) If not, why?

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12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an investigation is being carried out at present against Mr. J.R.S Rupasinghe, who is a Major serving in Sri Lanka Army;
  - (ii) if so, the reason for it; and
  - (iii) the names and the positions of the officers who conduct the aforesaid investigation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to do some justice to Major J.R.S. Rupasinghe; and
  - (ii) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

600/16

13.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
- (i) a large number of agencies which organize pilgrimage tours to Dambadiva are operating in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) some of such agencies do not make appropriate arrangements to ensure the safety of the pilgrims who go on pilgrimages overseas; and
  - (iii) devotees experience serious difficulties due to this reason?

(7)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of pilgrims who go on pilgrimages to visit the sacred places in Dambadiva annually;
  - (ii) whether a proper methodology will be developed to monitor the agencies that organize pilgrimages in order to ensure the safety of the pilgrims who go on pilgrimages overseas; and
  - (iii) if so, of the date on which such methodology will be developed?
- (c) If not, why?

611/'16

14.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he state separately in relation to each year from 2010 to date —
  - (i) the quantity of karunka (dried areca nut) that has been exported from Sri Lanka to India;
  - (ii) the value of the aforesaid amount of karunka;
  - (iii) the names and addresses of the exporters of the aforesaid amount;
  - (iv) the quantity and the value of the karunka that has been exported by each exporter; and
  - (v) the value of the tax that has been paid to the government by each exporter?
- (b) Will he also state separately in relation to each year from 2010 to date —
  - (i) the quantity of karunka that has been imported to Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the value of the aforesaid quantity;
  - (iii) the names and addresses of the importers of the aforesaid quantity;
  - (iv) the quantity and the value of the karunka that has been imported by each importer; and
  - (v) the countries from which the aforesaid amount of karunka has been imported; and
  - (vi) the value of the tax that has been paid to the government by each importer?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
  - (i) separately in relation to each year from 2010 to date, of the quantity of karunka that has been produced in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) whether he admits that an illegal process of re-exporting karunka via Sri Lanka is taking place and that the local karunka producers and exporters have been greatly inconvenienced due to this illegal process; and
  - (iii) of the measures that will be taken by the government to stop such illegal re-exporting of karunka?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) how many times breakdowns occurred at the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station during the past year;
  - (ii) how many times breakdowns occurred at the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station from its inauguration up to now;
  - (iii) what percentage of country's overall power need is met by the Norochcholai Thermal Power Station and how many units it amounts to;
  - (iv) whether it is not a risky thing for the country to depend on a thermal power station for its national power need;
  - (v) if it is not, why it is not risky; and
  - (vi) if it is, what steps will be taken to avoid that risk?
- (b) If not, why?

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Regulations under the Measurement Units, Standards and Services Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Food Security under Section 60 of the Measurement Units, Standards and Services Act, No. 35 of 1995 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1921/54 of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015, which were presented on 05.04.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*2.

Fiscal Management (Responsibility) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*3.

Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*4.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

Animal Feed (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*6.

Office on Missing Persons (Establishment, Administration and Discharge of Functions) Bill — Second Reading.

\*7.

Registration of Deaths (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.



\*8.

Universities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*9.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Sections 122 and VII A of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1939/4 of 02<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 in which mistakes in Sinhala and Tamil versions were corrected by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1972/33 of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016, which were presented on 21.07.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*10.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of Salary and Allowances of the Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption,—

Whereas provision has been made as per Section 16(1) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994 to appoint a Director-General to assist the said Commission in discharging the duties assigned to the Commission and to pay the holder of that post a salary as determined by the Parliament;

And whereas, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to pay with effect from 12.02.2015 the following salary and allowances as personal to her, to Ms. A.A.P. Dilrukshi Dias Wickramasinghe, President's Counsel and former Additional Solicitor-General of the Attorney-General's Department, on her appointment with effect from 12.02.2015 on State's initiative, as Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, which post is vulnerable and exposed to risks:—

- (a) Monthly salary and all allowances entitled to the post of Additional Solicitor-General (other than telephone allowance, fuel allowance and house-rent allowance); and
- (b) Ministry Secretaries' allowance, telephone allowance and fuel allowance entitled to the post of Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Bribery or Corruption and house-rent allowance provided government official quarters are not allocated;

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay under votes of the Consolidated Fund, the above mentioned monthly salary and allowances to Ms. A.A.P. Dilrukshi Dias Wickramasinghe, President's Counsel holding the post of Director-General of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, as per Section 16(2) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—  
Emoluments and Other Allowances being paid to Chairmen and Members of  
Independent Commissions,—

Whereas approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to provide the payment of the following emoluments and allowances to the Chairmen and Members of the nine Independent Commissions stipulated in the Schedule of Article 41(b) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as amended by the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution and to treat the date on which the relevant Commissions commenced their functions in actuality as the effective date to commence the payments:-

- (a) A monthly allowance of Rs.100,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 10,000/- and an official vehicle which may also be used for personal use along with a quota of 225 ltrs. of fuel or a fuel allowance on par with the prevalent fuel price in the market, to Chairmen other than the ex. officio Chairmen;
- (b) Payment of monthly allowance, equal to 50% of the monthly allowance of a Chairman of an Independent Commission, to ex. Officio Chairmen appointed to Independent Commissions, in addition to salary and other allowances in their substantive posts;
- (c) In the case of non-ex. officio Members of all other Commissions except the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, a monthly allowance of Rs. 75,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 8,000/- and a transport allowance of Rs. 25,000/- up to a limit of 350 kilometres or a transport allowance of Rs. 50,000/- for distance of over and above 350 kilometres depending on the distance from their residencies to the office of the Commission to be made;
- (d) An attendance allowance of Rs. 10,000/- per meeting to be made to ex. officio Members of Independent Commissions, as per provision laid down in Public Enterprises Circular No. 3/2015 of 17.06.2015;
- (e) In the case of the Chairman of Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption and Members thereof who have been equally delegated with powers in keeping with the provisions laid down in Section (8) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No. 19 of 1994, payment of a monthly allowance of Rs. 95,000/-, a monthly telephone allowance of Rs.8,000/- and an official vehicle which may also be used for personal use along with a quota of 170 ltrs. of fuel or a fuel allowance on par with the prevalent fuel price in the market; and
- (f) Payment of a special allowance equal to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their monthly allowance to be made to the Chairman and Members of the Elections Commission during the period from the date of declaring an election to the date of releasing results thereof.

Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay the above mentioned emoluments and other allowances to the Chairmen and Members of the nine Independent Commissions stipulated in the Schedule of Article 41(b) of the Constitution.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*12.

The Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,— Regulations under the Industrial Disputes Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Labour and Trade Union Relations under Section 39 of the Industrial Disputes Act, No. 43 of 1950 (Chapter 131) as amended from time to time, which were presented on 07.07.2016, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\*13.

Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question (22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2016) Motion made and question proposed,— “Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, which were presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

\*14.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with Section 213D of the Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1946/10 of 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, which were presented on 09.03.2016, be approved.

\*15.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*16.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

\*17.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 20 read with Sub-section (3) of Section 14 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 as amended by Act No. 48 of 1985 and Act, No. 28 of 1987 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1903/41 of 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015, which were presented on 23.09.2015, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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**Wednesday, August 10, 2016**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

9/15

1.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(4)

- (a) Is he aware that weapons and bullets were discovered in the ship named “Mahanuwara” which was berthed at Galle Harbour and at the Southern Naval Base of Sri Lanka and in a building belong to its Seva Vanitha Unit at a search carried out by the Galle Harbour Police on 18.08.2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the individual or the institution with legal ownership of the weapons and bullets disclosed by the Police;
  - (ii) of the Act under which those weapons have been transferred to an individual or an institution;
  - (iii) if so, the authority who authorized such transfer;
  - (iv) of the country and the year in which those weapons were manufactured and the license obtained; and
  - (v) of the method adopted in purchasing those weapons and the amount spent for that purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether permission has been granted for maintaining this floating armoury in harbour premises;
  - (ii) the authority who granted such permission;
  - (iii) whether Avant-garde pays any fee in that respect; and
  - (iv) if so, the amount paid in that manner?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he, as the Minister in charge of the subject, accepts the conclusions of the Attorney General in this regard; and
  - (ii) whether a Parliamentary Committee will be appointed in this connection?
- (e) If not, why?

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the permanent and contractual staff attached to the Ranaviru Seva Authority;
  - (ii) the amount of money spent by the said Authority to provide uniforms to the permanent and contractual staff in 2013 and 2014; and
  - (iii) the amount of money spent on the uniform of a single person when the permanent and contractual staff are categorized as men and women?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
- (i) the uniform material selected was low in quality;
  - (ii) the officers have rejected the uniforms because of that reason; and
  - (iii) the chairperson of the Authority has acted arbitrarily?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether arrangements will be made to solve the uniform issue of the Ranaviru Seva Authority; and
  - (ii) if so, how?
- (d) If not, why?

445/16

3.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether allocations were made by the former President Mahinda Rajapaksa as the Minister of Finance in 2008 to write off all loans granted to the Co-operative Movement by the State Banks;
  - (ii) whether Hon. Bandula Gunawardana, MP, the then Minister in charge of the subject made a statement in Parliament on 05.11.2015 confirming that;
  - (iii) whether the State Minister of Industry and Commerce informed Parliament on 05.11.2015 that the actual situation in relation to the writing off of loans from each Co-operative society would be made known upon discussing the matter with the Minister;
  - (iv) whether the reply given to Parliament by the State Minister on 05.11.2015 that, although it has been decided to write off the loans granted to co-operative societies by the Peoples Banks, so far it has not been implemented in any district, is correct; and
  - (v) the reasons for not implementing the decision of (iv) above?

(14)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the decision taken to boost the co-operative societies by writing off the loans, will be implemented; and
  - (ii) if so, whether the co-operative societies would be informed of the future steps to be taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

508/16

4.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of immovable properties (lands, houses and shops) belonging to the Mohideen Jumma Mosque situated at No. 154, N.C. Street, Trincomalee, which has been registered with the Sri Lanka Wakf Board of the Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs under Registration No. R/0682/T/036;
  - (ii) of the addresses of each of those properties;
  - (iii) separately of the monthly income that is received from each of those properties; and
  - (iv) separately of the names stated in the deeds of each of the aforesaid Wakf properties?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether the approval of the Department has been obtained for using the aforesaid Wakf properties;
  - (ii) whether some of those properties have been transferred to names of certain individuals through freehold deeds; and
  - (iii) if so, of the nature of action that will be taken in this regard by Sri Lanka Wakf Board;
- (c) If not, why?

