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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

840/16

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) most of the cafes situated at locations where long-distance busses stop for rest are in very unhygienic conditions;
- (ii) proper toilet facilities are not available at such locations;
- (iii) substandard food and beverages are sold at very high prices in those cafes; and
- (iv) the conditions stated in (i) and (ii) above have an adverse effects on the health of the bus passengers.

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the methodology that is in place for monitoring the aforesaid cafes;
- (ii) whether he admits that the aforesaid methodology should be revised; and
- (iii) if so, of the manner in which such revision will be made?

(c) If not, why?

2.

1248/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) how many households within the Mannar District had been connected to the supply of clean drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
- (ii) how many households are provided with clean drinking water by now;

(2)

- (iii) what amount was allocated by the government in each year for providing drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;
 - (iv) what amounts had been allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply of drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation until the year 2015; and
 - (v) whether he will table a progress report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1655/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether oil tanks belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation are located at the Trincomalee harbor;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of such oil tanks;
 - (iii) whether oil tanks belonging to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation have been leased out;
 - (iv) if so, of the names of the institutions and countries to which the abovementioned tanks have been leased; and
 - (v) whether information on the income earned by the Corporation by leasing the aforementioned oil tanks after the good governance government came to power will be submitted separately on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

2000/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the addresses of ministerial offices of the Minister of Higher Education and Highways;
 - (ii) if rent or lease is paid for the said offices, the monthly rental/lease; and
 - (iii) the total rent/lease paid from the year 2015 up to now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, separately—
- (i) the number of officials in the personal staff of the Minister;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles allocated for the said personal staff; and
 - (iii) the number of vehicles allocated to the Minister?
- (c) If not, why?

(3)

5.

2008/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the insurance payment promised to the families affected by the floods and landslides that occurred in 2017, has been received by those families;
 - (ii) whether he admits that no household in the areas of Kolonnawa, Angoda, Wellampitiya, Sedawaththa, Kelanimulla, Peliyagoda, Kaduwela and Pahala Bomiriya that were affected by the said flood has received any such payment of insurance, even though the Prime Minister stated in Parliament that a maximum of Rs. 25 lakhs could be obtained as insurance payment for a house damaged during the floods in 2016;
 - (iii) of the date by which steps would be taken to pay insurance payment or any other compensation after valuation of the damaged houses of the victims in 2016 and 2017;
 - (iv) of the number of families who received compensation, if any compensation has been paid for damaged houses by now; and
 - (v) of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions where such insurance has been paid?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

2011/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) houses were provided from “Laksanda Sevana” apartment complex in Salamulla on 01.12.2014 for 160 families that lost their houses as a result of expanding the garbage dump at Meethotamulla in 2012;
 - (ii) they were promised the provision of freehold title deeds by the Urban Development Authority within two months from the provision of those houses; and
 - (iii) those residents have not been provided with the title deeds up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the reasons for not providing the freehold title deeds; and
 - (ii) the exact date by which freehold title deeds for these houses could be provided by resolving any problems that prevail, if there are any?
- (c) If not, why?

(4)

7.

2110/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 150 families displaced due to the previous war situation have been living in Punthottam Welfare Camp in Vavuniya for 25 years; and
 - (ii) construction of Houses for these families is done in two areas as 68 houses in Sinna Adampan, Nedunkerni and 82 houses in Puliyankulama by “Lyca Gnanam Charity” while it has been informed by the District Secretariat Division of Vavuniya that these 150 families would be resettled in Sinna Adampan, Nedunkerni?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the said people have been resettled in the said 150 houses; and
 - (ii) if so, since when?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

2130/17

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 doctors required to provide a optimum service to the public;
 - (ii) of the number of doctors in the government service as at 30.06.2017;
 - (iii) of the number of doctors to be recruited to the government service in the upcoming years to achieve the target; and
 - (iv) of the government’s plan to achieve that target?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2149/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a large number of people within the Puttalam District have faced with intense suffering due to scarcity of clean water to drink;
 - (ii) which villages and the Divisional Secretariat Divisions within the District do not have clean water to drink;
 - (iii) of the names of the water projects that have been implemented so far within the District and the number of families benefiting from each project, separately; and
 - (iv) of the steps will be taken by the Ministry in future in order to address the drinking water crisis in the Puttalam District?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2177/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in respect of the deluge caused by flooding and rain water in the Colombo District in May 2016—
 - (i) the number of persons died;
 - (ii) the number of persons disabled;
 - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid on behalf of the government to affected persons;
 - (iv) the amount of compensation paid the government for a deceased person;
 - (v) the maximum and minimum compensation paid to damaged houses;
 - (vi) whether permanent housing has been granted to all displaced persons; and
 - (vii) the nearest date on which a permanent house was granted to a displaced family?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2191/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the import tax per litre of kerosene oil charged by the government in importing kerosene oil;
 - (ii) whether the government charges any taxes other than the import tax for kerosene oil;
 - (iii) if so, what those taxes are; and
 - (iv) the amount charged as taxes per litre, as per each type of tax?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of taxes charged by the government on a litre of kerosene oil as a percentage of the retail price of a litre of kerosene oil; and
 - (ii) of the retail price at which kerosene oil could be provided to the public if all taxes charged by the government on kerosene oil were lifted?
- (c) If not, why?

(6)

12.

2200/17

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that nearly 08 lakhs of Tamil workers residing in the estates have been living in 10x12 feet line rooms up to now;
 - (ii) of the number of houses that had been built by 31.12.2014 under the programme commenced by the previous government to provide housing for them;
 - (iii) of the estates and the districts where the houses mentioned in (ii) above have been built;
 - (iv) of the provisions allocated for this project in 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (v) of the number of houses constructed in 2015, 2016 and 2017 separately, as per each year and district;
 - (vi) of the number of houses provided to the people in the estate sector by the previous governments;
 - (vii) the time required to fully solve this housing problem; and
 - (viii) whether information on that arrangement will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

2219/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House Separately by Department of Sri Lanka Railways from year 2012 to 2016—
- (i) of the total income earned; and
 - (ii) of the income earned from Northern and Eastern provinces?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) Separately, of the number of main and sub railway stations situated in Northern and Eastern provinces;
 - (ii) of the number of main and sub railway stations situated between Kankasanthurei to Vavuniya of Northern province;
 - (iii) of the number of main and sub railway stations situated between Medawachchiya to Talaimannar; and
 - (iv) separately, of the number of employees who work in Sinhala and Tamil medium out of the Station Masters and the employees who are serving in the Railway Stations of Northern and Eastern provinces?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
- (i) of the destinations to which trains with first class sleeping berths operate; and
 - (ii) of the reason for not having first class sleeping berths in Jaffna bound trains?
- (d) If not why?

14.

2460/17

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) about 100 acres of paddy land from the areas of Dhathusenapura, Kalawewa, Maha Akkaraya Watta and Kelaniwatta have been leased to a plantation company of Kurunegala; and
 - (ii) the Divisional Secretary of Ipalogama has informed the Ministry of Lands that the said lands must be freed from the aforementioned plantation company and handed over to the tenant farmers, giving them freehold ownership of these lands since the tenant farmers have been engaging in cultivation activities on land for a long period of time?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether action will be taken to grant freehold ownership of the said lands to the tenant farmers who have been cultivating them; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

2499/17

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) separately of the population of women, children, youths and the elderly living in this country respectively;
 - (ii) of the amount of money that was allocated from the budget for year 2017 for the functioning of the National Committee on women;
 - (iii) of the present state of the functioning of that Committee;
 - (iv) of the amount of money that was allocated from the budget for year 2017 for providing houses and other relief measures to women who are rendered destitute due to violence; and
 - (v) of the date from which provision of such relief measures would be commenced?
- (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
National Audit Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *2.
Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.
- *3.
Judicature (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *4.
Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *5.
Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *6.
Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *7.
National Defence Fund (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *8.
Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *9.
Prescription (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *10.
Penal Code (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *11.
Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*12.

Pradeshiya Sabhas (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*13.

The Minister of Finance and Mass Media,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Annual Liquor License Fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/4 of 11th December 2017, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1004)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*14.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2051/38 of 29th December 2017 amending the order published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1867/5 of 16th June 2014, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*15.

The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 3(4) of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/59 of 15th December 2017 amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2062/47 of 16th March 2018, which was presented on 23.03.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*16.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under paragraph (u) of Section 142(2) read with the Sections 59 and 63 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Registration and Licensing of Medicines (fees) Regulations No. 2 of 2017 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2052/33 of 05th January 2018, which were presented on 03.04.2018, be approved.

*17.

The Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— Report of the Delimitation Committee for the Delimitation of Electorates in Provincial Councils,— That the Report of the Delimitation Committee submitted to the Minister by the said Committee in terms of the Section 3A.(11) of the Provincial Councils Elections Act, No. 2 of 1988 as amended by the Act, No.17 of 2017, which was presented on 06.03.2018, be approved.

*18.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Determination under the Constitution,— Whereas Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe has been appointed as the Auditor-General by the President with effect from 27.11.2015, subject to the approval of the Constitutional Council in terms of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the salary of the Auditor-General shall be determined by Parliament and shall be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

And whereas the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted on 05.12.2017 according to the Cabinet Memorandum of 14.11.2017 submitted by the President to pay salaries and other allowances to Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe, Auditor-General as follows:—

- (a) To pay salaries and other allowances entitled to the post placing on the 08th Salary Step of SL- 4 Salary Scale of the Public Administration Circular No. 06/2006 with effect from 27.11.2015;
- (b) To pay salaries under SL- 4 Salary Scale converted as instructed in the Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016 when the conversion of salaries is effected as per the said Circular with effect from 01.01.2016; and
- (c) To pay the annual salary increments as specified under the said salary scale.

Accordingly, that this Parliament determines that Mr. H. M. Gamini Wijesinghe, Auditor-General be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Article 153 (2) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

*19.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,— That the Media guidelines to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections made by the Election Commission in terms of Article 104B (5) (a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2048/1 of 04th December 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

- *20.
Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *21.
Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *22.
Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)
- *23.
Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question
(22nd 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 25th February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of
the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which was presented
on 06.05.2016, be approved.”
24.
Institute of Personnel Management, Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second
Reading.
25.
Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
26.
United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
27.
Sri Lanka Women’s Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
28.
Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second
Reading.
29.
Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
30.
International Women’s and Children’s Rights (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill—
Second Reading.
31.
Aloka Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
32.
Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

Tuesday, May 08, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1246/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many households within the Trincomalee District had been connected to the supply of clean drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
 - (ii) how many households are supplied with clean drinking water at present;
 - (iii) what amount was allocated by the government in each year for the supply of drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;
 - (iv) what amounts had been allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation up until the year 2015; and
 - (v) whether he will Table a progress report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

1330/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which LTL Projects Company was established as a subsidiary of Lanka Transformers Limited (LTL);
 - (ii) whether LTL possesses 100% of the ownership of LTL Projects Company;
 - (iii) of the names of the present owners of the LTL Projects Company;
 - (iv) whether LTL possesses shares of LTL Projects Company at present; and
 - (v) of the names of the persons who granted the right to alienate or transfer the number of shares of LTL Projects Company that belonged to LTL Company?

(13)

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that LTL Projects (Pvt) Ltd. the subsidiary of LTL Company, has not been included in the audit reports after 2006 due to which government has not received dividends from that company; and
 - (ii) whether an investigation will be carried out into this and whether action will be taken to recover from the aforesaid company the amount that government has lost since 2006 to date?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1408/16

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a Primary Industry Council has been established as per proposal No.182 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it was established and its location;
 - (iii) whether he will briefly explain the objective of establishing a Primary Industry Council and the programme for same;
 - (iv) whether a list of experts to be involved in the council is submitted;
 - (v) whether a list of primary industries active in Sri Lanka at present as indicated in the above proposal is submitted; and
 - (vi) the primary industries newly started in Sri Lanka including those in the North and East with the conclusion of the armed conflict in 2009?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1742/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of schools in Badulla district with G.C.E (Advanced Level) Technology stream classes;
 - (ii) of the names of aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) of the number of Technology teachers in Badulla district to date;
 - (iv) of the names of aforesaid teachers and the schools where they work to date; and
 - (v) of the measures taken by the Ministry to popularize the technology subject among the students of Badulla district in time to come?
- (b) If not why?

5.