562/16

5.

Hon. S. Shriritharan,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware of the financial irregularity that took place in the Technical College of Jaffna;
  - (ii) if so, the reason for not taking any action in this regard;
  - (iii) whether a transfer was given to the Director of the Technical College when the financial fraud committed by him was confirmed;
  - (iv) if so, the reasons for the non implementation of the transfer; and
  - (v) whether the said transfer has been suspended?

(15)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether there are branches of the Jaffna Technical College within the District;
  - (ii) if not, whether this Technical College is sufficient for 650,000 people living in this district; and
  - (iii) if not, the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

574/16

6.

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) whether recommendations have been made to send Mr. A.H. Samun who was serving as the Principal of A/Bamunugama Muslim Vidyalaya of Kekirawa Education Zone on retirement, going by a disciplinary order, taken in keeping with the Section 2:17 of Pensions Minutes (Ref. No. උමැප/අදෙ/07/2/001);
  - (ii) if so, from which date onwards; and
  - (iii) accordingly, whether his retirement gratuity and the pension will be paid?
- (b) If not, why?

590/16

7.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the total number of CWE outlets in Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) of those outlets, the number of outlets which are run in government buildings and the number of outlets which are run in rented buildings?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the amount of money spent annually by the CWE to pay the rent of rented buildings;
  - (ii) separately of the locations of the rented buildings, their owners and the monthly rent paid to them; and
  - (iii) separately of the number of functioning and closed down CWE outlets at those locations?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether a formal methodology is followed in obtaining buildings on rent to run CWE outlets; and
  - (ii) if so, what that methodology is?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Will he table—
  - (i) the number of Buddhist monks who were remanded on suspicion and who were imprisoned as offenders after having confirmed the allegations leveled against them during the period from the year 1948 to 08<sup>th</sup> January 2015 separately as per each year;
  - (ii) separately the allegation or the offence that led to remanding or the imprisonment of each monk who was either remanded or imprisoned; and
  - (iii) separately the time period during which each remanded or imprisoned monk was either remanded or imprisoned?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Buddhist monks who were remanded during the period from 08.01.2015 to 31.03.2016;
  - (ii) separately of the allegations which were leveled against each monk who was remanded; and
  - (iii) separately of the time period during which each of the aforesaid monks were remanded?
- (c) If not, why?

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**Thursday, August 11, 2016**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House, in relation to the Sri Lankan delegations that attended the United Nations General Assembly in the years from 2005-2015,—
  - (i) as to who headed the delegations;
  - (ii) the number of delegates;
  - (iii) the names of the Members of Parliament among the delegates, if any;
  - (iv) the number of officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
  - (v) the total amount of money spent; and
  - (vi) the breakdown of that expenditure under Heads such as Air fares, Hotels and accomodation, separately?
- (b) If not, why?



2.

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

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the institutions which submitted tenders when tenders were called for the purchase of the Canvas Shoes required for the physical training of the Army in the year 2015;
  - (ii) separately the values of tenders offered by the aforesaid institutions;
  - (iii) the institution which obtained the tender; and
  - (iv) the reasons for awarding the tender to the aforesaid institution?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the names and designations of the officers of the Tender Board of the Ministry of Defence relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015;
  - (ii) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board;
  - (iii) of the names and designations of the officers of the Army Tender Board relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015; and
  - (iv) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken by the government to remove the officers who continuously serve in the Tender Boards of the Ministry of Defence and the Army;
  - (ii) if so, on which date?
- (d) If not, why?

509/16

3.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a number of families who lost their houses and property due to Tsunami disaster are rendered helpless even by now in various parts of the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to implement a programme by selecting people at Divisional Secretariat Division level to provide permanent houses for the people who lost their houses; and
  - (ii) whether attention will be paid to implement that jointly with the Ministry of Disaster Management and the Ministry of Housing and Construction?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) Mr. N.G. Sunil Shantha of No.159, Ranhelagama Dehiattakandiya sat the competitive examination to recruit persons to the post of “Postal Services Officer” of Grade 1 B of Category “B” of the Combined Postal Service of the Department of Postal Services in the year 2011 under Index Number PS/C/05264 and got through it; and

(ii) however, he has not been called for the interview so far?

(b) Will he state whether he will be considered to be recruited to that post based on the marks he has scored at the competitive examination?

(c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the extent of land in Kandy District which belonged to the Land Reforms Commission and was given to various individuals and institutions from 31.12.1994 up to date;

(ii) of the individuals and institutions to which those lands have been granted and their locations, extent and value separately; and

(iii) the total revenue received by the Land Reforms Commission through the provision of those lands?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

(i) of those lands, the extent of lands that have been developed and not developed separately;

(ii) whether arrangements will be made to reclaim those lands which can be of contribution to the national economy but have not been properly developed, by the Land Reforms Commission; and

(iii) if so, the date it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) around 4000 principals who were appointed on acting basis to Provincial Council Schools during the period from year 2008 to 2015 have gained knowledge and training in financial affairs and Administration of Schools;
  - (ii) after year 2005, the competitive examination for the recruitment of Principals was held in the year 2015 and it was held only for the recruitment of Principals to Grade III of the Principals' Service; and
  - (iii) those who were above 50 years of age were not eligible to apply for the aforesaid examination while most of the teachers who were placed on the salary step that is higher than that of Grade III of the Principals' Service did not apply for that examination?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the reason as to why the service of the acting principals of government schools has not been confirmed to date despite that those who have completed 03 years of service as acting principals should be appointed as principals through interviews in terms of the Principals' Service Minute;
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to confirm the service of the acting principals who were not even eligible to apply for the aforesaid competitive examination as they were above 50 years of age; and
  - (iii) whether relief will be provided to those who were subjected to political victimization during the previous regime?
- (c) If not, why?

620/16

7.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House with regard to the institutions coming under the purview of the Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training—
- (i) the number of courses conducted free of charge ; what those courses;
  - (ii) the number of courses conducted charging money ; what those courses;
  - (iii) whether all the students who possess the required qualifications asked for are enrolled for the courses;
  - (iv) the courses for which sufficient facilities are not available; and
  - (v) the steps that would be taken in that regard?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits the fact that the number of students that are enrolled will increase, if the facilities are enhanced;
  - (ii) the date on which the facilities will be enhanced to fulfill the development needs after identifying the aforesaid needs; and
  - (iii) the physical progress meant by the statement “action is being taken to identify the need of developing soft skills and fulfill the aforesaid needs”?
- (c) If not, why ?

621/’16

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that complaints have been lodged with the Financial Crimes Investigation Division against the Chief Minister of the Uva Province regarding a number of allegations of fraud and corruption?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether the aforesaid Chief Minister has recruited advisors;
  - (ii) if so, under what authority has he made such recruitments;
  - (iii) separately of the names of the advisors that have thus been recruited and the allowances paid to them; and
  - (iv) if such advisors have been recruited illegally, whether action will be taken to remove them and to take legal action against the Chief Minister for making such recruitments?
- (c) If not, why?

626/’16

9.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) Under the Budget Proposals 2012, in view of encouraging tax payers, when a vehicle is purchased, a 25 % tax relief on total tax, has been given to the individuals who has paid, at least Rs. 250,000/- as tax continuously for 10 years; and
  - (ii) In September 2015, the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance has informed the Inland Revenue Department, in writing, to terminate the aforesaid tax relief ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the reasons, led to terminate aforesaid tax relief;
  - (ii) of the relief provided to the individuals who had opened Letters of Credit to import the vehicles, by the time that aforesaid tax relief is terminated;
  - (iii) whether measures will be taken to provide the tax relief again, revising the existing criteria in providing the tax relief ; and
  - (iv) if so, whether a detailed report will be submitted to this House ?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of warehouse complexes at Vauxhall Street belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board given on long term lease basis to private companies or individuals by the United National Party Government that was in power from the year 2001-2004; and
  - (ii) separately, the name of the warehouse leased out, area in square feet, leased amount and the company or individuals to whom they were leased?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether those warehouses have been leased out subject to the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers, an open tender procedure or a government valuation; and
  - (ii) if they have been leased out without any such condition, whether they will be taken back by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(2)

- (a) Will he table —
  - (i) separately on per year basis from 04<sup>th</sup> February 1948 to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 the number of persons who have received death sentence or a life sentence; and
  - (ii) separately the name and address of each of the prisoners who have received death sentence or a life sentence and the nature of the offence each of them had committed for receiving such sentence?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a special pardon has been offered to prisoners who had received death sentence or a life sentence; and
  - (ii) if so, separately of the names of the persons who offered such pardon to those prisoners, the dates on which such pardon was offered, and the nature of the crimes that had been committed by the recipients of such pardon?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the values of the total foreign exchange earnings and payments as per the forecasts of the government for year 2016;
  - (ii) of the value of the deficit in the balance of payment that has been forecasted for year 2016; and
  - (iii) of the steps that the government plans to take in order to settle that deficit in the balance of payment?
- (b) If not, why?

700/'16

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether Mr. Arjuna Joseph Aloysius, resident of No.10, Prince Albert Tower, Alfred House Gardens, of Colombo 03, in his capacity as a Director of a company producing Arrack, known as W.M. Mendis and Company, has applied for a permit from the Excise Department to distil spirit from cereal (an ethanol permit)?
  - (ii) if not, whether W.M. Mendis and Company has applied for such a permit;
  - (iii) of the names of the Board of Directors of W.M.Mendis and Company; and
  - (iv) of the number of permits (ethanol permits) issued by the Excise Department to distil spirit from cereal from 08-01-2015 to date; and the names of such persons/ institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

702/'16

14.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Family Health Officers too are included in the scheme of providing motorcycles to Public Servants;
  - (ii) both the officers on field duty as well as the officers on duty in hospitals are entitled to this allowance;
  - (iii) although the provision of motorcycles has taken place in the proper manner in certain areas, it has not been implemented properly in a few areas; and
  - (iv) especially, the Family Health Officers employed at the Gampaha Hospital have not been provided with motorcycles yet?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether steps will be taken to provide motorcycles to those who have not received motorcycles in Gampaha and in other areas of the island so far; and
  - (ii) of the period of time it may take to achieve this?
- (c) If not, why?

388/15

15.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) over thousand individuals who completed the Ayurveda Degree are unemployed; and
  - (ii) a systematic programme to provide them with jobs has not been implemented yet?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there are Ayurveda Medical Doctor vacancies in the public sector;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of such vacancies;
  - (iii) whether he will take action to resolve the unemployment issue of the Ayurveda Medical Degree holders; and
  - (iv) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

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**Friday, August 12, 2016**

**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

389/15

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the ginger cultivations in Sri Lanka have caught a fungal disease;
  - (ii) the ginger cultivations in the Kalutara District and the other districts have been affected by the aforesaid fungal disease; and
  - (iii) the price of ginger has dropped to a very low value at present?
- (b) Will he state —
  - (i) whether the Department of Agriculture has taken steps to prevent the damages that have been caused to the ginger cultivations by the aforesaid fungal disease; and
  - (ii) if so, the nature of the steps that have been taken?

(24)

- (c) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the quantity of ginger that was imported to Sri Lanka in year 2015 in kilograms;
  - (ii) whether measures have been taken to produce the ginger requirement of the country within this country itself;
  - (iii) if so, the nature of such measures; and
  - (iv) whether action will be taken to limit the importation of ginger?
- (d) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the price of ginger;
  - (ii) if so, of the manner in which such price increase will be done; and
  - (iii) of the further steps that will be taken to develop ginger cultivation in this country?
- (e) If not, why?

572/16

2.

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that action was taken by the Divisional Secretary of Samanthurei to inform the Director General of the Department of Pensions regarding the disabled status of Mr. K. L. Fasly Nisar residing at No. 438, Podiyar Street, Ampara Road, Samanthurei through Letter No. DSS/FMG/PEN/DI/2013-2 dated 19.12.2013 by sending the Disabled Pensioners Application (Pension No.01-857916) and the relevant Health report 307 (with the date 18.04.2006 which is the correct date of becoming disabled);
  - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide his pension payment expeditiously;
- (b) If not, why?

595/16

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of local and foreign private financial companies registered in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the names of such companies and the places in which those companies are located; and
  - (iii) whether he admits that some financial companies act causing inconveniences to customers?



(25)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that the customers who were inconvenienced due to the activities of the aforesaid companies have taken legal action against them;
  - (ii) if so, whether a formal regulatory mechanism will be formulated to monitor financial institutions in order to minimize the inconveniences faced by the customers; and
  - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

610/16

4.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the number of times on which the medicinal drug named 'NIMOTUZUMAB' that is used to treat cancer patients has been imported to Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) of the dates on which the aforesaid drug was imported; and
  - (iii) separately of the amount of the aforesaid drug that was imported in each time, the amount of money that was spent on that and the name of the importing company?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether the relevant companies have been registered with the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board or any other institute for the importation of the aforesaid drug;
  - (ii) if so, of the date of such registration; and
  - (iii) whether he admits that the aforesaid drug is still at testing stage?
- (c) If not, why?

622/16

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that an account of the Provincial Council has been taken over for personal use by the Chief Minister of the Uva Province;
  - (ii) of the extent to which it complies with the existing Financial Regulations and the Provincial Council Regulations; and
  - (iii) on the steps that will be taken in relation to illegal or improper transaction, if any?
- (b) If not, why?

628/16

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of estates owned by the State Plantations Corporation, which were transferred to the individuals or private companies, on the basis of sale or long term lease, by the United National Party Government, in 2001-2004 period;
  - (ii) separately of the names of aforesaid estates, acreage of aforesaid lands, of the amount of money on which they were sold or given on lease, the names of the individuals or the companies;
  - (iii) whether aforesaid estates have been given under the cabinet approval, according to a open tender procedure or under government valuation; and
  - (iv) if aforesaid land have been sold or given on lease without any of aforesaid condition, whether aforesaid lands will be reclaimed by the government?
- (b) If not, why?

635/16

7.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House —
- (i) whether the pension anomalies that had been existing have been eliminated as per the pledge given during the last election campaign to that effect;
  - (ii) whether the two-month lump-sum allowance paid to pensioners till the payments are made after eliminating pension anomalies has been recovered;
  - (iii) whether the amount paid for widows has been cut off in paying pensions; and
  - (iv) whether the unmarried girls under 21 years of age and children under 18 years of age have been deprived of their previously existing entitlement to the pension by now?
- (b) If not, why?

642/16

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether any payment has been made to some group of persons for the purpose of drafting the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution Act or a concept paper of that Act; and
  - (ii) separately of the names of the payees, the reasons for making the payments, and the amount paid to each of those persons?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of employees recruited to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation during the period from 01.10.2015 up to 30.03.2016;
  - (ii) the names of the aforesaid employees;
  - (iii) the procedure adopted to recruit them;
  - (iv) whether there were vacancies in the approved cadre to recruit them;
  - (v) if so, the number of vacancies that existed in the approved cadre;
  - (vi) the criteria used in selecting each person, separately?
- (b) If not, why ?

658/16

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
  - (i) he admits the fact that the monthly allowance of Rs. 6,000/- paid to Quasi Judges appointed under the Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act and the allowance of Rs. 5,000/- paid as clerical allowances and for office facilities, are not (at all) sufficient;
  - (ii) steps will be taken to increase the above allowances, taking into consideration the current cost of living?
- (b) If not, why?

664/16

11.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is an accord or agreement between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Government of India or an Indian Company to modernize the Kankasanthurei Harbour;
  - (ii) if so, whether that accord or agreement will be presented to this House;
  - (iii) whether the documents that have the approval and observations of the Cabinet of Ministers and the Department of Attorney General for the aforesaid accord will be submitted;
  - (iv) whether this contract has been awarded to the relevant company through an open tender procedure;
  - (v) the cost needed to modernize the harbour according to the contract; and
  - (vi) the time period that is needed to complete the modernization task?
- (b) If not, why?

701/'16

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the volume of capital provisions allocated for the strengthening of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption as per the Budget Proposals of 2016;
  - (ii) of the manner in which capital provisions were allocated by the aforesaid Commission after 01.03.2016;
  - (iii) whether the Ministry of Finance has received a request for additional provisions for year 2016 in addition to the allocated capital provisions of Rs.123 million;
  - (iv) if so, of the purpose of requesting such additional provisions?
- (b) If not, why?

709/'16

13.

Hon. S. Viyalanderan,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether appointments of minor employees of the Ministry of Education have been given from the inception of the 100 Day Programme which was introduced from 08<sup>th</sup> January 2015 up to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the qualifications which were considered when awarding the aforesaid appointments;
  - (ii) of the number of appointments so given;
  - (iii) separately of the number of said appointments as per each district; and
  - (iv) of the number of Tamil minor employees to whom such appointments have been given?
- (c) If not, why?

710/'16

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries as at 08.01.2015; and
  - (ii) of the expenditure borne to provide the allowances for the aforesaid Samurdhi beneficiaries?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries as at 30.04.2016; and
  - (ii) of the expenditure borne by the government to provide the allowances for the aforesaid Samurdhi beneficiaries?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) Upali Kumara Kithsiri who is employed as the Govi Niyamaka of Giraula Division of the of the Ganga Ihala Korale Divisional Secretariat Division has constructed a road leading to his personal residence fraudulently using public funds in year 2014;
  - (ii) the aforesaid road does not belong to the Ganga Ihala Korale Pradeshiya Sabha area;
  - (iii) the aforesaid road has been constructed by forcefully filling without proper authorization the paddy land that belongs to Giraula Temple;
  - (iv) payments have been made for the construction of the aforesaid road using public funds; and
  - (v) political power has been used for utilizing public funds for the construction of a private road and for filling paddy lands without permission?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the action that will be taken against the aforesaid construction?
- (c) If not, why?

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#### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.8/15

1.

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.9/15

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting up of an efficient system to make acting appointments on Grama Niladari Posts that fall vacant,— That this Parliament resolves that a post of Grama Niladari's be set up in each divisional secretariat office with a view to appointing Grama Niladari's from that pool to Grama Niladari Divisions that fall vacant, since appointing the Grama Niladari of the adjoining division on acting basis on a meagre allowance when vacancy occurs in a Grama Niladari Division leads to the breakdown of efficiency in both divisions and also to provide for the Grama Niladari's of that pool to be deployed in any productive field or duty assigned to them by the Divisional Secretary.

P.10/'15

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Granting official recognition to prevailing Civil Defence Committees,— That this Parliament resolves that a Parliamentary Act to be enacted to enable official recognition be granted to Civil Defence Committees operational at present and to make it more convenient for those committees comprising of the Chief Incumbent, Priest of the religious institutions, the Principal, Grama Niladhari, Samurdhi Development Officer, Agriculture Research Assistant, Janasabha Secretaries, an officer representing the Police Station of the area, representatives from the voluntary organizations, public and private sector employees who are residents of the Grama Niladhari Division, be set up and to facilitate proper co-ordination with the relevant authorities against criminal acts, vices and various illegal activities taking place in the Grama Niladhari Division.

P.11/'15

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating outdated laws and regulations currently being in operation in the Island,— That this Parliament resolves that since laws and regulations introduced during the Colonial Era are still in operation, that committees be appointed to review such laws and regulations and a national programme be implemented to update outdated penalties, fines etc.

P.12/'15

5.

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. 13/'15

6.

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

P. 14/'15

7.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to create national integrity,— That this Parliament resolves that, with the aim of promoting national integrity, a national programme be implemented with the assistance of the state and private electronic and print media to commence the conducting of the Sinhala language training programmes in areas where the Tamil speaking people live and the Tamil language training programmes where the Sinhala speaking people live with the assistance of Government, non-government and private institutions.