2142/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the ministers who hold ministerial portfolios in the North Western Provincial Council;
 - (ii) separately, the Ministries that come under them;
 - (iii) the institutions and other statutory bodies coming under each Minister;
 - (iv) the number of appointments that have been given by each Minister after the present government of good governance came into power;
 - (v) the names, addresses, educational qualifications and the posts of the persons to whom the appointments were given;
 - (vi) the procedure followed in giving those appointments; and
 - (vii) if any irregularity taken place when these appointments were given, the steps taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

2206/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) over 300 fishing families live in the village of Valaipadu in Poonarin Divisional Secretariat Division in the Killinochchi district;
 - (ii) out of those families, about hundred families are directly engaged in the fishing industry while the other families are employed in various other fields, but they are living without a sufficient income; and
 - (iii) every day, the aforesaid fishermen harvest over 1,000 kilograms of crabs and other seafood which are sent to other places where they are processed and then sent to other parts of the country?
- (b) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to establish a seafood processing factory in this area taking into consideration the nature of the livelihood of these people; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

2225/17

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the district office of the Superintendent of Posts in the Mullaitivu district was closed during the period of armed conflict;
 - (ii) though all the other offices have been recommenced after the resettlement was started, this office has not been recommenced up to date;
 - (iii) this has caused great inconvenience to the people in the Mullaitivu district since they have to get the service of the district post office in Vavuniya, which was about 100 km away, to present their problems related to the post;
 - (iv) a written request dated 07.07.2007 was made by me to recommence this office; and
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken forthwith to recommence the district office of the Superintendent of Posts?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

2236/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the personal staff of the Minister of Industry and Commerce and those who have been allocated with official vehicles, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2297/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of Agricultural Research Production Assistant Officers that have been approved for Ratnapura district ;
 - (ii) the number of officers who are in service at present;
 - (iii) names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions in which they serve;
 - (iv) the number of vacancies that exist in the aforesaid post at present; and
 - (v) the action taken by the Ministry to fill the aforesaid vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2302/17

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 date on which the Anti-Corruption Committee Secretariat was established;
 - (ii) of the duration which the aforesaid Secretariat functioned;
 - (iii) of the strength of the staff that had been attached to that Secretariat;
 - (iv) of the number of complaints received by that Secretariat during the aforesaid period;
 - (v) of the manner in which such complaints were referred to relevant institutes for further investigation; and
 - (vi) of the total expenditure that was incurred on maintaining that Secretariat during the aforesaid period?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2347/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total number of schools functioning in the Matale District under the central provincial council;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) out of those schools, of the number of those that are currently functioning under acting principals and of the names of such schools ;
 - (iv) separately, on per Education Region basis, of the total number of teacher vacancies currently existing in the District; and
 - (v) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the vacancies existing for principals and teachers in the Matale District?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

2415/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tanks in Kurunegala district;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid tanks as per the electorates;
 - (iii) the tanks that have been developed in the district by now since the present government of good governance came into power and the amount of money spent for it;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that though 400 million rupees has been released for this year by the line Ministry for the development of irrigation in the North Western Province, the relevant development work has not been commenced yet and there has arisen a risk of the aforesaid money being received by the treasury again; and
 - (v) if so, the steps to be taken by the Ministry to utilize the aforesaid money for the development of the tanks in the area?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

2439/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of beneficiaries who get the samurdhi benefit in the country as at today;
 - (ii) the total amount of money allocated for that from the budget 2017;
 - (iii) whether an island wide survey was conducted with regard to those beneficiaries;
 - (iv) if an allowance was given to the officers who participated in this survey, the basis on which it was made;
 - (v) the objective of this survey; and
 - (vi) the amount of money spent for that survey?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

2446/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr.R.Jayabal residing at No.25/14, Maradana Watta, Hendala, Wattala, depended on the interest income received by depositing one million rupees for three years with Ceylinco Reality and Consolidated Ltd., a company that was registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the interest payable on the said amount has been paid intermittently in an irregular manner; and
 - (iii) even though the balance of Rs. 525, 000/- out of the amount initially deposited, has to be paid back on maturity, the company has failed to provide that amount despite repeated requests made?
- (b) Will he inform this House on the steps that will be taken regarding defrauding of depositors this manner done by several such companies including the aforesaid one?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

2466/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) approximately 2500 families live in Kalawewa village in Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) it has become essential to construct the by roads and the drainage system of this village properly as it is a densely populated and rapidly urbanizing village in the district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the necessary provisions to address these shortcomings will be provided; and
 - (ii) if so, by which date?
- (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, May 09, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1332/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there was an institution called “Lanka Transformers” under the purview of the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) whether its name has been changed;
 - (iii) if so, name of it at present;
 - (iv) as to how the shares of LTL Holdings (pvt) Ltd. have been distributed;
 - (v) as to who administers the shares of the shareholders of ESOT (Trust);
 - (vi) whether a document containing the names of its shareholders and the number of shares held by them is submitted; and
 - (vii) after its establishment, the period within which they were informed of their shares and that they were shareholders as per the Employee Trust Agreements?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the founder shareholders of ESOT Company and the amount of shares held by them;
 - (ii) whether there are employees of Ceylon Electricity Board amongst its shareholders; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he acknowledges that there is a conflict of interest?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that dividends amounting to Rs. 232 million had not been paid to the Ceylon Electricity Board by LTL Holdings (Pvt) Ltd. as mentioned in the COPE report; and
 - (ii) as to the action taken in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1619/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) it is admitted that there is a issue when providing title deeds for plots of land for commercial purposes within rapidly developing Embilipitiya town in Ratnapura district; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures taken to provide title deeds properly?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) that he is aware businessmen do not construct buildings in their business premises since a Buddhist temple claims right for the lands of this city;
 - (ii) the actual right pertaining to these lands by the temple; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to grant the ownership of the relevant business premises in this city to the businessmen who had possessed them for many years and facilities will be provided to the business community to engage in their business activities?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1651/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total number of officers employed in Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service by now;
 - (ii) Separately of the names, designations and places of work of aforesaid officers;
 - (iii) of the number of vacancies exist in Education Administrative Service to date and of the places of work where the vacancies exist;
 - (iv) whether Ministry has conducted competitive examinations to fill aforesaid vacancies;
 - (v) if so, of the names and addresses of the individuals who got through aforesaid competitive examination; and
 - (vi) of the measures taken to grant appointments to aforesaid individuals?
- (b) If not why ?

4.

1729/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is a programme to grant full or semi scholarships through the President's Fund to Sri Lankans for local or foreign academic purposes;
- (ii) if so, the basis and the methodology for the selection of suitable persons for scholarships as per the said programme;
- (iii) whether there is a system to award scholarships for students securing the highest marks at the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination;
- (iv) whether there is a system to award scholarships to graduates for postgraduate studies;
- (v) whether there is a system to award local or foreign scholarships except in (iii) and (iv) above;
- (vi) if so, what that system is; and
- (vii) separately the names of persons who received scholarships outside the systems indicated in (iii) and (iv) above, the amount of money, institution and if a foreign country the name of same in respect of each year from the year 2005 to year 2017?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1735/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money drawn from the foreign reserves of the country annually for the education of Sri Lankan students in foreign universities;
- (ii) the amount of money drawn from the reserves of Sri Lanka for persons who make personal tours in foreign countries; and
- (iii) the amount of foreign exchange which is not received, out of the amount of foreign exchange that is due to Sri Lanka for the goods exported or services provided by it?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1755/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the practice of permitting the people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields long time;
 - (ii) whether he admits that the opportunity that had been granted to people who do not possess dry lands to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields to build a house, has been denied to them; and
 - (iii) this has resulted in a large number of people in various parts of the country who do not possess dry lands becoming helpless?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of people who have forwarded applications to the Department of Agrarian Services seeking permission to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields, by now;
 - (ii) whether those people would be allowed to fill an extent of 10 perches of their paddy fields very soon; and
 - (iii) if so, from when?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1866/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of urban housing projects in the Colombo District scheduled to be initiated within the next three years;
 - (ii) of the number of housing units expected to be constructed in these projects;
 - (iii) whether specific lands have been identified for these housing projects; and
 - (iv) if so, what those lands are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) of the total amount of money expected to be spent for these projects;
 - (ii) what the private sector investments are, if there are any in this regard;
 - (iii) how many houses were constructed by the government and private investments separately;
 - (iv) of the dates on which the projects are expected to be concluded;
 - (v) of the total value of a house in these housing projects; and
 - (vi) of the course of action for granting the houses to people?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

2590/17

Hon. Nihal Galappaththi,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the scholarship is provided for to all the students who got through the grade five scholarship examination in the year 2016;
 - (ii) of the monthly scholarship provided to each student;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money monthly spent on the scholarship;
 - (iv) whether the scholarship payment has been made with pertinence to the year 2016; and
 - (v) of the month up to which the scholarship has been paid in the year 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether any other requisites are applicable to be eligible for the scholarship in addition to passing the grade five scholarship examination;
 - (ii) if so, what those requisites are;
 - (iii) of the year in which the criteria relevant to the aforesaid requisites have been formulated;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to provide the scholarship to all the students who get through the grade five scholarship examination irrespective of other additional requisites; and
 - (v) if so, what that date is?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, May 10, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

837/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the ransoms are taken from the buses at Colombo Central Bus terminal, Gunasinghepura Private Bus terminal and Bastian Mawatha private bus terminal;
 - (ii) these venues are used by the individuals connected with drug and other obscene for their business activities; and
 - (iii) there is no sufficient facilities for local and foreign passengers in these places?

(24)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to suppress the individuals engaged in aforesaid malpractices;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of persons arrested and against whom the legal actions were instituted in year 2016; and
 - (iii) whether police have been deployed for the security of aforesaid places?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to improve the infrastructure facilities including toilet facilities of aforesaid places; and
 - (ii) if so of aforesaid measures?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1247/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many households within the Puttalam District had been connected to the supply of clean drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
 - (ii) how many households are supplied with clean drinking water at present;
 - (iii) what amount was allocated by the government in each year for the supply of drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;
 - (iv) what amounts had been allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply of drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation up until the year 2015; and
 - (v) whether he will Table a progress report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1550/17

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana ,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of enterprises to which tax concessions were given in order to encourage innovation for expansion of the existing enterprises by investing in machinery as per Budget Proposal No. 205 of 2016;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of such entrepreneurs who have been given tax exemption by the Department of Inland Revenue as per the said Proposal;

(25)

- (iii) in what machinery were investments made by the enterprises that received the aforesaid tax concession; and
- (iv) of the number of jobs generated were taken into consideration in calculating the tax by this innovation project?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1759/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that the garbage problem has become serious issue;
- (ii) of the subsidies and assistance provided to the local government institutions by the Ministry to solve this garbage problem;
- (iii) of the local government institutions that implement projects with the financial provisions of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government; and
- (iv) of the steps taken by the Ministry to solve the garbage problem?

(b) If not why?

5.

2207/17

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) approximately, 750 families are engaging in fresh water fishing industry associated to 11 lakes in Kilinochchi district; and
- (ii) aforesaid families have been completely deprived of their livelihood owing to recent drought situation?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there is any possibility of providing them with some relief measure with respect to their livelihood;
- (ii) if so, of aforesaid relief measure; and
- (iii) of the date on which aforesaid relief can be granted?

(c) If not, why?

6.

2231/17

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) the number of child abuse incidents reported from Puttlam and Kurunegala districts in the North Western Province from the year 2010;
 - (ii) the names of the divisional secretariat divisions from which the aforesaid incidents were reported;
 - (iii) the steps taken by the National Child Protection Authority in regard to the aforesaid incidents; and
 - (iv) the steps expected to be taken by the Ministry in the future to minimize the incidents of child abuse that would occur in the North Western Province?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

2237/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Regional Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the personal staff of the Minister of Regional Development and has been allocated official vehicles, along with details of the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2298/17

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

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) separately as per each Divisional Secretariat Division of the number of families living below the poverty line out of the families residing in the District of Rathnapura; and
 - (ii) of the steps that would be taken the Ministry to uplift the living standards of the aforesaid families?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2303/17

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

- (a) Will she inform this House —
 - (i) Separately, of the date on which the Attorney General's Department received investigation reports which were sent by the Financial Crimes Investigation Division (FCID), having concluded the investigations by 01.08.2017;
 - (ii) of the number of complaints upon which the cases have been filed by now; and
 - (iii) separately, of the date on which aforesaid each case was filed and of the court before which the case is heard?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2404/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools located in the district of Matale;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that there is a severe shortage of teachers for the subjects of Science, Mathematics and English in the district of Matale;
 - (iv) if so, of the number of schools with teacher vacancies for the said subjects and of the names of those schools; and
 - (v) of the steps taken by the Ministry to fill the aforesaid teacher vacancies in the district of Matale for the subjects of Science, Mathematics and English?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2416/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of paddy lands cultivated under Magallewewa Tank, Nikaweratiya;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that illegal occupants reside on tank reserve of this tank;
 - (iii) if so, the number of such families of illegal occupants;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that severe damage is caused to the tank due to these illegal occupants; and
 - (v) if so, the measures to be taken by the Ministry to remove these illegal occupants and develop the tank?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

2440/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tamil medium schools in the Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) separately, the number of primary and secondary schools out of those schools ;
 - (iii) out of those schools, the number of schools that belongs to the central government;
 - (iv) the names of those schools; and
 - (v) the number of students who study in Tamil medium?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of students who passed the year 5 Scholarship Examination and the number of students who failed that examination from 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) separately, the number of students who passed the GCE (O/L) Examination and the GCE (A/L) Examination and the number of students who failed those examinations from 2010 up to now;
 - (iii) the number of students who qualified to study engineering and medicine in universities from 2010 up to now; and
 - (iv) the percentage of the students who passed and the percentage of the students who failed the examinations in Sinhala and Tamil medium?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

2467/17

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Sustainable Development and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) “Vijayagama “ Ranaviru village of Palagala - Negampaha road of Palagala Divisional Secretariat division which was established in year 2012, has been commissioned to the public by the Housing Development Authority, in the year 2013;
 - (ii) as wild elephants roam in aforesaid village frequently, it is unsafe for the villagers to engage in their day to day activities; and
 - (iii) even if the proposals have been made to put up an electric fence nothing has been done yet?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether speedy measures will be taken to put up an electric fence for the sake of the security of the villagers; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

2474/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the values of the amount of dollars that went off Sri Lanka owing to the increase of interest rates, depreciation of the rupee and the relaxation of foreign exchange control from 2015 up to date?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

2501/17

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the contributions of the sectors of agriculture, industries and services, which are the key components of Sri Lanka's economy, to the gross domestic production of year 2016;
 - (ii) of the contributions of the aforesaid sectors as percentages;
 - (iii) of the contribution of the services sector to the gross domestic production in year 2016 in millions; and
 - (iv) of the new components that have been added to the services sector?
 - (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the price index of the share market in each year from 2013 to 2016;
 - (ii) of the proposals that have been made for year 2017 to prevent the aforesaid indicator from dropping further;
 - (iii) of the value of the national consumer price index in the months of January, June and September in year 2016;
 - (iv) of the ratio of the labour force participation in the first half of the years 2015 and 2016;
 - (v) of the employment level in the agriculture sector; and
 - (vi) of the number of those who were employed in the state sector and in the self-employment sector in years 2015 and 2016?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, May 11, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

134/15

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

- (a) Will he table —
 - (i) the value of contraband cigarettes illegally imported to Sri Lanka during the period from 01.01.2014 to 30.06.2015;
 - (ii) names, addresses, telephone numbers and the country if the arrested and convicted person is a foreigner; and
 - (iii) the punishments given to persons mentioned in (ii) above separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the contraband cigarettes are destroyed after following the legal procedures;
 - (ii) if so, the method of destroying them; and
 - (iii) if not, whether those cigarettes are issued to the market subject to government taxes?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1176/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapakse had functioned as a shareholder of the Lanka Hospitals Ltd. during the 2010 to 2015 period;
 - (ii) if so, salaries and allowances he received as Chairman of the Lanka Hospitals Private Limited during that period; and
 - (iii) what annual profits were recorded by the Lanka Hospitals (Pvt) Limited in each year during the 2010 to 2015 period?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1192/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of houses in the Manner District that had been provided with electricity supply by the Ceylon Electricity Board by year 1983;
 - (ii) of the total number of houses which have been provided with electricity supply by now;
 - (iii) of the amount allocated annually from year 1984 to 2009 for the supply of electricity on per year basis;

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- (iv) of the number of houses that have been provided with electricity supply up to year 2015 after the end of war situation in year 2009 on per year basis; and
- (v) of the amount of money allocated for the supply of electricity during the period mentioned in (iv) above on per year basis?

(b) If not, why?

4.

1378/16

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) in terms of Budget proposal No. 132 of budget 2016, whether he accepts the fact that Rs. 1000 Million has been allocated to construct three massive warehouses in Polonnaruwa, Kilinochchi and Rathnapura (Embilipitiya) districts and to complete the construction of a warehouse that is being constructed in Mannar district;
- (ii) whether the original cost estimate and the current progress report on the warehouse that is being constructed in Mannar district, will be submitted;
- (iii) of the progress made at the constructions of three warehouse complexes in Kilinochchi, Embilipitiya and Polonnaruwa; and
- (iv) of the manner in which Rs. 1000 millions that was allocated for the proposal No. 132 of budget 2016, was spent?

(b) If not, why?

5.

1476/16

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

(a) Will he inform this house—

- (i) the number of private electricity generating companies functioning in Sri Lanka from the year 2010;
- (ii) the names and addresses of the aforesaid companies and names of director board members;
- (iii) the number of electricity units provided to Ceylon Electricity Board by each company from year 2010 and the amount paid to each company by the Ceylon Electricity Board in each year separately; and
- (iv) the measures that will be taken by the Ceylon Electricity Board to increase the electricity generation under the present Good Governance Government?

(b) If not, why?

6.

1578/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) 57% of the total taxes of the country are collected by the Sri Lanka Customs;
 - (ii) a higher percentage of the aforesaid taxes are vehicle import taxes;
 - (iii) vehicle importers adopt various tactics to evade the payment of taxes; and
 - (iv) regulations have been imposed even by the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No.1901/3 dated 10.02.2015 in addition to the Gazette Notifications which have been issued by now to prevent this situation?
- (b) Will he admit that —
- (i) however, racketeers have been provided with opportunity by the Gazette Notification No. 1933/6 dated 22.09.2015 to act as they wish;
 - (ii) an income of more than 8000 million rupees can be collected if an inquiry is conducted in regard to the 1000 undervalued vehicles that have been detected by the customs officers upon the mandate given to them as per the Gazette Notification mentioned in a (iv); and
 - (iii) the country has lost a huge income due to the fact that four months have elapsed since 21.09.2016 on which date all Customs investigations were temporarily suspended as per an order issued by the Director General of Customs?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to abolish the order mentioned in a (iv) above?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

1602/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the nature of the ownership of the government on the Ante Leco (Pvt.) Ltd;
 - (ii) the objective of which the aforesaid institution was established;
 - (iii) the number of electric metres produced by the said company in respect of each year separately;

(33)

- (iv) the number of employees in that company; and
- (v) the profit or loss of the company from the inception in respect of each year separately?

(b) If not, why?

8.

1605/'17

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe – To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there was an agreement to operate using Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for a period of one year the power plant built in Kerawalapitiya which is currently operated with Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO);
- (ii) whether that agreement has been breached;
- (iii) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of breaching that agreement;
- (iv) whether he is aware that action is being taken in contravention to the agreement entered into with respect to the pricing of a unit of electricity supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board through that power plant;
- (v) of the measures taken to ensure that the company supplying electricity would act in compliance with the agreement; and
- (vi) of the loss incurred to the Ceylon Electricity Board as a result of not acting in compliance with that agreement?

(b) If not, why?

9.

2131/'17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House, separately, in respect of each year—

- (i) the number of Sri Lankan students who have gone abroad to pursue medical degrees from the year 2009 to-date;
- (ii) the foreign medical faculties to which they have gained admission and the number of students who have gained admission to them; and
- (iii) the amount of foreign exchange lost to the country due to said foreign medical education?

(b) If not, why?

10.

2201/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) it is admitted that a programme was implemented by the previous government to acquire estate hospitals to the government, in order to uplift the health of nearly 800 thousand people living in the estates;
 - (ii) of the number of estate hospitals acquired by the end of year 2014, under the programme, their names and the time period;
 - (iii) it is admitted that the project has now come to a standstill;
 - (iv) whether the amount spent annually by the Ministry is presented; and
 - (v) whether measures will be taken to restart the project again, since it was pivotal in uplifting the health of the people living in estates?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2214/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he ware that –
- (i) Kollonnawa Girls' School is the only Girls' National School available in Kolonnawa Education Division;
 - (ii) this school is faced with a number of shortages at present; and
 - (iii) currently there are 18 vacancies for teachers and 8 vacancies in the non-academic staff of this school?
- (b) Will he inform this House –
- (i) whether he would admit that it is an obstacle and a damage for the future progress and the reputation of this school to have such vacancies in the staff;
 - (ii) of the nature of plans that are in place to fill these vacancies;
 - (iii) of the date on which steps will be taken to implement those plans;
 - (iv) separately of the provisions that have been allocated for the development of physical and human resources of this school in year 2017;
 - (v) of the progress of the programmes that have been implemented at present utilizing such provision;
 - (vi) whether it has been planned to allocate provisions for the development of physical and human resources of this school in year 2018; and
 - (vii) if so, of the value of such provisions?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

2227/'17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of officers of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service, Sri Lanka Principals' Service and Sri Lanka Teachers' Service, approved for the Ratnapura district;
 - (ii) the number of officers in the above services in service at present, separately;
 - (iii) the number of vacancies in each of the above services in the Ratnapura district at present, separately; and
 - (iv) the steps the Ministry intends to take to fill those vacancies?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

2285/'17

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately as per each divisional secretariat division of the number of families in the Matara District whose houses and property got damaged as a result of landslides and floods which occurred recently;
 - (ii) separately as per each divisional secretariat division of the number of individuals that died and got disappeared as a result of the aforesaid flood menace;
 - (iii) separately of the amount of compensation to be paid on behalf of the above losses of life and property;
 - (iv) of the amount of compensation hitherto paid and the amount to be further paid; and
 - (v) of the period of time that would be taken to compensate those who have not hitherto been compensated?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

2300/'17

Hon. D.V. Chanaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether new vehicles have been imported for the incumbent President and the Prime minister during the period from 08th January 2015 up to date;
 - (ii) if so, what those vehicles are; and
 - (iii) separately of the value of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

2677/17

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon,—To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the 2018 budget proposal to 100% open the shipping industry to foreign companies is agreed to by;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to stop this opening as informed in a letter by the Ceylon Association of Ships Agencies to the responsible officials of the government; and
 - (iii) of the measures taken to prevent a monopoly of shipping companies coming into effect?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

P.11/15

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

2.

P.12/15

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

3.

P. 13/15

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

4.

P. 14/15

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

5.

P. 15/15

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

6.

P.16/15

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

7.

P.17/15

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

8.

P.18/15

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

9.

P.19/15

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

10.

P.21/'15

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

11.

P.22/'15

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

12.

P.23/'15

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

13.

P.24/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a system to prevent the harm caused by stray dogs to human lives,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a system to allocate a portion of land for the purpose of confining stray dogs and caring for them with a view to preventing the harm caused by them to human lives.

14.

P.25/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Imposing severe punishment for cases of child abuse,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to expedite the hearing of cases of child abuse by passing new rules and regulations, if the existing rules and regulations in that respect are not sufficient as a situation has arisen where child abuse increases speedily day by day, throughout the Island.

15.

P.26/'15

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

16.

P.27/'15

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

17.

P.28/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promoting Buddhist Bhikku Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be formulated to establish separate Bhikku Education Institutions specially meant for improving Buddhist Monks' oratorical skills, listening skills, computer literacy and their knowledge on psychology and counseling, in addition to the existing Bhikku Education Institutions, with a view to promoting their knowledge on Dhamma.

18.

P.29/'15

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

19.

P.30/'15

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

20.

P.31/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Teacher Instructors 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.

21.

P.32/'15

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

22.

P.33/15

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

23.

P.34/15

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

24.

P.35/15

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

25.

P.36/15

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

26.

P.37/15

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

27.

P.38/'15

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

28.

P.39/'15

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

29.

P.40/'15

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

30.

P.41/'15

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

31.

P.42/'15

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

32.

P.43/'15

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

33.

P.44/'15

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

34.

P.45/'15

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

35.

P.46/'15

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

36.

P.47/15

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

37.