P. 15/'15

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to the party rendered helpless due to the improper behavior of the spouse,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary laws be drafted to prevent the spouse together with the children becoming utterly helpless due to the husband or the wife being engaged in alcoholism, gambling and other improper behaviors and selling or transferring to others land or household goods on his or her own will, when a married couple are living under the same roof.

P.16/'15

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing Committees on Ethics,— That this Parliament resolves that a Committee on Ethics should be established to look into the matters connected with the maintaining of credibility and good ethical conduct of the Members of Parliament in Sri Lanka.

P.17/'15

10.

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.18/'15

11.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Option of retirement after a 20 year period of service for male Police Officers,— That this Parliament resolves that the option of voluntary retirement available for female Police Officers after the completion of 20 year period of service shall be made applicable to the male Police Officers as well, and a scheme shall be formulated for this purpose.

P.19/'15

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting up Committees for repealing regulations,— That this Parliament resolves that committees to look into the possibility of repealing redundant regulations shall be set up since the formulation of regulations as well as the repealing of regulations is an ongoing process.

P.21/'15

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Assurance Committees,— That this Parliament moves that committees be established to ensure that the Government fulfills its' responsibilities as there are occasions when the Government fails to meet the assurances given in response to questions raised in Parliament and the obligations of the Government.

P.22/'15

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Enhancing the productivity of the lands owned by the Department of Railways,— That this Parliament resolves that the income received by the Department be enhanced by removing speedily the unauthorized constructions and occupants from the lands owned by the Department of Railways and by reviewing the agreements regarding authorized constructions and that the lands that do not affect development work of the Department directly be provided to the private sector on long-term lease and funds thus obtained be utilized for modernization of the Railway Network.

P.23/'15

15.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a scheme to protect the lives of the beggars,— That this Parliament resolves that lands for cultivation be provided to beggars and their safety of life and nourishment be ensured through the income received from such lands, as there is a serious threat to the lives of the beggars at present.

P.24/'15

16.

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.

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17.

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.

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18.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing beach access roads for the promotion of tourism,— Since the obstruction caused to local and foreign tourists and fishermen in accessing the coastal belt as a result of constructions going on apace within the coastal zone of the Island has hindered the promotion of tourism as well as the fisheries industry, that this Parliament resolves that a beach access road network should be established with a view to preventing this situation and to promote these industries.

P.27/'15

19.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Rectifying the salary anomalies of the officers in the Education Administrative Service,— That this Parliament resolves that since there exist a salary anomaly in Principals' Service, Teacher Education Service and Education Administrative Service, a methodology should be formulated to rectify the aforesaid situation enabling them to receive a salary which is sufficient to maintain their dignity.

P.28/'15

20.

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.



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21.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the Notary Service operative in Sri Lanka at present,— Since the Notary Service operative in the Island at present has been based on obsolete laws, this Parliament resolves that this service has to be reconsidered and laws have to be introduced to suit the present situation in the country.

P.30/'15

22.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Strengthening the economy of the chena cultivators in the dry zone,— That this House resolves that Co-operative Societies Limited be set up in order to increase the yield of crops such as paddy, kurakkan, green gram and gingelly cultivated by the chena cultivators in the dry zone, process products of high quality through the introduction of new technology to process products, and strengthen the base in the local and international markets to sell those products.

P.31/'15

23.

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.32/'15

24.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing new technology to popularize rice flour instead of wheat flour among the public,— That this Parliament resolves that with the aim of retaining the huge amount of wealth drained from this country to foreign countries on wheat flour, to popularize food prepared with rice flour which could be used as a substitute, and to grind rice which is a fibrous type of grain more finely similar to the consistency of wheat flour, machinery and new technology of the type used to grind wheat flour be introduced.

P.33/'15

25.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to those who have become disabled due to the war,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to provide some monthly allowance for those disabled due to war, as a considerable number out of those who earned a living as laborers and those who were engaged in permanent jobs have become deformed and disabled due to the war that existed for a period of nearly 30 years and live helplessly burdened by the cost of living.

P.34/'15

26.

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

P.35/'15

27.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Converting courses conducted by the universities into job-oriented courses,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic program should be drawn up for the co-ordination of public sector and private sector institutions with all universities with a view to providing employment opportunities for those graduated whereafter converting those degree courses conducted exclusively for scholarly education by all government and private sector universities of the island into job-oriented, professional degree courses.

P.36/'15

28.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting proper standards for vans transporting school children,— That this Parliament resolves that standards should be introduced for school vans in order to maintain a school van service with proper standards and to ensure the safety of school children who make use of this service, and a code of disciplinary rules should be introduced for maintaining good conduct among employees of school vans since school van services operated throughout the island do not meet the required standards and the conduct of some employees of school vans is not at a satisfactory level.

P.37/'15

29.

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.38/'15

30.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Creating a digital library to protect the traditional heritage of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a modern library making use of digital technology be set up for all sectors including the environment, indigenous medicine, agriculture and traditional industries, as an extensive national programme has become necessary to protect and nurture the traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people, and pass it on to the future generation, and to prevent the abuse of genetic resources and biological heritage, and steps be taken to formulate a joint programme in that respect, bringing together all relevant sectors including the World Intellectual Property Organization, National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka and the Bio-diversity Unit of the Ministry of Environment.

P.39/'15

31.

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

P.40/'15

32.

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

P.41/'15

33.

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

P.42/'15

34.

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

P.43/'15

35.

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

P.44/'15

36.

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

P.45/'15

37.

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

P.46/'15

38.

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

P.47/'15

39.

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

P.48/'15

40.

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

P.49/'15

41.

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

P.50/'15

42.

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

P.51/'15

43.

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

P.52/'15

44.

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

P.53/'15

45.

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

P.54/'15

46.

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

P.55/'15

47.

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

P.56/'15

48.

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

P.57/'15

49.

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

P.58/'15

50.

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

P.59/'15

51.

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

P.60/'15

52.

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

P.61/'15

53.

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

P.62/15

54.

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

P.63/15

55.

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

P.64/15

56.

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

P.65/15

57.

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

P.66/15

58.

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

P.67/15

59.

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

P.68/'15

60.

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

P.69/'15

61.

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

P.70/'15

62.

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

P.71/'15

63.

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

P.72/'15

64.

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

P.73/'15

65.

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



P.74/15

66.

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.75/15

67.

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.76/15

68.

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

P.77/15

69.

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

P.78/15

70.

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

P.79/15

71.

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

P.80/'15

72.

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

P.81/'15

73.

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

P.82/'15

74.

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

P.83/'15

75.

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

P.84/'15

76.

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

P.85/'15

77.

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

P.86/'15

78.

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

P.87/'15

79.

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

P.88/'15

80.

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

P.89/'15

81.

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

P.90/'15

82.

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

P.91/'15

83.

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

P.92/15

84.

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

P.93/15

85.

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

P.94/15

86.

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

P.95/15

87.

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

P.96/15

88.

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

P. 97/15

89.

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

P. 98/'15

90.

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

P. 99/'15

91.

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

P. 100/'15

92.

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

P. 101/'15

93.

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

P. 102/'15

94.

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

P. 103/'15

95.

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, Devadharmā Jathaka, Sathara Sangraha Wasthu, Chakkawaththi Sihanada Sutta and Dharma Pradeepika.

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96.

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

P. 105/'15

97.

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.

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98.

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.

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99.

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

P.108/'15

100.

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

P. 109/'15

101.

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

P. 110/'15

102.

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

P.111/'15

103.

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

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104.

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

P.113/'15

105.

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

P.114/'15

106.

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

P.115/15

107.

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

P.116/15

108.

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

P.117/15

109.

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

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110.

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

P.119/15

111.

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

P.120/15

112.

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



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113.

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

P.122/'15

114.

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

P.123/'15

115.

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

P.124/'15

116.

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

P.125/'15

117.

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

P.126/'15

118.

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

P.127/'15

119.

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

P.128/'15

120.

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

P.129/'15

121.

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

P.130/'15

122.

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

P.131/'15

123.

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

P.132/'15

124.

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

P. 133/'15

125.

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

P.134/'15

126.

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

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127.

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

P.136/'15

128.

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

P.137/'15

129.

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

P.138/'15

130.

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

P.139/'15

131.

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

P.140/'15

132.

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

P.143/'15

133.

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Reserving suitable grazing land for cattle,— That this Parliament resolves that a suitable grazing land in the Trincomalee district be declared, reserved, and published in the Gazette, since there are roughly 250,000 animals there that need grazing land and the Government policy of increasing the milk production is hindered by the non availability of dedicated grazing land in the district.

P.145/'15

134.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Establishing an institution to look into the harassments that are inflicted to the public by the Government institutions,— That this parliament resolves that a Government institution with legal authority, be set up in order to look in to the harassments and the injustices that are caused to the public who visit Government institutions to get various services done and to examine aforesaid injustices.

P.150/'15

135.

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— Developing a proper methodology to provide employments to graduates,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be developed for serving justice to graduates in Sri Lanka in giving them employments in place of the system that has been in existence so far of taking into consideration the political parties they supported and that action be taken to adopt it as a policy in order to ensure that graduates are not belittled before politicians.

P.151/'15

136.

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— Improving the living standards of the Tamil people living in estate areas,— As facilities like electricity, water supply and other infrastructure facilities available in the living environments of the Tamil people in the estate areas are at a minimum level, and as this situation has affected the education of the children and the private life of the people in those areas, that this Parliament resolves that a programme be commenced expeditiously to build new housing schemes consisting of separate houses for those people putting an end to the existing culture of line houses.

P.154/'15

137.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Establishing a Multi-Storey Housing Scheme in the Kandy District,—That this Parliament resolves that a programme to provide houses to the houseless middle class people in the Kandy District should be implemented by initiating a multi-storey housing scheme on uncultivated land belonging to plantation institutions of the government in the Kandy District, as a solution to the shortage of land and houses throughout the Kandy District.

P.155/'15

138.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Granting pension to members of the three armed forces who have been engaged in operational duties for 12 years,— That this Parliament resolves that since a retirement scheme is in operation for service personnel of the three armed forces after the completion of 22 years in service, and since those who have been engaged continuously for a period of 12 years in operational duties in the North and East and left the service are in a state of despair at present, that a scheme shall be formulated forthwith to grant them a semi pension in order to grant relief to such members of the three armed forces and police.