P.48/15

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

38.

P.49/15

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

39.

P.50/15

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

40.

P.51/'15

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

41.

P.52/'15

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

42.

P.53/'15

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

43.

P.54/'15

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

44.

P.55/'15

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

45.

P.56/'15

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

46.

P.57/'15

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

47.

P.58/'15

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

48.

P.59/'15

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

49.

P.60/'15

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

50.

P.61/15

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

51.

P.62/15

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

52.

P.63/15

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

53.

P.64/15

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

54.

P.65/15

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

55.

P.66/'15

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

56.

P.67/'15

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

57.

P.68/'15

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

58.

P.69/'15

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

59.

P.70/'15

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

60.

P.71/'15

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

61.

P.72/15

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

62.

P.73/15

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

63.

P.74/15

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

64.

P.76/15

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

65.

P.77/15

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

66.

P.78/15

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

67.

P.79/'15

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

68.

P.80/'15

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

69.

P.81/'15

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

70.

P.82/'15

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

71.

P.83/'15

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

72.

P.84/'15

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

73.

P.85/'15

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

74.

P.86/'15

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

75.

P.87/'15

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

76.

P.88/'15

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

77.

P.89/'15

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

78.

P.90/'15

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

79.

P.91/'15

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

80.

P.92/'15

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

81.

P.93/'15

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

82.

P.94/'15

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

83.

P.95/'15

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

84.

P.96/'15

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

85.

P. 97/15

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

86.

P. 98/15

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

87.

P. 99/15

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

88.

P. 100/15

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

89.

P. 101/15

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

90.

P. 102/15

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

91.

P. 103/15

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

92.

P. 104/15

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

93.

P. 105/15

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

94.

P. 106/15

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

95.

P. 107/15

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

96.

P.108/'15

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

97.

P. 109/'15

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

98.

P. 110/'15

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

99.

P.111/'15

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

100.

P.112/'15

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

101.

P.113/'15

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

102.

P.114/'15

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

103.

P.115/'15

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

104.

P.116/'15

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

105.

P.117/'15

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

106.

P.118/'15

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

107.

P.119/'15

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

108.

P.120/'15

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

109.

P.121/'15

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

110.

P.122/'15

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

111.

P.123/'15

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

112.

P.124/'15

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

113.

P.125/'15

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

114.

P.126/'15

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

115.

P.127/'15

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

116.

P.128/'15

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

117.

P.129/'15

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

118.

P.130/'15

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

119.

P.131/'15

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

120.

P.132/'15

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

121.

P. 133/'15

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

122.

P.134/'15

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

123.

P.135/'15

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

124.

P.136/'15

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

125.

P.137/'15

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

126.

P.138/'15

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

127.

P.139/'15

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

128.

P.140/'15

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

129.

P.157/'15

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

130.

P.158/'15

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

131.

P.159/'15

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

132.

P.160/'15

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

133.

P.184/'16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Compulsion of Dhamma 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.

134.

P. 185/'16

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

135.

P.191/'17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Stopping the Battery Cage system utilized by the Poultry Farmers,— That this Parliament resolves that required measures be taken to put an end to the gravely inhuman method of Battery Cage system utilized by certain Poultry Farmers today, which engenders severe torture on the part of the animals, and also which endangers the livelihoods of small scale poultry farmers through excessive production of eggs considering also the fact that Sri Lanka has been a Buddhist country extending compassion for animals since the past.

136.

P.193/'17

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Implementation of existing laws in order to stop ragging that is presently taking place in all universities,— That this Parliament resolves that, in order to completely prevent ragging that new students have to experience within or outside universities, law should be implemented in terms of Prohibition of Ragging and Other Forms of Violence in Educational Institutions Act, No. 20 of 1998 against those who engage in ragging.

137.

P.194/'17

Hon.(Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Establishment of a special unit to curtail the circulation of pornographic videos in the internet,— That this parliament resolves that an effective special unit be set up within the Criminal Investigation Division to investigate in to the individuals who create, distribute and keep the pornographic videos, since the privacy of the people is damaged and the women are mostly inconvenienced seeing that various pornographic videos are circulated, presently in the internet, in abundance.

138.

P.199/'17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry due to the fact that a huge amount of money is spent annually for the importation of milk powder and if that amount was retained in the country it could greatly be beneficial the economy of the country

139.

P.200/'17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to conserve the places with archaeological value situated in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be initiated to conserve the archaeological places in Kurunegala district in the North Western Province, a district claiming a proud history, in which a number of sites of archaeological value are situated and even kingdoms of Kurunegala, Dambedeniya and Yapahuwa were established in the past due to the fact that serious problems have arisen by now in regard to the protection of the aforesaid historical sites.

140.

P.201/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Introducing a broad Social security network embracing all sectors,— That this parliament resolves that a broad social security network embracing all sectors should be introduced since no any social security scheme is in force for the informal sector employees although a pension scheme or Employees Provident Fund Scheme is in operation for the state and private sector employees of Sri Lanka in view of the fact that it is important to have a social security scheme for the citizens of any country.

141.

P.202 /17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Launching an expeditious programme to preserve the costal belt of Puttlam district,— That this parliament resolves that an expeditious programme should be launched to protect the coastal belt of Puttlam district even though the Puttlam district has been endowed with a very beautiful coastal belt, it has been polluted owing to sea erosion, destruction of mangrove and illegal constructions.

142.

P.203/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Launching a programme to restore the reputation that the Puttlam district used to have in Volleyball,— That this parliament resolves that since there is a certain set back, a programme should be launched to restore the esteem that the Puttlam district used to have attributable to the talents shown by the school volleyball players in national and international games, nearly a decade ago.

143.

P.204/'17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for the enhancement of the standards of cricket tournaments conducted at school and sports club levels,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for the enhancement of the standards of the cricket tournaments conducted at school and sports club levels in view of finding out competent players for the national team as Cricket in Sri Lanka has encountered a serious collapse since the past few years .

144.

P. 205/' 17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in rural Buddhist temples since most of the Buddhist temples in the rural areas of Sri Lanka are in an extremely low economic level.

145.

P. 206/' 17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishing a canned fish factory in Puttalam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a canned fish factory to be established in Puttalam district as all the resources required to establish a canned fish factory are available in the district and to prevent the outflow of foreign exchange spent to import canned fish annually as well as to provide the required protein to fulfill the nutritional needs of the people.

146.

P.207/' 17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Extending the Colombo-Katunayake Expressway up to Chilaw,— That this Parliament resolves that the Expressway that currently runs from Colombo to Katunayake should be extended up to Chilaw in order to expedite the development drive in Puttalam district, which is rapidly developing under the present Good Governance government and since Expressways are vital for the development of a country.

147.

P.208/' 17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementing a kumbuk tree plantation project in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals in North-Western Province – That this parliament resolves that a plantation project of Kumbuk trees that are having a long life span and are capable of preserving soil water and lessening the soil erosion, be initiated in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals.

148.

P.209 /' 17

Hon . Ashoka Priyantha,— Taking immediate measures to fulfill the basic needs of the people who are living in Baththalangunduwa island – That this Parliament resolves that, as no attention has been drawn so far to the basic needs of the fishing community that is living in Baththalangunduwa island which is a main island situated in the close proximity of Kalpitiya peninsula in Puttalam District of North-Western Province, immediate measures be taken under current Good Governance Government to uplift the living standards of the fishing community by providing them with the basic needs.

149.

P.210/' 17

Hon.(Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Appointment of counselors or advisors with special training in mental health to Universities and all other higher education institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that either trained mental health counselors and advisors be appointed to all state education institutes or a special training on psychological counseling be provided to teachers who are already employed in such institutes in order to curb the suicide trend which appears to be common among the youth and students at present.

150.

P.211/'17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijeratne,— Preparing and implementing a programme to properly carryout disciplinary enquiries by Student Discipline Committees of Schools,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be prepared and implemented for taking action to carry out proper and impartial disciplinary enquiries into anti-disciplinary acts committed by school children as it is observed that some schools take steps to sack students from school without carrying out proper disciplinary enquiries into anti-disciplinary acts committed by those students thereby causing great injustice to such students disrupting their education and making most students mental patients due to severe mental pressure they are subjected to, and as there have been occasions where some children have become anti-social criminals who hate the entire teacher community as well as the entire society.

151.

P. 213/'17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Establishment of a state medical faculty affiliated to the Uva Wellassa University using Badulla General Hospital as a teaching hospital,- That this Parliament resolves that a state medical faculty be established affiliated to the Uva Wellassa University using Badulla General Hospital as a teaching hospital in order to strengthen the state education and health services since there are only 50% of the doctors required to maintain the country's health services at a optimum level are available and large number of students who obtain high marks in the (G.C.E. Advanced Level) Biology stream are unable to enter the state medical faculties.

152.

P. 214/'17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Development of Panadura Base Hospital as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty at University of Moratuwa,- That this Parliament resolves that Panadura Base Hospital be developed as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty for University of Moratuwa since the Budget 2018 has proposed to build a medical faculty affiliated to University of Moratuwa.

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

885/'16

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the Sri Lankan School children suffer from various nutritional deficiencies;
- (ii) the contributory factors for this situation are the failure to obtain food on time and the lack of nutrients in the food consumed; and
- (iii) there is a tendency for the school children to contract various diseases owing to this situation?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken by the government to increase the nutritional level of the school children; and
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to provide a nutritious meal to the school children; and
 - (ii) if so, from which date it will be?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1117/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Divineguma Community Based Banks (Samurdhi Banks) that operate within Badulla district;
 - (ii) of the locations of those banks; and
 - (iii) of the number of beneficiaries who benefit from each bank branch?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees serving at each of the banks mentioned in a (i) above and their names and designations separately;
 - (ii) whether any vacancies exist at those banks at present; and
 - (iii) if so, of the methodology adopted to recruit employees for those vacancies?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1251/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many households within the Mullaitivu District had been connected to the supply of clean drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
 - (ii) how many households are provided with clean drinking water at present;
 - (iii) what amount in full was allocated by the government in each year for providing drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;
 - (iv) what amounts in full was allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply of drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation until the year 2015; and
 - (v) whether he will table a progress report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1376/'16

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) in terms of budget proposal No. 130 of budget 2016, whether a semi tax holiday has been provided to the companies that introduce seeds that produce high yields; and
 - (ii) whether a list of companies which were granted with aforesaid tax holiday, will be submitted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether a list of machineries which were exempted from import taxes by 1st January 2015, will be submitted; and
 - (ii) whether a list of machineries which were exempted from import taxes by 1st January 2016 will be submitted; and
- as proposals have been made to raise the import taxes on agricultural machineries, in terms of aforesaid proposal?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1466/'16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(4)

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

6.

2178/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to the explosion of the armory of the Army in Salawa , Kosgama in the year 2016—
 - (i) the number of persons who lost their lives;
 - (ii) the number of persons who became disabled;
 - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid by the government to the persons who were affected by the explosion;
 - (iv) the amount of compensation paid by the government on behalf of a person who lost his life;
 - (v) the maximum and minimum amount of compensation paid for the houses that were affected by the explosion;
 - (vi) whether permanent houses will be provided to all those who were displaced; and
 - (vii) the nearest date on which a permanent house was provided to a family that was displaced?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

2208/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the cadre in the post of Agriculture Research Production Assistant of the Department of Agrarian Development in the Jaffna district; and
 - (ii) the number of officers who are currently serving on this post and the number of vacancies available ;
 - (iii) of the date on which the vacancies existing in the above department would be filled; and
 - (iv) whether acting appointments are given or acting allowances paid to the officers who are acting on the above post?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2238/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Special Assignment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Special Assignment and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2299/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately on per electorate basis, of the number families that receive the Samurdhi assistance in the Ratnapura District; and
 - (ii) of the steps that would be taken by the Ministry to include new families for the Samurdhi Programme?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2319/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a special fund was established in year 2009 with the objective of eradicating Thalassaemia from the North Western Province by year 2020; and
 - (ii) although a special investigative committee was appointed to look into the misuse of more than 10 million rupees of that fund, its report is yet to be published?
- (b) if so, will he inform this House, the measures that will be taken by the ministry against the relevant persons after publishing the investigative report?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

2329/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of regional officers belonging to the Sri Lanka Tea Board;
 - (ii) of the locations in which the above mentioned offices are situated;
 - (iii) of the qualifications possessed by the Assistant Tea Commissioners who have been appointed to the said offices at present;
 - (iv) whether the said officers have fulfilled the qualifications required to occupy the said post; and
 - (v) of the reason for a permanent Assistant Tea Commissioner is not appointed to the Regional Office located in the Kaluthara District?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

2403/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that steps have been taken to resettle the families of the Laggala electorate of Matale district who got displaced owing to the Moragahakanda project of Kalu Ganga, within the Laggala Electorate itself;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of families that got displaced and the extents of land provided;
 - (iii) if so, whether it is admitted that although the lands thus provided are adequate for the present generation, they do not suffice the next generations; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps that will be taken by the ministry to solve the land issues faced by the families resettled as a result of the Moragahakanda project and the land issues that will be encountered by their future generation?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

2417/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a number of huge electric generators have been installed in the premises of the office of the Ceylon Electricity Board in Mallowapitiya, Kurunagala; and
 - (ii) the people in the vicinity have been highly inconvenienced by the loud noise emanating from these machines when they are functioning?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an Environmental Impact Assessment report has been obtained to install these machines;
 - (ii) if so, the institution which carried out the aforesaid environmental assessment; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken by the Ministry to solve this problem?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

2475/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soya,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the number of emergency disaster situations that occurred in 2017;
 - (ii) the number of persons who got displaced owing to those disaster in relation to each district;
 - (iii) the number of instances of harm to property in relation to each district; and
 - (iv) the amount of money allocated to pay compensation to displaced people?
- (b) If not , why?

15.

2479/17

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) about 100 families have constructed permanent houses and are living in the “Diyawara” village (fishing village) established during the previous regime above the watershed of the Kala Weva tank within the Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) those people have not received ownership to those lands so far?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House of the date on which action will be taken to grant them ownership of these lands?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, May 23, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

886/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the Sri Lankan migrant workers happen to face incidents of physical assault, rape, sexual abuse, financial fraud, loss of life and deployment in prostitution in the destination countries;
 - (ii) there is no methodology for adequate intervention on their behalf during aforesaid unfair circumstances; and
 - (iii) owing to this situation such migrant workers and their family members are severely inconvenienced?

(71)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the number of Sri Lankans who encountered the incidents mentioned in a (i) during the years 2015 and 2016;
 - (ii) whether there is a methodology for the aforesaid Sri Lankans to get compensated from the perpetrating parties?
 - (iii) if so, how it can be done?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken by the government to ensure the protection of the Sri Lankan migrant workers;
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that it is appropriate to establish a legally authorized unit to appear for the protection of migrant workers?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1043/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(6)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of persons included in the delegation that joined the President to participate in the annual session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2016;
 - (ii) the names of the persons who joined the above tour and the basis on which they were included in the delegation separately; and
 - (iii) the total cost which the tour incurred on the Government, Public Corporations, Statutory Boards and Public Companies?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1252/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many households within the Jaffna District had been connected to the supply of cleaned drinking water by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board by 1983;
 - (ii) how many households are provided with cleaned drinking water at present;
 - (iii) what amount in full was allocated by the government in each year for providing drinking water until the end of the war situation after 1983;
 - (iv) what amount in full was allocated by the government for projects implemented for the supply of drinking water, separately in respect of each of the years following the war situation until the year 2015
 - (v) whether he will table a progress report on all above?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1428/16

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana, —To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the market for Tar was liberalized as per proposal No. 204 of Budget 2016;
 - (ii) if so, of the measures adopted for that purpose;
 - (iii) of the major suppliers who entered the tar market as per the above budget proposal;
 - (iv) of the tar production of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the year 2003 to 2016 and the stocks remained at the end of each year;
 - (v) of the price of tar in the world market and in the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the year 2009 to 2016 separately for each year; and
 - (vi) of Sri Lanka's tar requirement forecast from year 2015 to 2020?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1659/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately the number of Ayurveda hospitals and Ayurveda medical centres which are run under the Uva Provincial Council;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforementioned hospitals and medical centres;
 - (iii) separately the number of employees working in the aforementioned hospitals and medical centres at present;
 - (iv) of the number of jobs given to people at Ayurveda hospitals and medical centres in the Province after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister; and
 - (v) of the names, addresses and designations of persons who were given jobs in the above manner?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

2009/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that impoverished people who wander about without a place to live and sleep rough have to face very tragic situations during days with rain storms; and
 - (ii) whether he will take steps to construct temporary wayside shelters or “Ambalam” for such helpless poor people in Colombo and other main cities through the local government institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

2209/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the manner in which the project to supply electricity to the farmers at a concessionary rate is implemented at present;
 - (ii) the districts in which this project is implemented; and
 - (iii) the date on which the farmers in the Northern Province including Jaffna where the inauguration ceremony of this national programme was held, get the benefits of this project?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2239/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2320/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Tamil medium schools in Puttalam district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) of the number of teachers serving in each school at present;
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that there is severe shortage of teachers in Tamil medium schools in Puttalam district; and
 - (v) if so, the measures that will be taken by the ministry to minimize the teacher shortage ?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2331/'17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that an industrial zone is established at Kuruwita, in Ratnapura District;
 - (ii) if so, of the date of commencement of the aforesaid industrial zone and its primary objectives;
 - (iii) of the factories that function in this industrial zone as at today and their names;
 - (iv) whether the number of the employees serving in each of these factories would be separately stated;
 - (v) of the names of the factories which were closed down during the aforesaid period, if any;
 - (vi) of the steps taken by the Ministry to further develop this industrial zone?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2333/'17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) in terms of Public Administration Circulars No. 01/99 and 27/88, 3% of vacancies in the public sector and in public corporations should be filled with disabled people who are qualified and whose disability will not hamper the activities of the posts concerned, in filling vacancies of those sectors; and
 - (ii) the appeal made by Mr. W.L.R.N. Liyanage of 1 1/4 mile post, Ampara Road, Siyambalanduwa, who is a physically disabled person who passed the open competitive examination to recruit officers to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service 2004(2005) with 135 marks, to the Ministry of Public Administration and Management requesting that he be considered to be recruited to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, has been rejected by the Ministry stating that disabled persons cannot be recruited to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are provisions which bar the recruitment of disabled persons to the Sri Lanka Administrative Service; and
 - (ii) if not, whether steps will be taken to do justice to Mr. W.L.R.N. Liyanage?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

2452/'17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of national schools in each electorate in the Matale district, separately;
 - (ii) the names of those schools; and
 - (iii) of the steps the Ministry intends to take to increase the number of national schools in the Matale District and further develop the existing national schools?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

2476/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) of the number of new portfolios created by the Central Government for provincial development in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of those Ministries, separately; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated to those Ministries for the year 2017, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Ministry of Sabaragamuwa Development has made allocations for project development;
 - (ii) if so, the amount so allocated; and
 - (iii) of those projects are?
- (c) If not, why ?

14.

2480/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the rural hospital located at Gambiriswewa village in the Central Nuwaragampalatha Divisional Secretariat Division, Anuradhapura is currently confined only to a building;
 - (ii) though a doctor has been attached to the Outpatients Department during the daytime, there is no doctor at night even for emergency treatments?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will pay attention to this matter and take action to offer a solution;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why ?

15.

2502/17

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of students who receive Dhamma School education in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) of the amount of money available in the fund set up for the development of Dhamma Schools ;
 - (iii) of the allocations made in the budget 2017 to build up aforesaid fund ;
 - (iv) of the promotions carried out by the government so as to complement and appreciate the services rendered by the teachers of Dhamma schools and to retain them in the service ;
 - (v) of the new measures taken by the government to regulate and ban tuition classes held on Sunday morning hours as they stand in the way when the students are directed towards the Dhamma education ?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, May 24, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

887/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the villages that engage in productions related to bamboo, cane, rush and jute in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the aforesaid number of villages separately;
 - (iii) of the number of families that engage in the aforesaid industry, separately on the basis of each village; and
 - (iv) of the major issues encountered by them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether action has been taken to provide the new technology required by those engaged in this industry;
 - (ii) if so, how it is done;
 - (iii) whether action has been taken by the government to expand the market for bamboo, cane , rush and jute products; and
 - (iv) if so, how it is?

(77)

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether ornamental products made out of bamboo, cane, rush and jute are exported;
 - (ii) if so, what those countries are; and
 - (iii) separately of the foreign income received through the export of bamboo, cane, rush and jute products during the years 2015 and 2016?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1267/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of families beneficial by Samurdhi relief in the Moneragala district;
 - (ii) the number of such families, in terms of the value of the stamps they receive, separately;
 - (iii) whether any categorisation has been made on the information of the last Samurdhi survey;
 - (iv) the number of appeals received after that survey in relation to each Divisional Secretariat division separately; and
 - (v) the steps to be taken in future in regard to those appeals?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1430/16

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a state-private joint Committee of Action was formed in order to solve the problems faced by the tea industry according to Proposal No. 157 of Budget 2016;
 - (ii) if so, the names of its members;
 - (iii) of the main problems identified by the said Committee in 2016 as those faced by the tea industry; and
 - (iv) of the measures adopted by the government in order to solve the problems in the tea industry in 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1660/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of buses operated under the Uva Province Road Passenger Transport Authority;
 - (ii) of the number of people working at the Road Passenger Transport Authority at present;
 - (iii) of the names and addresses of the officers employed there at present;
 - (iv) of the number of jobs given after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister and the names and addresses of the recipients of those jobs;
 - (v) of the number of bus permits given after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province was appointed to the post of Chief Minister and the names and addresses of the recipients of those permits; and
 - (vi) of the methodology adopted for the above?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

2010/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that “Neelawala” in Kandy district is an ancient village where traditional jewellery industry flourished;
 - (ii) whether he admits that out of the families that depended on gold and silver jewellery industry, only 03 families engage in that industry by now;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the industrialists in this village are of the view that despite the huge demand that prevailed in the past for gold and silver jewellery produced in “Neelawala” with the intervention of Laksala to uplift the domestic industrialists, this industry has suffered a severe setback as Lakasala has become an institution of a few businessmen; and
 - (iv) whether the government would intervene and take steps to uplift the gold and silver jewellery industry of “Neelawala village” where ancient designs are used for carving?
- (b) If not why?

6.

2179/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this house in regard to the floods caused by the river water and rain water in the wet zone in the year 2017—
 - (i) the number of persons who lost their lives;
 - (ii) the number of persons who became disabled;
 - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid by the government to the persons who were affected by the floods;
 - (iv) the amount of compensation paid by the government on behalf of a person who lost his life;
 - (v) the maximum and minimum amount of compensation paid for the houses that were affected by the floods;
 - (vi) whether permanent houses will be provided to all those who were displaced; and
 - (vii) the nearest date on which a permanent house was provided to a family that was displaced?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

2210/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Skills Development and Vocational Training,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the government technical college in the Jaffna district receives a large number of applications annually for vocational training but only a limited number of applicants are selected;
 - (ii) thousands of unemployed youth in the Jaffna district lose the opportunity of receiving training from this technical college;
 - (iii) an extent of 6 acres belonging to the Weerasingham Central College in Meesalai in Thenmarachchi area has been given for constructing another technical college in the Jaffna district for the benefit of those young persons; and
 - (iv) the project proposal sent to the National Planning Department by the authorities of the Department of vocational training that inspected the said land, has been approved?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether financial allocations have been made to commence the preliminary work relating to the construction of the Meesalai new technical college; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the construction work of the said technical college would commence?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

2240/'17

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?

(b) If not, why?

9.

2321/'17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the date each local government institution in Puttalam district in North Western Province was dissolved, separately;

(ii) whether employees have been recruited, to continue the services of the local government bodies after they were dissolved;

(iii) if so, the names and addresses of those persons as well as the positions they were recruited for; and

(iv) whether it has been carried out in accordance with the provisions of the establishment code and the financial regulations?

(b) If not, why ?

10.

2332/'17

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether he is aware that there is a school named Dela Tamil Maha Vidyalaya in the Niwithigala education zone in the Ratnapura district;

(ii) the number of students studying in it at present;

(iii) whether he is aware that there is a shortage of teachers in that school at present; and

(iv) of the steps the Ministry intends to take to address that shortage of teachers?

(b) If not, why?

11.