P.156/'15

139.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Minimizing traffic congestion in the Kandy town,— That this Parliament resolves that an immediate solution shall be offered to minimize the traffic congestion in Kandy, since Kandy which is the second largest city in Sri Lanka is a tourist centre of local and foreign visitors and since the large number of people visiting Kandy daily are immensely inconvenienced by the heavy traffic congestion on the roads in and around Kandy.

P.157/15

140.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Starting a Muslim Boys' School within the city of Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary arrangements be made to establish a Muslim Boys' School in the city of Kandy as a large number of Muslims live in the Kandy district and also because that a Muslim Boys' School be established has been a long standing request of the Muslims.

P.158/15

141.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Construction of new buildings for the grade one pupils of the popular schools situated within the city of Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that new buildings be speedily constructed to hold the grade one classes of the prominent schools within the city of Kandy, as admission of children to those schools have become very difficult despite the large number of applications for admission to grade one, due to the limited space available in those schools.

P.159/15

142.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Systematic expansion of the Free Industrial Parks of Pallekale, Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that since a large number of youth are affected by unemployment in the Kandy District and it is necessary to arrange employment opportunities for them without delay, the two Free Industrial Parks located in Pallekale, Kandy should be streamlined expeditiously in order to make opportunities for more people to get employment.

P.160/15

143.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Re-establishing the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made expeditiously to re-establish the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission in a streamlined manner in order to remedy the injustices caused to Up-country people as the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission which was established for the purpose of granting relief to residents of Up-country areas who were rendered destitute during the imperial regime reached an inactive state in the period of the last Government.

P.162/15

144.

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Filling the vacancies of the special category of employees in Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service prevailing in the Northern Province Department of Education, based on the seniority and merit and placing the selectees in Grade III exempting them from the competitive exam,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper analysis should be made in regard to the filling of vacancies in the special category of employees in Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service in the Northern Province Department of Education, and the officers in Sri Lanka Principals Service and Sri Lanka Teachers' Service who are engaged in the relevant duties should be appointed to the aforesaid positions based on their seniority and merit, and they should be placed in Grade III of Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service exempting them from the requirement of sitting for the competitive exam.

P.163/15

145.

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Appointment of the acting principals serving in the schools under the Provincial Council of the Northern Province to Grade III of Principals' Service after exempting them from sitting for the competitive examination for the recruitment of Principals,— That this Parliament resolves that the aforesaid officers be appointed to Grade III of the Principals' service of Sri Lanka after exempting them from sitting for the competitive examination for the recruitment of Principals taking the seniority and competency of the acting principals belonging to the Teachers service of Sri Lanka who have been thus serving for a long time in the schools coming under the Northern Provincial Council into consideration.

P.168/16

146.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—Advancement of national reconciliation among nationalities,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sinhala medium section should be established in every Tamil Medium School in Sri Lanka, in support of initiating long term goals of building more effective advancement of national reconciliation, mutual understanding and the unity among nationalities.

P.169/16

147.

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Introducing a New Sports Act,— That this Parliament resolves that a new Sports Act should be introduced for the uplift and development of sports in Sri Lanka by introducing a new methodology instead of the system of electing officers to the Boards of Control for Sports by the vote of district sports societies and thereby make the conduct of the aforesaid officers be responsible to the public or Parliament.

P.177'16

148.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— Introducing a Haj Pilgrimage Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should introduce a "Haj Pilgrimage Act" in order to resolve issues faced by pilgrims who go on annual Haj pilgrimages from Sri Lanka and to establish an institutional structure and formulate legal provisions for the same

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149.

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Building a Memorial for the people who lost their lives due to the war and declaring a common day to commemorate them,—That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate day should be declared to commemorate the people of all religions and nationalities that speak all languages who lost their lives due to war and take measures to celebrate that day annually, and a Memorial should be built in order to honour their dedication, in the name of the motherland, in an appropriate place in Omanthei of Northern Province, commemorating as Sri Lankans, the people of all religions, social levels and all nationalities that speak all languages who were killed due to the war and due to the anomalous conditions that prevailed during the recent past, since the people are ushering in peace overcoming the war like situation that prevailed in the Northern Province for number of decades.

P. 179/16

150.

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

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151.

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

P.181/16

152.

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

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153.

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

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154.

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



155.

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

**Tuesday, August 23, 2016**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

493/16

1.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of overage vehicles imported under the permits issued by the Department of Imports and Exports and registered by the Department of Motor Traffic in the year 2015; and
  - (ii) the names of the persons who registered those vehicles along with their addresses and the registered numbers separately?
- (b) If not, why?

514/16

2.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) filariasis is rapidly spreading throughout Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) a considerable number of people are affected by this disease; and
  - (iii) the contribution from the government is not sufficient to suppress spread of the disease?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of filarial patients reported in Sri Lanka during the period of last five years; and
  - (ii) the number of patients mentioned in above (i) in respect of each district separately?
- (c) If not, why?

596/16

3.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
  - (i) the number of technological laboratories that have been inaugurated under the programme to provide technological laboratories to one thousand schools in Sri Lanka;
  - (ii) the total amount of money that has been spent for purchasing computers and accessories for those laboratories;

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- (iii) whether the purchasing has been carried out under a proper procurement process; and
- (iv) if so, who have approved them?
- (b) Will he inform the House—
  - (i) whether he admits that substandard instruments have been purchased and financial irregularities have occurred during the purchasing of these instruments;
  - (ii) if so, who are the persons responsible for it;
  - (iii) the loss caused to the government by it;
  - (iv) whether a formal inquiry will be conducted early regarding the persons responsible for it; and
  - (v) if so, on what date?
- (c) If not, why?

612/16

4.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the land located at No.236/01, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla, where the building in which operations of CSN Channel are carried out is situated—
  - (i) whether the land belonged to the state;
  - (ii) of the date on the land was leased;
  - (iii) of the party to whom the land has been leased;
  - (iv) of the duration of the lease and the lease value;
  - (v) whether approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been obtained for leasing that land;
  - (vi) if so, of the date on which such approval was obtained; and
  - (vii) whether the relevant lease agreement will be tabled?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether the lease agreement provides for the operation of a business firm which runs private television and radio channels in that land;
  - (ii) if the conditions set out in the lease agreement have been breached, of the nature of action that will be taken against the responsible parties; and
  - (iii) if the party which had obtained the land on lease is some foundation or organization, of the names of the members or the board of directors of such foundation or organization?
- (c) If not, why?

652/16

5.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) as per Supreme Court Determination No.SEFR209/2007 on the irregular sale of the assets of Lanka Marine Services Company (LMSL), it has been stated that criminal proceedings should be instituted against the individuals involved in that fraudulent transaction; and
  - (ii) the Criminal Investigation Department has not taken measures to institute criminal proceedings up to now, even though 10 years have lapsed since the issuing of that determination?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the reasons for the delay in instituting criminal proceedings against those individuals; and
  - (ii) whether steps will be taken to expedite the instituting of criminal proceedings against those individuals?
- (c) If not, why?

654/16

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, the foreign debt of the government of Sri Lanka as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 and as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 in US Dollars and in rupees;
  - (ii) separately, the amount of depreciation of Sri Lankan Rupee in comparison to US Dollar from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016; and
  - (iii) the increase of foreign debt of the Government of Sri Lanka in rupees due to the depreciation of the exchange rate of rupee; and
- (b) If not, why?

659/16

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether an Advisory Council, in terms of section 4 of the Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act, has been appointed;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which it was appointed; and
  - (iii) the names of the members of that Advisory Council, their educational qualifications and professional qualifications separately?
- (b) Will he take steps to appoint that Advisory Council the absence of which impedes the enforcement of certain sections of the Muslim Marriages and Divorce Act without delay, if the council is not operational?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there is an agreement or accord entered into with the Government of China with regard to the 'Port City' related Special Chinese industrial zone which is said to have been agreed to by the Prime Minister in his visit to China, as stated by the Government;
  - (ii) if so, whether that document will be tabled;
  - (iii) whether he will make a clarification of the preliminary conditions of establishing that Special Chinese Industrial Zone and the manner it is managed;
  - (iv) whether a map of the land earmarked for that industrial zone will be presented?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of war heroes over 55 years of age who were sent on retirement as disabled war heroes on medical grounds while on active duty in the Army, the Air force, the Navy, the Police and the Civil Security Force which belong to the State Security Service; and
  - (ii) the allowances paid to the said officers and the value of each of the allowances?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether the disability pension paid to disabled war heroes is paid to officers mentioned in (a)(i) above;
  - (ii) the allowance paid to them treating them as ordinary public servants, after the suspension of the disability pension upon the completion of 55 years;
  - (iii) whether the allowance paid as indicated in (ii) above for a fully disabled person is reasonable;
  - (iv) if a disabled soldier died before completing 55 years of age, whether an allowance is paid to his dependents; and
  - (v) if so, the method used in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
  - (i) the total number of employees at Sri Lanka Ports Authority;
  - (ii) the number of permanent employees as per port, separately; and
  - (iii) the number of casual employees as per port, separately; as of 09.01.2015?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of —
  - (i) the total number of employees at Sri Lanka Ports Authority as of 10.05.2016;
  - (ii) the number of employees newly recruited to the Authority by 10.05.2016; and
  - (iii) the manner in which those employees were recruited?
- (c) If not, why?

515/'16

11.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) HIV or other socially transmitted diseases are prevalent among the persons who are engaged in professions related to the tourism sector in Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) this directly affects the tourism industry?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a survey has been conducted to find out whether there are HIV infected persons among the above group;
  - (ii) if so, the number of such persons;
  - (iii) whether the government has taken steps to prevent the spread of HIV among those persons mentioned in (a)(i) above; and
  - (iv) if so, the steps that have been taken?
- (c) If not, why?

601/'16

12.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that the 'Bimsaviya' programme has been implemented in the Udunuwara Electorate by the Department of Land Settlement in order to register land titles in that electorate?
  - (ii) the total number of lands in the Udunuwara Electorate that have been estimated to register under 'Bimsaviya' programme?
  - (iii) separately, the number of lands that have been registered as at present and the number of lands of which the registration has not been completed to date?
  - (iv) whether steps will be taken to complete the registration of land titles in the aforesaid electorate speedily?
- (b) If not, why?

646/16

13.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Trade Unions Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the funds of the Employees' Provident Fund have been invested in a certain airline company;
  - (ii) if so, the name of the airline company, the amount invested, and the date of investment;
  - (iii) whether the approval of the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has been obtained in this regard;
  - (iv) the benefits derived by the Employees' Provident Fund as at 31.12.2015 through this investment; and
  - (v) if no benefits were derived, the reason for same?
- (b) If not, why?

668/16

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there is an agreement or a letter of understanding with the government of China regarding a Special Chinese Industrial Zone linked to the Hambantota Port said to have been agreed upon during the Prime Minister's visit to China as declared by the government;
  - (ii) if so, whether that document will be tabled;
  - (iii) the preliminary conditions of the establishment of the said Special Chinese Industrial Zone and as to how it is managed; and
  - (iv) whether he submits a map of the land identified for the said industrial zone?
- (b) If not, why?

712/16

15.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the reason, led not to take measures to calculate the Rs. 10,000/- allowance with the salary, in the process of computing the pension of the retiring government employees, presently, in keeping with the statement made by the government in previous budget, to that effect;
  - (ii) of the date from which, aforesaid pledge will be implemented; and
  - (iii) whether it is going to be another breach of promise?
- (b) If not, why?
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**Wednesday, August 24, 2016**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

440/16

1.

Hon. D. V. Chanaka,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a housing programme that costs Rs. 250,000/- was implemented under the Housing Development Programme by the National Housing Development Authority?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions and the locations of the lands in which the aforesaid programme is being implemented;
  - (ii) whether the relevant plots of land have been identified by the District Land Use Committee when those lands were distributed;
  - (iii) separately, the number of beneficiaries selected based on each Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (iv) the names and addresses of those beneficiaries and the methodology adopted to select them;
  - (v) the names of the public officers who participated to select the beneficiaries; and
  - (vi) whether the qualifications of the beneficiaries who were selected to own a land are at a satisfactory level?
- (c) If not, why?

446/16

2.

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) 7000 pine trees are being felled and removed in Samanalagama in Nawalapitiya range under the Department of Forest Conservation in Kandy district;
  - (ii) arrangements have been made to fell and remove through private traders the pine trees in 200 acres in Mapakanda, Nawalpitiya and in 50 acres in Malgolla, Dolosbage; and
  - (iii) eventhough permission had been obtained to remove only 2500 trees in Paragala section of Dolosbage, nearly 12000 trees have been felled and removed by now without authorization?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the procedures followed in granting approval for the removal of all the trees mentioned above and the names of the officers involved;
  - (ii) whether he admits that a huge amount of money due to the government has been lost as a result; and
  - (iii) of the legal action that would be taken against the officers involved in those fraudulent actions?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(3)

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) an order has been issued to the Criminal Investigations Department on 21.07.2007 to start an investigation on the matters raised by the ruling given in relation to the petition filed at the Supreme Court under No. SEFR 209/2007 regarding the irregular sale of the assets of Lanka Marine Services Ltd. (LMSL); and
  - (ii) the advice in that regard has not been received up to now, even though the investigations were carried out and the relevant extracts were referred to the Department of the Attorney General for legal advice on 08.12.2008?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) if so, whether action will be taken to obtain such advices; and
  - (ii) whether such information would be intimated to this House?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a census has been carried out to ascertain the number of coastal tour guides in Sri Lanka; and
  - (ii) If so, the number of coastal tour guides?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to register the above tour guides;
  - (ii) if so, date on which it will be done;
  - (iii) whether the Ministry intervenes to implement training programmes for these guides;
  - (iv) if so, whether the government will allocate the provisions required for this purpose; and
  - (v) what other measures will be taken for the welfare of coastal tour guides?
- (c) If not, why?



5.

Hon. S. Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that there is a state owned agricultural farm and an agricultural school in Wattakachchi area;
  - (ii) if so, the extent of that farm in respect of the acreage of land and mud lands separately;
  - (iii) who administers this farm at present and who makes use of this farm;
  - (iv) whether this farm will be transferred to the relevant department; and
  - (v) whether steps will be taken to provide employment opportunities to its labourers and make it functional again?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to transform the agricultural school attached to the Wattakkachchi agricultural farm into a functional state;
  - (ii) whether he is aware that this school functioned in the same manner that the agricultural schools in Vavuniya and Kundasale were functioned;
  - (iii) whether action will be taken to make it functional again in that manner; and
  - (iv) the time period that will be needed to transfer this to the relevant department and make it functional?
- (c) If not, why?

602/'16

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether an Act has been passed by the Parliament to regulate private medical institutions;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which it was done;
  - (iii) whether the methodology to regulate private medical institutions is implemented according to the aforesaid Act; and
  - (iv) if so, the way in which it is done?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that the registration of private medical institutions and private hospitals, regulation of medicine and medical laboratories, and displaying of qualifications of the doctors do not carry out properly according to the Act mentioned in (a)(i);
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to implement the regulations in that Act in a proper manner; and
  - (iii) If so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

606/16

7.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of foreign tours in which the Members of Parliament in the Government and Ministers have participated;
  - (ii) of the names of the Members of Parliament and Ministers including the Prime Minister who have participated in the aforesaid tours;
  - (iii) of the countries which they visited; and
  - (iv) out of the aforesaid foreign tours, separately of the official and personal tours taken;
- during the period from January to December in the year 2015?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether public officers have participated in the tours mentioned in (a) (i);
  - (ii) if so, of the number of aforesaid officers; and
  - (iii) of the total expenditure borne for the foreign tours in which Members of Parliament representing the government and Ministers have participated during the above period?
- (c) If not, why?

617/16

8.

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Thirukkedishwara Kovil situated in Mannar District is a religious site of the Hindu people; and
  - (ii) a Buddhist temple is being constructed in an unauthorized manner on a land belonging to Mr. Kanpathipillei Wijayakumar which is situated in the close proximity of the Thirukkedishwara Kovil?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to suspend the unauthorized construction of this temple?
- (c) If not, why?

647/16

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the objectives of holding the “Yowun Pura-2016” festival;
  - (ii) of the amount spent on advertising with respect to that festival;
  - (iii) of the amount paid to each advertising agency, separately;
  - (iv) of the total amount spent on “Yowun Pura-2016”, separately under each expenditure head; and
  - (v) whether he is satisfied that the government has achieved the expected objectives by holding this festival?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the government has granted permission for a Special Indian Economic or Industrial Zone linked to the Trincomalee Harbour in the Trincomalee district;
  - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the Cabinet Paper or the documents containing observations that granted permission for same;
  - (iii) the preliminary conditions of the establishment of the said Special Indian Economic Zone and as to how it is managed; and
  - (iv) whether he submits a map of the land identified for the said Indian Economic Zone?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) applications have been made to Tea, Rubber and Coconut Control and Fragmentation Board, for the fragmentation of the coconut estate, “Dampe watta” that is in the extent of 79 acres, 03 roods and 21.74 perches, situated in Dampe, Piliyandala, in Kesbeva Municipality of Colombo District;
  - (ii) Regional Manager, Coconut Cultivation Board, Kalutara Regional Office, has informed the Chairman of Coconut Cultivation Board that he doesn’t recommend the fragmentation of the estate, concerned, as it affects the coconut cultivation and the coconut harvest of the country; and
  - (iii) there is also a public objection with regard to the fragmentation of the land in view of the harms caused to the economy and the environment?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) whether measures will be taken to recommend the fragmentation of the aforesaid land irrespective of aforesaid reports; and
  - (ii) if not, of the action taken in that regard?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

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

- (a) Will he state whether—
  - (i) there is a tendency in Sri Lanka by now to get sexual reassignments done;
  - (ii) problematic situations arise through that; and
  - (iii) the government has paid sufficient attention towards this?
- (b) Will he also state—
  - (i) the number of individuals who subjected themselves to sexual reassignment within the last five years;
  - (ii) whether surgeries relevant to this are done in government hospitals;
  - (iii) if so, the number of surgeries relevant to sexual reassignment done in government hospitals within the last five years; and
  - (iv) the expenditure borne by the government in that regard?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether changing the National Identity Card and the Birth Certificate relevant to the identity of the persons who had themselves subjected to sexual reassignment is done; and
  - (ii) if so, how that process is carried out?
- (d) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether HIV affected persons have been reported among those who had themselves subjected to sexual reassignment;
  - (ii) if so, of the number of such persons; and
  - (iii) of the steps taken to control the spread of venereal diseases including HIV among these persons?
- (e) If not, why?

13.

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

- (a) Will he admit that approval of the Cosmetics, Devices and Drugs Regulatory Authority has to be obtained when cosmetics are imported to Sri Lanka, as per the Cosmetics, Devices and Drugs Regulatory Authority Act No.27 of 1980?