2334/17

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 Nutritionist attached to the government hospitals at present;
 - (ii) the number of vacancies available in that field ; and
 - (iii) as to why arrangements are not made to recruit the graduates who have completed the four year degree of Food Science and Nutrition that has been recognized by the Medical Council of Sri Lanka and the Medical College Council of Sri Lanka to this post?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

2477/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house separately —
 - (i) the number of buses deployed on the expressways out of the passenger buses belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) the number of buses given to the Sri Lanka Transport Board by the government in years 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
 - (iii) the income earned by the government from the Sri Lanka Transport Board and the cost incurred on it by the government from 2014 up to date; and
 - (iv) the income earned by the government from the buses deployed on the expressways and the cost incurred on them by the government from 2014 up to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of employees attached to the Sri Lanka Transport Board; and
 - (ii) the number in relation to each grade, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

2481/17

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the building which houses the Vijithapura Post Office opened in 1994 has been in a ramshackle condition and is faced with the risk of collapsing due to lack of reconstruction; and
 - (ii) of the date on which action will be taken to reconstruct the building concerned?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

2503/17

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether compensation is provided to the passengers and pedestrians who get killed and get injured by road accidents;
 - (ii) if so, of the money allocated for year 2017 in order to grant aforesaid compensation;
 - (iii) of the factors considered in providing aforesaid compensation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money allocated for the compensation provided in support of the three-wheeler drivers who lose their lives due to three-wheeler accidents, for the year 2017;
 - (ii) of the people got qualified for the compensation by the middle of the year 2017; and
 - (iii) of the people who were granted with the compensation by the middle of the year 2017?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

2528/17

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

- (a) Will he inform the House—
 - (i) whether the government has implemented a concessionary loan scheme for solar power products;
 - (ii) of the percentage at which interest will have to paid for loans provided to customers under that course of action; and
 - (iii) of the sums of loans that have been granted to customers by each bank separately under this course of action and the total of such loans?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Friday, May 25, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

888/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the villages, engaged in clay related industries like pottery and other products, in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of aforesaid villages ;
 - (iii) of the number of families, engaged in aforesaid industry; and
 - (iv) of the major issues that they encounter?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether measures have been taken to provide aforesaid industrialists with modern technology;
 - (ii) if so , in which manner;
 - (iii) whether government has taken measures to expand the market for clay related products; and
 - (iv) if so, in which manner?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether ornamental clay items are exported by now;
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid countries;
 - (iii) separately, in terms of year 2015 and 2016, of the foreign income, received by exportation of clay related products?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1269/16

Hon. Padma Udaya Shantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in terms of each Zonal Education office, of the number of principals employed in Monaragala district;
 - (ii) whether aforesaid principals or the individuals who do not represent the Principals' service, have been given principal service promotions after 8th January 2015; and
 - (iii) If so, whether there are individuals who were subjected to political revenges among the persons who were given promotions?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1431/16

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the measures taken in the year 2016 in order to achieve the objective of making regional plantation companies registered companies in the Colombo stock market, as per the No. 156 proposal of the 2016 budget ;
 - (ii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report of the plantation companies established in the year 1992 along with the names of their owners;
 - (iii) the profits earned or the losses incurred by each of the plantation company mentioned above in each year during the period from the year 1992 up to 2016, separately;
 - (iv) the number of acres owned by each regional plantation company mentioned above along with their productivity, separately?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

2211/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is an ancient cemetery located in the Akbovil area of Mamadu, Vavuniya;
 - (ii) the aforementioned cemetery has been marked by the Department of Archaeology;
 - (iii) the aforementioned cemetery and artefacts located there have been damaged as a result of a recent incident in which teak trees in the said area were felled?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether legal action has been taken against those who are responsible for the destruction of ancient artefacts situated on the aforementioned cemetery;
 - (ii) of the steps that will be taken to protect the aforesaid artefacts in future?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

2241/17

[Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Primary Industries and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicles allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

2335/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. S. Soyza Gunatilake, Minor Staff Overseer attached to the Horana Basic Hospital has applied for a transfer to the Kalutara General Hospital in order to carryout the duties of the post of Chairman of the All Ceylon Overseers Association to which he was elected recently, conveniently;
 - (ii) the Secretary to the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine of the Western Province has recommended Director, Provincial Health Services (WP) to effect the transfer without a replacement on 01.04.2016; and
- (b) will he inform this House as to why that transfer has not been effected to date?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

2408/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of fisheries families residing in the Baththalangunduwa fisheries village of Kalpitiya;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the said fisheries community is faced with a severe issue of getting drinking water;
 - (iii) if so, of the steps that will be taken to solve the issue of water faced by the said community?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2478/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Coordinating Secretaries approved for the staff of the President of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of Coordinating Secretaries appointed under the present President from 02.01.2016;
 - (iii) the fields in respect of which the said Coordinating Secretaries were appointed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately the name, educational qualifications and other qualifications of each such Coordinating Secretary;
 - (ii) the salary paid to a Coordinating Secretary;
 - (iii) accordingly, the overall cost incur during the past two years in respect of those Coordinating Secretaries;
 - (iv) whether the relevant Coordinating Secretaries have rendered an adequate service in relation to the said cost?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

2482/'17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Jayah Maha Vidyalaya in Anuradhapura District is one that is encompassed by the “One Thousand Schools Development Project”;
 - (ii) at present, only the technical building relevant to the Project has been constructed; and
 - (iii) other buildings pertaining to the Project have not been constructed so far?
- (b) Will he inform the House of—
 - (i) the reasons for not constructing the other buildings pertaining to the Project concerned; and
 - (ii) the date on which action will be taken to construct the buildings concerned?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

2504/17

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of government schools in the island;
 - (ii) of the total number of international schools in the island;
 - (iii) of the number of teachers recruited for national schools in the years of 2015, 2016 and 2017, according to each year;
 - (iv) of the number of teachers recruited for provincial schools in the years of 2015, 2016 and 2017, according to each year;
 - (v) of the number of teachers appraised from the external and internal appraisal systems in the first half of year 2016;
 - (vi) of the amount of money allocated to establish teachers' quarters / rest rooms in rural and regional schools from the 2016 budget; and
 - (vii) the present progress of the project?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2510/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) nearly 30 families living at Kiribathgala Kanda in Pelmadulla were displaced due to the landslide occurred in the area; and
 - (ii) it has been decided to provide alternative lands for the affected families from Dombagammana area situated 20 kilometers away from this village ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is admitted that they have requested lands to be provided from the Kiribathgala state plantation situated close to the village instead of the lands provided from distant areas;
 - (ii) if so, whether measures will be taken to provide lands for them from the Kiribathgala state plantation?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

2521/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount spent to purchase tear gas for the use of Police Department from 2013 to 2017, separately with respect to each year?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

2529/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of places of religious worship to which electricity has been supplied under the project of providing solar powered electricity sets to places of religious worship initiated by the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority;
 - (ii) of the capacity of the electricity sets provided to each place of religious worship, separately;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on that project as at 01.06.2017;
 - (iv) the volume of electricity generated by those electricity sets; and
 - (v) the reason for providing electricity sets to places of religious worship free of charge?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

2533/'17

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken to construct the proposed wind shield for Norochcholai Lakvijaya Power Plant for minimizing the damage caused to the environment by the Power Plant;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the farmers living in areas surrounding the Power Plant are facing severe difficulties as there is no wind shield for the Power Plant; and
 - (iii) the date on which construction of the wind shield will be commenced?

- (b) Will he further state—
 - (i) the nature of the steps that will be taken to prevent accumulation of ash in the premises of the Power Plant; and
 - (ii) the amount of the compensation that has been paid to the farmers whose cultivations have been damaged due to the ash that is emitted from the Power Plant?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Norochcholai Plant has obtained a valid environmental protection licence;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid licence was issued;
 - (iii) of the date on which that licence will expire; and
 - (iv) whether Ceylon Electricity Board will undertake the responsibility for the failure of the Power Plant to fulfill the conditions stipulated in that licence?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

2608/17

Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the defendants of case number H.C./4648/2009 (Attorney General's Number C.R.-2/26/2009) which was heard in the High Courts, Colombo;
 - (ii) of the charges raised in the Indictment paper; and
 - (iii) whether all the defendants have been acquitted from the aforesaid indictments?
 - (b) Will she State—
 - (i) whether it is stated in the determination that there is a possibility for the Attorney General to amend the accusations for a second time;
 - (ii) accordingly, whether the defendants are re-filed by the Attorney General having properly amended the accusations;
 - (iii) if so, the period within which re-filing is done; and
 - (iv) whether the reasons for the particular decision would be unveiled, if not re-filed thus?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, June 05, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

135/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of convicted persons of the 4 billion rupee VAT fraud;
 - (ii) the punishments given to each person separately; and
 - (iii) whether those persons have paid the fine imposed on them?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a large number of persons connected to the aforesaid VAT fraud;
 - (ii) high officials of the Department of Inland Revenue are connected to this fraud; and
 - (iii) certain groups have fled the country by now?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether investigations are carried out on all the persons involved in the VAT fraud;
 - (ii) if so, names, addresses, telephone numbers and positions of persons revealed from the investigations; and
 - (iii) the measures taken against them?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1197/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Jaffna District by the year 1983—
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1402/16

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) in terms of the proposal No. 169 of the Budget 2016, whether an expenditure record will be submitted regarding the manner in which Rs. 5 Million allocated for the researches on cinnamon and related researches, was spent;
 - (ii) of the number of researches performed with state financial allocations in 2016, of the names of the researchers who conducted aforesaid researches and of a performance report on the output; and
 - (iii) of the amount of loss incurred in Sess tax revenue in 2016, by reason of the Sess tax removal on spice (Pepper, Clove and Nutmeg) Exports?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1508/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the value of All Share Price Index by 31.12.2016;
 - (ii) from which percentage the All Share Price Index has changed by 31.12.2016 in comparison to 31.12.2014 and 31.12.2015; and
 - (iii) the value of net foreign purchases within the year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1575/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the name and address of the Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) of the salary and allowances entitled to him;
 - (iii) of the name and address of the Managing Director of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (iv) of the salary and allowances entitled to him;
 - (v) of the reasons for the same person is holding both the posts mentioned above;
 - (vi) whether the Ministry of Finance has informed that it is not appropriate for one person to hold two positions; and
 - (vii) if so, of the reasons for not adhering to aforesaid instructions?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

1639/'17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the total quantity of the coal supplied to the Ceylon Electricity Board by the company named Noble Resources Limited from time to time;
 - (ii) the total amount of money that has been paid to the said coal company in payment of these quantities;
 - (iii) the duration for which the operation of the Norochcholai Coal Power Station was interrupted for failure on the part of the said company to supply coal in time; and
 - (iv) the loss caused to the Ceylon Electricity Board due to interruption of generators in this manner?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the local representatives separately in respect of tenders numbered LCC/09/T/02, LCC/01 and LCC/13T/01 obtained by the Noble Resources Limited; and
 - (ii) the reasons for awarding the supply of coal to the said company without following the procurement procedure?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

1647/'17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether the Uva Provincial Council has initiated a programme to grant land deeds;
 - (ii) if so, the number of deeds granted by the current Chief Minister of the Uva Provincial Council since his appointment to the post of Chief Minister;
 - (iii) the names, addresses and the Grama Niladhari divisions of residence of the recipients of the deeds; and
 - (iv) the methodology adopted by the Provincial Council to grant these land deeds?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

1669/'17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the locations where refuse and garbage is dumped by the Local Authorities in the Puttalam District which comes under the North-Western Province;
 - (ii) whether a project for the management of solid waste has been introduced to the above Local Authorities; and
 - (iii) if so, of the facilities provided and financial allocations made to each of the above Local Authorities for the abovementioned project from year 2010 up to now?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

1690/'17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the knuckles range received world heritage status on conditions from the United Nations Organization through the Gazette Notification No. 1130/22 dated 05.05.2000;
 - (ii) according to the main condition of the above conditions, an area with an extent of 2000 acres belonging to 8 Divisional Secretariat Divisions namely Minipe, Panvila, Pathadumbara, Laggala, Wilgamuwa, Rattota, Ukuwela and Matale in the close proximity to the knuckles range have not been amalgamated with it; and
 - (iii) as a result, the knuckles range faces the threat of being delisted from world heritage status?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to amalgamate the above 2000 acres with the knuckles range in order to prevent it from being delisted from world heritage status; and
 - (ii) if so, the current status of it?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

1695/17

Hon. Mohamed Navavi,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(4)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in Puttalam District has given approval to set up a Children’s Park in Norochcholai village in year 2013; and
 - (ii) if so, whether such a Children’s Park has been set up?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of funds received for the purpose; and
 - (ii) who has received that amount of funds?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

1697/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a contract or a letter of agreement is available between the Google company and the government of Sri Lanka in regard to the “Google Loon” Project which was proposed to be implemented in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the basis on which the government decided to select the Google company for this;
 - (iii) the facilities that the Sri Lankan government provided or agreed to provide for the aforesaid project;
 - (iv) the amount spent by the Sri Lankan government for the aforesaid project ;
 - (v) the cause which effected the crash of the balloon launched into the sky by the Google company;
 - (vi) whether a report has been issued having carried out an investigation in that regard;
 - (vii) whether the Google company has stated that they have given up this project;
 - (viii) if so, the financial and other losses that have been incurred as a result of the breach of the relevant contract or agreement; and
 - (ix) the person or persons on whom the responsibility of the aforesaid losses lies?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

1743/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that an interview was conducted by the Department of Prisons in the year 2016 for the recruitments for the post of Jailors;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of applicants selected for the relevant posts on the basis of the results of interviews conducted from 19.10.2016 to 27.10.2016 and the structured interview conducted from 03.11.2016 to 12.11.2016;
 - (iii) as to why the process of recruitment was postponed in spite of the fact that the qualified applicants have been informed by the Department of Prisons that the recruitments have been made for the said posts and asking them to sign the particular contracts on 24.11.2016; and
 - (iv) of the reason for not hitherto making the appointments thus postponed?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) as to why letters of contract have been provided to the qualified appointees putting them into further difficulty, in spite of the prevalence of the problematic condition obstructing this process;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that the qualified appointees have been subjected to severe difficulty owing to not giving the appointments ;
 - (iii) if so, whether measures will be taken to make the appointments once again; and
 - (iv) if so, of the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

1749/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of radio channels in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the institutions that run those radio channels;
 - (iii) the names of the owners of those radio channels and the dates on which each radio channels have been started;
 - (iv) whether there are radio channels started in Sri Lanka that are not functioning by now; and
 - (v) if so, the names of those radio channels?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the institution that regulates the radio channels;
 - (ii) whether he admits that regulation of those radio channels are not done in a proper manner;
 - (iii) whether a proper procedure to regulate radio channels will be prepared to prevent certain radio channels broadcasting programmes harmful to the society; and
 - (iv) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

1842/17

Hon. (Mrs.) Shanthi Sriskandarasa,—To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the tile factory located in the Oddusudan Divisional Secretariat Division in the Mullaitivu District is no longer functioning;
 - (ii) what provision was allocated from the Budget 2016 for this factory;
 - (iii) through whom those funds were spent; and
 - (iv) of the details of the activities carried out using these funds?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1874/17

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Kurinjakkerny bridge in Kinniya area got destroyed owing to severe floods which occurred in Trincomalee District in December, 2014; and
 - (ii) this bridge has not hitherto been completely reconstructed but was only subjected a temporary reconstruction?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the steps that were taken by the Ministry of Disaster Management for the reconstruction of this bridge which is utilized by a large number of people daily;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not reconstructing this bridge up to now; and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to reconstruct this bridge expeditiously?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, June 06, 2018
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

838/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the basic facilities such as toilets and cafeterias in most of the railway stations like Colombo Fort, Maradana, Kandy, Jaffna, Matara, Galle, Hikkaduwa, Trincomalee and Kurunegala are at a minimum level ;
 - (ii) food and beverages of inferior quality are sold in aforesaid railway stations at exorbitant prices; and
 - (iii) this situation has a direct impact on the tourism industry of the country as foreign tourists mostly use these railway stations?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to improve the facilities of aforesaid railway stations;
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid measures; and
 - (iii) whether the financial allocations are available for aforesaid improvements?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

1517/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total cost borne by the government on the Public Representations Committee on Constitutional Reforms;
 - (ii) the names of the members of that Committee;
 - (iii) the criteria that were taken into consideration in appointing the members to that Committee; and
 - (iv) the number of Committee members who have recommended that the Chapter II of the Constitution regarding the status of Buddhism should not be changed?
- (b) If not, why?

3.

1738/17

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he is aware that an audit query dated 18. 10. 2016 has been issued on Department of Education of Uva Province in respect of year 2015 and 2016;
 - (ii) if so, whether he submits the particulars in section 2 b,c,d,e and f and the paragraph 3 of the audit query in respect of the school based management and teacher training programs which were held in Thailand and Philippine;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken against the officials who are connected with certain malpractices, corrupt activities and illegal activities occurred there; and
 - (iv) if so, of aforesaid measures?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1750/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of television channels operated in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) separately, the institutions that run those TV channels; and
 - (iii) the names of the owners of those TV channels and the dates on which each TV channels have been started?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are TV channels started in Sri Lanka that are not functioning by now;
 - (ii) if so, the names of those TV channels;
 - (iii) the name of the institution that regulates the TV channels;
 - (iv) whether he admits that regulation of those TV channels are not implemented in a proper manner;
 - (v) whether a proper procedure to regulate TV channels will be prepared to prevent certain TV channels telecasting revengeful and satirical programmes harmful to the society; and
 - (vi) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

5.

1814/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of schools with G.C.E (Advanced Level) Biology and Mathematics streams; and
 - (ii) separately, in respect of each subject, of the required number of teachers, available number of teachers and the teacher vacancies?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the reasons led for the shortage of teachers in G.C.E (Advanced Level) science stream?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

1979/'17

Hon. Anura Sidney Jayarathne,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether surveying the lands that are coming under the Girihadu Seya sacred site in Thiriyaya of Trincomalee district, has been concluded;
 - (ii) if so, whether survey marks have been placed on the surveyed land;
 - (iii) of the extent of land that is coming under the sacred site; and
 - (iv) of the reasons led for the delay in handing over respective plans to the Ministry of Buddhasasana?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

1981/'17

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, in respect of each Grama Niladhari division, of the number of small tanks and weirs which are fed only by rain water presently, and which are situated in low elevation of the main canal in the downstream of 20 Kilometers through Dambulla and Galewela Divisional Secretariat Divisions and coming under the Wayamba Canal project operated by the Department of Irrigation under the “Mahaweli Suraksithatha” investment programme;
 - (ii) whether Wayamba canal feeds all aforesaid tanks and weirs systems;
 - (iii) whether plans have been made in that regard by now;
 - (iv) separately, of the names of the tanks that are fed and not fed by Wayamba Canal project;

- (v) whether it doesn't cause an injustice on the farming communities of Dambulla and Galewela when water is provided to North Western province without feeding the tanks and weirs that are located in low elevations of the main canal;
 - (vi) as a remedial action whether plans will be prepared and implemented in order to supply water to the tanks that are not fed; and
 - (vii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (b) If not, why?
- 8.

1991/17

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) there are certain legal provisions relevant for Pradeshiya Sabhas which have barred the Pradeshiya Sabhas situated in the estate areas carrying out their services properly;
 - (ii) proposals have been presented to amend them; and
 - (iii) a cabinet memorandum has also been submitted in this regard?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the current progress of those amendments;
 - (ii) whether there is any obstacle to amend the legal provisions; and
 - (iii) of the date these amendments will be tabled in the Parliament?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, June 07, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

889/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a survey has been conducted on the Gaadi community, living in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of Grama seva Divisions in which aforesaid people live; and
 - (iii) separately, of the number of families and individuals?

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether the government has intervened in to the housing and land issues of aforesaid people;
 - (ii) if so, in which manner; and
 - (iii) whether government has supported aforesaid people to live, securing their cultural identities and traditional heritage?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether government has taken steps towards the upliftment of economic conditions and livelihood development of Gaadi people; and
 - (ii) if so, in which manner?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1199/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Kilinochchi District by the year 1983—
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately on per year basis —
 - (i) from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigations systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1403/16

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) in terms of proposal No. 174 of the Budget 2016, whether he explains of the manner in which Rs. 2000 Million that was allocated for supplementary programmes under National Environmental conservation programme, was spent in year 2016 ;
 - (ii) of the “supplementary programmes” for which financial allocations were made, in terms of the aforesaid proposal; and
 - (iii) of the institutions which held the responsibility in aforesaid supplementary programmes?

- (b) Will he also inform this House in terms of aforesaid budget proposals, separately, of the amount of money spent on—
 - (i) protection of environmental equilibrium, sustainable land management;
 - (ii) conservation of biological resources;
 - (iii) environmental pollution control; and
 - (iv) protection of forest resources?
- (c) If not, why?

4.

1879/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the occasions when vehicles were purchased for Cabinet Ministers, State Ministers and Deputy Ministers from 08.01.2015;
 - (ii) the make and price of each vehicle; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money spent on those vehicles?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

1997/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Law and Order,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of complaints received by the Financial Crimes Investigation Division from 2015 to 30th June, 2017 separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he state separately in respect of each year from 2015 to 30th June, 2017—
 - (i) the number of complaints regarding which investigations have been completed, investigations are being conducted and investigations are yet to be commenced;
 - (ii) the number of complaints which cases have been filed in courts;
 - (iii) the number of cases referred to the Attorney-General for legal action or advice;
 - (iv) the number of complaints which no advice has been received to date from the Attorney-General; and
 - (v) of the cases filed, the number connected with politicians?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

2073/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) about 270 families in five villages named Puduvilankulam, Pootkulam, Kunjukulam, Mannakulam and Kollar Puliyankulam in the Mankulam Grama Niladhari Division in Nedunkerni Divisional Secretariat Division in Vavuniya have been resettled in 2010;
 - (ii) these villages are bordered to Mullaitivu and Vavuniya districts;
 - (iii) these people have faced severe hardships due to the lack of basic facilities from the day they were resettled; and
 - (iv) these people have faced various difficulties due to the non-existence of access roads to the A9 road and unavailability of guarded level crossings for the roads that run across the railway tracks in the village?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to provide basic facilities to those villages; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which those facilities will be given?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

2120/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House as at 09.01.2015 and as at 30. 06. 2017—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lanka Navy camps established in Jaffna district;
 - (ii) the total number of officers and soldiers who were deployed in those camps; and
 - (iii) the name of each camp, the name of the Divisional Secretariat Division in which the camps were established, the officers and the soldiers attached to those camps separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House as at 09. 01.2015 and as at 30. 06. 2017—
 - (i) the number of Navy camps that have been removed; and
 - (ii) the number of officers and soldiers who have been removed from the service in those Navy camps?
- (c) Will he further inform this House whether he admits that the removal of Navy camps and the officers and the soldiers who are serving in those camps in Jaffna district is a great threat to the national security?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

2126/17

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) a private road has been constructed by reclaiming the paddy field named Jambugahamuladeniya belonging to the Giriulla Temple within the Ganga Ihala Agrarian Division in the Kandy District without obtaining proper permission;
 - (ii) government's funds have been spent for forging false documents for this purpose;
 - (iii) the above-mentioned road has been constructed as an access road to a house of an Agricultural Research Production Assistant;
 - (iv) even the initial part of the said road has been constructed without permission; and
 - (v) not even a footpath had existed in this place and neither does it belong to the Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (b) Will he inform this House what steps will be taken against such officers who misuse public funds?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

2175/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Disaster Management —(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of deaths;
 - (ii) the number of people who were disabled;
 - (iii) the total amount of compensation paid to the victims by the government;
 - (iv) the amount of compensation paid for a deceased person by the government;
 - (v) the maximum and minimum compensation paid for damaged houses;
 - (vi) whether permanent houses have been given for all the people who were displaced; and
 - (vii) the closest date on which a permanent house was given to a displaced family;
- in the Meeriyabedda landslide that occurred in Badulla District in 2014?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2187/17

Hon. Prasanna Ranathunga,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that teacher training programs are very helpful in nurturing the teachers in new knowledge;
 - (ii) whether the Ministry of Education organized teacher training programs in zonal levels on subject basis, in years 2015, 2016 and 2017; and
 - (iii) separately, of the number of teacher training programs so organized, the subjects and the costs incurred?
- (b) Will he also state —
 - (i) separately, in respect of each school of the number of teachers in Minuwangoda Education zone of Western province by the date of 06.06.2016;
 - (ii) separately, in respect of each subject, of the number of teacher training programs held and the costs incurred in years 2015, 2016 and 2017;
 - (iii) whether the number of teacher training programs conducted and the amount of money allocated are adequate;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the funds can not be allocated for teacher training programs out of the decentralized funds of the Members of the Parliament; and
 - (v) whether a policy decision enabling the allocation of funds for teacher training programs out of the decentralized funds of the members of the Parliament will be taken, considering same as a national requirement?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

2189/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of Cabinet Ministers in the present government according to the last Cabinet reshuffle;
 - (ii) of the number of State Ministers and Deputy Ministers, separately;
 - (iii) how many Members of Parliament are assigned with Ministerial monitoring tasks;
 - (iv) of the total amount of money spent for each Cabinet Minister annually; and
 - (v) whether the National Budget for the year 2017 has allocated funds for the Ministries newly added during the Cabinet reshuffle; and
 - (vi) if so, what amount of money was allocated for the purpose?
- (b) If not, why?