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- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) despite the aforesaid requirement, through the removal of the subject of cosmetics through National Drugs Regulatory Authority Act of 2015, opportunity has been provided to import cosmetics harmful to the body; and
  - (ii) those who use the said harmful cosmetics have suffered various allergies and fallen sick and died?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a proper methodology for the regulation of the importation of cosmetics would be formulated speedily to minimize such incidents; and
  - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

670/16

14.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether any agreement or Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Government of India and the Government of Sri Lanka for the construction of the Sampur Power Plant;
  - (ii) if so, whether that document will be tabled;
  - (iii) whether the Cabinet approval granted in that regard or the documents with the observations of the Department of the Attorney General will be submitted;
  - (iv) whether a joint Indo–Lanka Company has been set up for the maintenance of the Sampur Power Plant;
  - (v) if so, of the agreements and conditions applicable to the assets and management of that company;
  - (vi) of the extent of land allocated for the Sampur Power Plant; and
  - (vii) whether a plan of that land will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

706/16

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform the House how many foreign visits were made by the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Buddhasasana and from 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 up to now?
- (b) Will he also inform the House separately of—
- (i) the period within which each such visit was made;
  - (ii) objectives;
  - (iii) amount spent; and
  - (iv) benefits accrued to the country?
- (c) If not, why?
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**Thursday, August 25, 2016**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

142/15

1. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the public institutions which incurred losses during the financial year 2014 ;
  - (ii) the losses incurred by the aforesaid institutions, separately; and
  - (iii) the amount of money to be paid to other public institutions by the institutions mentioned in (i) above, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the amount of money issued by the General Treasury to each of the aforesaid institutions to settle the losses, separately;
  - (ii) whether an inquiry has been conducted in regard to the reasons for the aforesaid losses;
  - (iii) if so, the reasons relevant to each institution, separately
  - (iv) Whether steps will be taken to make the aforesaid institutions profit making ventures; and
  - (v) if so, the manner in which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

558/16

2. Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
  - (i) the Colombo Municipal Council has been dumping waste of the city of Colombo at a place in Meethotamulla for many years now;
  - (ii) although the permission to dump waste is limited to a site of 02 acres in extent, waste has been dumped in an area that spreads over 12 acres; and
  - (iii) the people in Kolonnawa area have been depressed as they have been severely affected in terms of education, health and effects on the environment?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) what quantity of waste is brought from the city of Colombo to Meethotamulla every day;
  - (ii) whether the Colombo Municipal Council would choose an alternative place to Meethotamulla for dumping waste;

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- (iii) if so, on which date;
  - (iv) whether the Council will implement a measure to remove the existing waste, if steps are to be taken to send waste to another place; and
  - (v) if so, on which date?
- (c) If not, why?

594/16

3.

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the quantity of rice imported to Sri Lanka through the CWE in the year 2014 and the total cost of that;
  - (ii) the quantity of rice sold by now out of that total quantity and the profit earned by the CWE through that; and
  - (iii) the quantity of rice that could not be sold and the loss incurred to the CWE through that?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that such losses are incurred as a result of the failure to consider the local market condition prior to importing rice;
  - (ii) if so, whether a proper methodology would be developed to carry out the loss incurring activities in a productive manner; and
  - (iii) if so, what that methodology is and the date on which it will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

608/16

4.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the policies made by the previous government in regard to admitting the children of Army personnel who are not in officer grades to the schools for the children of members of Armed Forces?
- (b) If not, why?

618/16

5.

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he is aware that a Buddhist temple is being constructed in an unauthorized manner on a land belonging to Mr. Thirughanasambandhar Maniwannadasar in Kokilai area of Mullative District; and
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to immediately suspend the unauthorized construction of this temple which is subject to massive demonstration by the public?
- (b) If not, why?

639/'16

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the names of the members of the Presidential Task Force on recovery of illegally acquired state assets?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) of the name of the Chief of aforesaid Task Force;
  - (ii) of the intention of establishing it;
  - (iii) of the foreign countries that the Members or the Assisting Officers, have toured;
  - (iv) of the total amount of money, spent on the tours of the Members or the Assisting Officers, as at 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016; and
  - (v) of the value of illegally acquired assets, acquired on the recommendations of the Task Force as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016?
- (c) If not, why?

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7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of suicides and attempted suicides that occurred in Sri Lanka in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015, separately for each year?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the number of suicides and attempted suicides that occurred in Sri Lanka in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 separately—
  - (i) as per gender;
  - (ii) as per age groups; and
  - (iii) as per district?
- (c) Will he further inform this House of —
  - (i) the 25 Divisional Secretariat Divisions from which the highest number of suicides and attempted suicides were reported; and
  - (ii) the public institution that records accurate data and information on suicides and attempted suicides?
- (d) If not, why?

707/'16

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the period of time during which Mr. Udayanga Weeratunga had functioned as the Sri Lankan Ambassador to Russia;
  - (ii) what the charges against him are;
  - (iii) of the progress of the investigations conducted regarding those charges;
  - (iv) of the reasons for the delay in taking legal action against him; and
  - (v) whether the assistance of Interpol has been sought to arrest him?
- (b) If not, why?



9.

Hon. M. H. M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) a landslide occurred recently in the premises in which the three storeyed building belonging to K/Almanar National School in Handessa in Kandy District, is located; and
  - (ii) although the Secretary to the Ministry of Education has informed the Director of the National Building Research Organization by the Letter No. ED/7/99/9/1/31 of 14.12.2015 in this regard, no steps has been taken?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to construct a protection wall adjacent to the mound of earth that was subjected to the land landslide since the aforesaid school building and the adjacent area is at a risk in a condition of heavy rain?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) certain Sri Lankan leaders who shouldered the freedom struggle were named Traitors to the Crown by the British who ruled this country from 1815 to 1948;
  - (ii) the names of those leaders have not been removed from that list up to now; and
  - (iii) the attention of the government has not been paid to this up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the number of Sri Lankans named Traitors to the Crown by the British;
  - (ii) their names; and
  - (iii) the reasons cited for naming them Traitors to the Crown?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to remove the names of those leaders from the list of Traitors to the Crown;
  - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done;
  - (iii) whether the government will take action to name these leaders National Heroes; and
  - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) Hadukanda Samurdhi Society, Kiriella, has entered into an agreement with the Kuruvita Pradeshiya Sabha, Rathnapura under the “Dorin Dorata - Gamin Gamata programme” implemented by the previous government in 2014; and according to that agreement it has been agreed to pay Rs. 300,000/- to cut and lay concrete on the Hadukanda - Kurudukotuwa road;
- (ii) although an year has passed since the completion of the aforesaid road and according to the agreement the aforesaid society has been paid only a 20% (Rs. 58,000/-) by now; and
- (iii) the society has suffered severe inconvenience due to the failure of the other party to repay the balance payment?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether steps will be taken to pay the balance payment of the contract to the aforesaid society; and
- (ii) in addition to that whether steps will be taken forthwith to pay the amount of money that should be paid to the society for laying concrete on,—
  - the upper part of the Baduwala road – Rs. 500,000/-
  - Hadukanda - Polgahahena road - Rs. 300,000/-
  - Hadukanda - Ilukpitiya road - Rs. 300,000/-
  - Hadukanda - Kekillawatta road - Rs. 300,000/-?

(c) If not, why?

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the politicians, government officials and other individuals who used helicopters or aircraft of the Sri Lanka Air Force for official or private visits during the period from 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016;
- (ii) separately, the amount of money charged from each person for the said flights;
- (iii) of the money to be recovered for the said flights, the amount not paid thus so far; and
- (iv) the measures to be taken to recover the said arrears?

(b) If not, why?

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13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of official quarters situated in the city of Colombo, been allocated for the President, Prime Minister, Ministers, Members of Parliament and former Presidents;
  - (ii) whether a register of the current occupants of these quarters will be submitted;
  - (iii) whether a circular or a register including the regulations which are adopted to allocate these official quarters is available;
  - (iv) if so, whether it will be tabled;
  - (v) of the procedure adopted to allocate houses if a register of regulations is not available; and
  - (vi) of the number of persons residing in these houses without having fulfilled the qualifications as per the regulations or the procedure for allocating houses?
- (b) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the names of the media institutions to which Sri Lanka Telecom awarded contracts for commercials from May 2010 to January 2015; and
  - (ii) the dates on which each such media institution was given such contracts and the value of each commercial in respect of each media institution, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

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15.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Floating Market Complex constructed at Bastian Mawatha, Colombo has become an unsuccessful project by now;
  - (ii) the traders of it have been inconvenienced due to this; and
  - (iii) a huge amount of money has been wasted through this project?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money spent for the construction of the floating market complex at Bastian Mawatha;
  - (ii) the funding sources of it; and
  - (iii) the amount of money spent for the opening ceremony of this market complex?
- (c) If not, why?
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**Friday, August 26, 2016**  
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

158/15

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, of the extent of acres in which pines and eucalyptus have been grown in the forests that come under the Department of Forest Conservation;
  - (ii) of the advantages and disadvantages that the environment experience owing to aforesaid afforestation; and
  - (iii) of the benefits that Sri Lankan economy achieve through pines and eucalyptus afforestation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) whether measures have been taken to grow a variety of local trees instead of pines and eucalyptus;
  - (ii) if so, of aforesaid types of trees;
  - (iii) if not, whether measures will be taken to grow local trees, in time to come; and
  - (iv) whether plans have been made to that effect?
- (c) If not, why?

459/16

2.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the current status of the Mihindupura Middle Class Housing Project of Kirulapone, Colombo-06 which was launched by the National Housing Development Authority in the year 2014;
  - (ii) of the date on which the aforesaid housing project was completed;
  - (iii) of the number of houses of which construction work has been completed; and
  - (iv) of the amount of money spent by the National Housing Authority for this purpose?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the local company which was in charge of the construction work of the housing project is using the aforesaid state owned land with approximately 2 acres to park their private heavy vehicles;

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- (ii) of the monthly rental paid to the government by the aforesaid company in lieu of using the said land; and
  - (iii) if land is being utilized without making any payment, of the steps that will be taken in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

660/16

3.

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that students are subjected to various discriminations and physical and mental harassments by certain principles and teachers of Provincial Council Schools?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately as per each district of the number of male and female students who were thus subjected to mental and physical harassments; and
  - (ii) whether action will be taken to steer clear of mental and physical harassments and to take a certain step regarding their disciplined behavior having informed and consulted the Chief Minister of Provincial Councils?
- (c) If not, why?

673/16

4.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether refugee camps are maintained by the government in the Northern and Eastern provinces;
  - (ii) if so, separately, the locations of the said camps and the number of people and families housed in them;
  - (iii) separately, in respect of each camp, the amount of money allocated for the people in the said camps; and
  - (iv) separately, the assistance given to each of those individuals and families per month?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) separately, if the lands or houses belonging to these refugees are occupied by the government or private institutions or other individuals, details of same and the number of refugees to whom such houses/ lands belong; and
  - (ii) separately, in respect of each camp, the number of persons amongst these refugees who do not have a land or a house for residence?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
  - (i) a decision had been taken by the government, when the age of retirement for a public servant was 55 years, that the monthly salary given to the families of the soldiers who died in action be given to them until the deceased soldier is supposed to reach 55 years;
  - (ii) the government has extended the retirement age up to 60 years with an automatic extension up to 58 years and from 58 to 60 years by obtaining prior approval; and
  - (iii) the monthly salary of the war heroes who sacrificed their lives are given to their families only up to the time the deceased person is supposed to reach 55 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken that the monthly salary of the deceased war heroes be given to their families up to the time the deceased war hero is supposed to reach 60 years; and
  - (ii) the date from which the aforesaid age limit will be amended?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) A/Zahira College, the only Tamil Medium National school in the Anuradhapura District is faced with numerous shortcomings owing to being subjected to neglect;
  - (ii) although, Jayah Muslim Maha Vidyalaya in Kadandugama and Muslim Maha Vidyalaya Kahatagasdigiliya have been included in the “1000 Schools” programme, no facilities other than Technology Laboratories have been provided to them; and
  - (iii) there is a dearth of teachers for Mathematics, Science, English and Technology in Sinhala and Tamil medium schools?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately, in relation to the school mentioned in (a) (i) above—
  - (i) the date, the dearth of teachers in the Advanced Level Science Stream would be met;
  - (ii) the date, a new building is constructed;
  - (iii) the date, an office for the Principal and an auditorium is constructed; and
  - (iv) and the date, a water filter would be provided, separately?
- (c) Will he also inform this House separately of the dates when—
  - (i) other facilities for the schools mentioned in (a) (ii) above would be provided; and
  - (ii) the vacancies in the schools in (a) (iii) above would be filled?
- (d) If not, why?

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7.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) of the extent of hectares of the paddy fields, got damaged due to sudden floods in last May;
  - (ii) of the approximate loss, incurred due to aforesaid damage;
  - (iii) of the number of irrigation systems, got damaged together with small tanks; and
  - (iv) separately, of the districts where damaged irrigation projects are located?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
  - (i) whether aforesaid flood has an impact on the future food security of the country;
  - (ii) whether the government will take measures to provide relief for the distressed farming community; and
  - (iii) if so, in which manner ?
- (c) If not, why?

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8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he admits that a special permission was granted by the Budget Proposals of 2016 to register domestically assembled but unregistered vehicles;
  - (ii) the number of commercial vehicles registered before the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016; the names of persons against whom such vehicles have been registered; and
  - (iii) the number of vehicles which were registered by paying one million rupees; the names of persons against whom such vehicles have been registered?
- (b) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of family health service officers deployed for the Southern Province;
  - (ii) the number of such officers who are serving at present; and
  - (iii) the date on which the family health service officers were recruited for the last time?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether there are family health service officers who were not recruited to the service after the completion of the training;
  - (ii) if so, the number of such officers; and
  - (iii) the date on which they will be recruited?

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- (c) Will he also inform this House that—
  - (i) whether there is a dearth of family health service officers in the General Hospitals in the Southern Province that come under the Central Government and the Provincial Council; and
  - (ii) if so, the steps that will be taken to fill those vacancies?
- (d) If not, why?

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10.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of official residences located in the Colombo District for the Secretaries of Ministries, the Heads of Departments and the Chairmen of Government Corporations and Companies;
  - (ii) the number official residences belonging to each institution;
  - (iii) whether he will submit a list of names of persons who currently occupy these residences;
  - (iv) whether there is a circular or a document setting out regulations to be adopted for the allocation of the these Official Residences;
  - (v) if so, whether that can be tabled;
  - (vi) if there is no such circular regarding regulations, the procedure for allocating these residences; and
  - (vii) the number of persons occupying the said residences who have not met the eligibility criteria as per the regulations or the procedure for the allocation of residences?
- (b) If not why?

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11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total amount of money spent for the propaganda advertisements on debt crisis in print and electronic media by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs from April 2016;
  - (ii) separately, the names of the newspapers in which the aforesaid advertisements were published along with the amount of money spent for that;
  - (iii) separately, the amount of money paid to the TV and Radio channels to broadcast those advertisements;
  - (iv) as to how the funds were raised for those advertisements;
  - (v) if the funds for those advertisements were obtained from Public Funds the Expenditure Heads from which those funds were obtained; and



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(vi) if the funds for those advertisements were obtained through semi government and private sector sponsorship, the names of those institutions and the amount of money obtained from each institution, separately?

(b) If not, why?

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12.

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) although the mass scale drinking water supply projects implemented by the government to solve the drinking water problem, one of the serious problems in the Anuradhapura District have not yielded the expected results;

(ii) over 25,000 people in this District suffer from the chronic kidney disease and 11,000 of them lead their lives in fatal condition;

(iii) diseases of this type occur as a result of chemicals such as cadmium mixing with drinking water; and

(iv) the water purifiers installed at present with a view to combatting the chronic kidney disease are not sufficient?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether a new programme would be implemented to provide drinking water to the areas affected by the drinking water problem;

(ii) if so, the date it will be implemented; and

(iii) the date when water purifiers would be provided to the areas where chronic kidney disease patients are found in abundance?

(c) If not, why?

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13.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) separately, of the Local and the Foreign Indebtedness of Sri Lanka by now;

(ii) of the Total Indebtedness as a percentage to the National Income;

(iii) whether aforesaid percentage is lower or higher than the indebtedness that was prevailing in the year 2004; and

(iv) of the steps that the government proposes in order to settle aforesaid debts?

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

- (c) Will he further inform this House —
  - (i) separately, of the amount of money allocated for state and private television channels, for telecasting aforesaid advertisements;
  - (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated for state and private radio channels; and
  - (iii) of the amount of money allocated for daily and weekend newspapers?
- (d) If not, why?

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14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the types of Direct Taxes charged by the government of Sri Lanka since 1995;
  - (ii) the basis of charging each of the taxes separately?
  - (iii) the contribution made by the Direct Taxes to the State Revenue from 1995 to 2015, in relation to each year separately in rupees;
  - (iv) the contribution mentioned in the (iii) above as a percentage of Total Government Revenue and the Gross Domestic Product in relation to each year separately;
  - (v) the reasons for the Direct Tax Income of Sri Lanka remaining at a lower level, when compared to developed countries;
  - (vi) the trends of the Direct Tax Income of Sri Lanka in comparison to countries in the SAARC region in 2015; and
  - (vii) the proposed special measures to be introduced in order to enhance the Direct Tax Income of Sri Lanka?
- (b) If not, why?

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15.

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware—
  - (i) that a government medical officer has not been attached to the Primary Health Care Unit of the Ranajayapura village of Ipalogma in the district of Anuradhapura where approximately 1235 families belonging to the three Armed Forces permanently reside; and
  - (ii) that medical officers belonging to the Army, Navy and Air Force periodically serve in this unit as a consequence of not attaching a Government Medical Officer to this unit permanently?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether action will be taken to provide a permanent government medical officer to the Primary Health Care Unit of this village; and
  - (ii) of the time that will be taken for the said purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED**

\*1.

Minister of Justice and Minister of Buddhasasana,— Select Committee of Parliament to investigate and report on the suppression of escalating crimes in Sri Lanka and evading the delays in implementing law,—

Whereas it has turned out to be a prime necessity of the people of this country to suppress the escalating crimes in Sri Lanka and to evade the delays in implementing the law,

And whereas the Parliament is vested in the responsibility to draw its concern and interest in that regard and remedy the situation,

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed, to look into the following matters and make suitable recommendations:—

- (a) on the nature of the crimes that took place in recent times, the reasons that were led for the occurrence of such crimes, the measures that should be taken to minimize the criminal acts and necessary legal provisions and/or amendments;
  - (b) on the appropriate procedures that should be adopted in evading the delays with regard to civil and criminal matters and on the laws that should be newly introduced and /or amended; and
  - (c) on any other matters incidental thereto and the Committee deems appropriate and necessary in the circumstances and which will have a bearing on the matter under consideration by the Committee.
2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker; and  
(b) The Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order No. 95 of the Parliament.
3. 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 present its report to Parliament within a period of six (06) months from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.

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Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Salinda Dissanayake

Hon. C. B. Rathnayake

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance,—

Whereas in terms of Article 148 of the Constitution, Parliament shall have full control over public finance;

And whereas the annual budget is the main instrument in the fiscal management;

And whereas it is the duty and the responsibility of the Minister of Finance to present the statistics relating to financial values of the budget, which is presented to this House as the Appropriation Bill, in a detailed, transparent, trustworthy and accurate manner;

And whereas Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance, has presented a budget for the year 2016 to this august assembly with misrepresentations which mislead the Parliament and the general public;

And whereas page 85 of the Annual Report of 2014 presented to this august assembly (on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015) by the Hon. Minister in terms of the Section 13 of the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 3 of 2003 states thus “the total investment on the fields of general education, higher education and vocational education is Rs. 164 billion and it is an increase of 7 billion as against the Rs. 157 billion allocated in 2013”;

And whereas the government investment made on general education in 2014 was Rs. 117 billion and it is an increase of 8% as against the Rs. 108 billion allocated in 2013;

And whereas according to pages 218 and 219 of the budget estimates of 2016, in the Volume II, capital expenditure for general education has been increased by a very small amount of Rs. 0.5 billion from Rs. 17.8 billion in 2015 to Rs. 18.3 billion in 2016;

And whereas recurrent expenditure for general education in year 2016 has been rocketed by an extraordinary 278% in comparison with the year 2015 by Rs. 123 billion from Rs. 44 billion to 167 billion in the year 2016 marking an unusual and astonishing change in the history of budget in Sri Lanka;

And whereas the main reason for this extraordinary and astonishing increase in recurrent expenditure is the entry of Rs. 121 billion i.e. Rs.121,352 million in the accounts as “Public investment maintenance cost – Land and buildings”, cost which has never been mentioned in any budget throughout the history of post independence in Sri Lanka;

And whereas although this is depicted as recurrent expenditure, it is not a sum of money that it intended for actual spending;

And whereas as a complete breach of the confidence of this House has occurred as a result the submission of inaccurate information and statistical data by way of falsely “inflating” the vote of the Ministry of Education through indicating an amount that exceeds Rs. 1210 crores as recurrent expenditure on education although such a sum is not going to be spent on education in year 2016;

That this Parliament resolves that it no longer has confidence in the capacity of the Minister of Finance to execute duties of the aforesaid office.

\* *Indicates Government Business*

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