12.

2192/17

Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that the aviation services carried out under Mihin Lanka Ltd. have been acquired by the Sri Lankan Airline Ltd. since 30.10.2016;
 - (ii) of the number of Mihin Lanka employees enrolled to Sri Lankan Airline Ltd. in parallel to it and their names and positions;
 - (iii) of the number of Mihin Lanka employees whose service was terminated and their names and positions;
 - (iv) of the amount paid as compensation to each employee separately, whose service was terminated;
 - (v) of the names and positions of the persons who have been employed after 31.12.2016;
 - (vi) of the number of persons who served as consultants till 31.12.2016;
 - (vii) of the group of persons mentioned in (vi) above, how many have been paid with salaries for the upcoming months, the compensations, wages or allowances paid to them;
 - (viii) of the number of employees who have appealed due to not receiving adequate compensation; and
 - (ix) whether they will be provided with outstanding compensation?
- (b) If not, why?

13.

2194/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that telecasting teledramas, films or advertisements with visuals of drinking alcohol or smoking is prohibited in terms of National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) if so, on episode of the “Swetha Gantheera” teledrama telecast on Independent Television Network controlled by the Ministry of Mass Media between 7.30 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. on 11.02.2017 showed very clearly an actress was smoking;
 - (ii) such scenes, specially scenes of women smoking might be a stimulation for smoking; and
 - (iii) government controlled media institution has violated the provisions of an Act passed by Parliament?

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- (c) Will he inform this House whether a formal investigation would be conducted on that episode of the teledrama and steps taken to prevent such things from happening in future?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

2196/17

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise and Kandy Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the Employees' Provident Fund contributions, Employees' Trust Fund contributions and Gratuity Payments deducted from the salaries of the workers of the estates belonging to the Janatha Estate Development Board and state Plantation Corporation had not been paid to the workers even at the end of 2016;
 - (ii) the number of workers employed in these estates and the outstanding amounts to be paid to them separately;
 - (iii) whether he admits that a grave injustice has been caused to the family members of some of the workers who were to receive the payments and are now dead as a result of not making those payments; and
 - (iv) whether steps would be taken to make those payments to the workers immediately; and
 - (v) if so, when?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

2204/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that when individuals are recruited to the three armed forces, recruitments of certain candidates get annulled in spite of the fact that they are of good conduct and character and possess higher educational qualifications, as a consequence of their fathers who were alleged against the use of illicit liquor or who were subjected to penalties?
 - (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to abolish this law?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, June 08, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

890/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,— (1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Jayabhoomi Deeds for two acre plot of land for each were granted to Rathugala indigenous people, with the signature of then madam president on 2nd may 1997;
 - (ii) they have not been granted the ownership of aforesaid lands, up to now; and
 - (iii) officials, irrespective of the demarcations made by aforesaid deeds, have surveyed and demarcated the forest are?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures will be taken to grant aforesaid people with ownership rights of the lands which were granted on Jayabhoomi deeds; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the permission has been given to aforesaid indigenous people to hunt and find other types of food items in forests;
 - (ii) whether restrictions have been imposed in that regard;
 - (iii) if so, of aforesaid restrictions; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to relax aforesaid restrictions?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to uplift the living standards of aforesaid indigenous people; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid measures?
- (e) If not, why?

2.

1271/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of students who appeared for the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) examination form Moneragala district in 2015;
 - (ii) the number of students who got through the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination, out of the above number;
 - (iii) the total number of students who appeared for the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination from the above district in 2015; and
 - (iv) the number of students who gained admission to universities out of the above number, in relation to each course separately?

- (b) Will he also inform this House whether he will present to this House a report comparing the results of the Grade 5 scholarship examination, G.C.E (Ordinary Level) and G.C.E. (Advanced Level) examination of the Moneragala district with the overall national result?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

1432/16

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will admit that the only proposal on poultry industry in the 2016 budget was presented as No. 155;
 - (ii) the progress of the said proposal for the year 2016; and
 - (iii) separately in respect of each year from 1977 to 2016, the quantity of chicken exported from Sri Lanka and imported to Sri Lanka and their value?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1760'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of projects that are being implemented at present under the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government;
 - (ii) the name and objects of each project and the area covered, separately as per Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iii) the number of employees recruited for each of the said projects; and
 - (iv) the recruitment procedure followed in relation to those employees?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

2109/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) over four hundred students are studying up to the General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) at Kalaimagal Tamil Vidyalaya in Matugama Education Zone of Kalutara district;
 - (ii) a foundation stone was laid two months before to develop this school under the “The Nearest School is the Best School” programme?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the development work mentioned in a (ii) above will be commenced;
 - (ii) whether the arrangements have been made to commence General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) classes in the said school; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which those classes will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

2203/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the medical centre which is situated in Westhall Estate in Pasbage Korale Divisional Secretariat Division in Kandy district was acquired by the government and converted into a rural hospital;
 - (ii) this rural hospital provided services to 3500-4000 families in the area; and
 - (iii) this hospital was closed down one year ago due to the shortage of doctors and equipments?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether action will be taken to reopen this hospital and fulfill the health requirements of the estate people?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

2215/17

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Kuda Buthgamuva Rajasinghe Vidyalaya is the only mixed National School available in Kolonnawa Education Division;
 - (ii) at present, that school is facing decline day by day due to the shortage of physical and human resources;
 - (iii) currently there are 26 vacancies in the academic staff and 10 vacancies in the non-academic staff of that school; and
 - (iv) due to this situation, the students of that school tend to go to other schools to do G.C.E. (Advanced Level) after passing the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of nature of the plans that are in place to fill these vacancies;
 - (ii) of the date on which steps will be taken to implement those plans;
 - (iii) separately of the provisions that have been allocated for the development of physical and human resources of this school in year 2017;
 - (iv) of the progress of the programmes that have been implemented at present utilizing such provisions;
 - (v) whether it has been planned to allocate provisions for the development of physical and human resources of this school in year 2018; and
 - (vi) if, so what those provisions are?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

2221/17

Hon. I. Charles Nirmalanathan,— To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware —
- (i) that the vehicle bearing number WPGD-4998 belongs to the Ministry of Hindu Religious Affairs;
 - (ii) of the name of the person under whose custody the aforesaid vehicle which was purchased and registered in year 2000 is currently kept; and
 - (iii) that the aforementioned vehicle was being utilized by a powerful political figure of the Chavakachcheri area some time ago?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House whether he will take steps to regain the aforementioned vehicle for the use of his Ministry?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

2233/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether two companies had made proposals for the privatization of the Hambantota port;
 - (ii) if so, the basis on which one out of those two companies was selected;
 - (iii) of the recommendations made by the Technical Evaluation Committee and the Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee to select that company;

- (iv) of the two agreements signed with the selected company;
- (v) the manner, the shares of the two companies establish in terms of that agreement get divided;
- (vi) the tasks entrusted to those two companies, separately;
- (vii) the sources of income of those companies;
- (viii) the steps that are to be taken to ensure the security of employment of the persons employed at present;
- (ix) the company that will be entrusted with the maintenance of the Port; and
- (x) the sources of income for the government and the Ports Authority of Sri Lanka through this privatization?

(b) If not, why?

10.

2242/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Telecommunication, Digital Infrastructure and Foreign Employment and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?

(b) If not, why?

11.

2284/17

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the date that the examination to recruit graduates for grade 3(1) of the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service, was held in 2017;
- (ii) whether he accepts the fact that aforesaid examination which was held on district basis with the intention of filling the vacancies available in national schools, was in Sinhala, Tamil and English mediums;
- (iii) therefore, whether he accepts that the candidates were allowed to answer in any of the aforementioned languages;
- (iv) whether the candidates who answered in Sinhala had not been allowed to be qualified for English teaching posts;
- (v) if so, whether there was any prior notice by way of the Gazette Notification by which the applications were called or otherwise, to the effect that the Sinhala medium question paper also should be answered in English medium;

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(vi) whether he accepts the fact that an injustice has been caused for the candidates who answered in Sinhala medium in a backdrop that there had not been a prior notice to the effect that answering in Sinhala medium amounts to a disqualification for English teaching posts; and

(vii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in that regard?

(b) If not, why?

12.

2336/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the number of prisoners released on presidential pardon during the period 2006-2015, each year separately;

(ii) whether the list of their names and the charges that led to the imprisonment be presented; and

(iii) of those pardoned, the number of prisoners convicted of murder, rape and child abuse separately?

(b) If not, why?

13.

2401/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the number of families that have been affected by the severe drought that prevailed recently in the district of Kurunegala ;

(ii) separately, of the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions from which the affected families have been reported; and

(iii) of the steps taken by the Ministry to solve the problem of drinking water of the people affected by the drought?

(b) If not, why?

14.

2409/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that there is a tank called Kinipitiya close to the historic Thaniwella Devala, Madampe;
 - (ii) if so, the extent of paddy lands cultivated using water from the said tank;
 - (iii) the number of farmers thus benefitted;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the tank is in a dilapidated condition today with a dense growth of various aquatic plants; and
 - (v) if so, the measures to be taken by the Ministry for the speedy renovation of the said tank?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

2456/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that though many years have been passed since the completion of the reconstruction of the stretch of road from Kekirawa town to Anuradhapura via Thalawa (Thalawa Road), Ipalogama from that point has not yet been developed;
 - (ii) of the reason as to why the development of this road, which has a considerable volume of traffic has come to a standstill; and
 - (iii) the date of commencement of work of the rest of the remaining development activities of this road?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

1054/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) officers of the Department of Inland Revenue who come to Colombo for training programmes of the said Department are not provided with proper accommodation facilities;
 - (ii) the allowances that are paid to them for this purpose are not adequate; and
 - (iii) as a result, these officers have been faced up with difficulties?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) in what places the aforesaid officers are given accommodation when participating in training programmes;
 - (ii) whether complaints have been received by officers regarding those places; and
 - (iii) if so, what measures were taken regarding those complaints?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will take steps to provide such officers with suitable accommodation;
 - (ii) if so, in what manner;
 - (iii) whether he will take steps to raise the training allowances, transport allowances and other allowances paid to these officers; and
 - (iv) if so, from what date?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

1272/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the date on which the first LTTE terrorist attack was carried out;
 - (ii) the place of that attack;
 - (iii) against whom it was directed; and
 - (iv) the number of lives lost in the said attack?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the first attack carried out by the LTTE targeting civilians;
 - (ii) the date such attack was carried out;
 - (iii) the place of the attack; and
 - (iv) the number of lives lost in the said attack?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the first attack carried out by the LTTE targeting a place of worship;
 - (ii) the date such attack was carried out;
 - (iii) the place of the attack; and
 - (iv) the number of lives lost in the said attack?
- (d) Will he state whether he will submit a comprehensive report of all the above?
- (e) If not, why?

3.

1433/16

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a system was introduced to provide licences to fish in the deep sea, as per the 154 proposal No.54 of the 2016 budget;
 - (ii) the names and the addresses of the persons who obtained licences in the year 2016 as per the aforesaid proposal; and
 - (iii) whether it was observed that the condition of deploying at least 100 fishermen in the aforesaid activity by a licence holder mentioned above was fulfilled?
- (b) If not, why?

4.

1761/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the persons who administer the Local Government Authorities including the Pradeshiya Sabhas since they have been dissolved by now;
 - (ii) the names and designations of the aforesaid persons;
 - (iii) the number of pool of vehicles of the Local Government Authorities;
 - (iv) whether the vehicles owned by the LGAA have been given to other institutions since the local government are functioning without the representatives;
 - (v) if so, the names of the institutions and persons to whom the vehicles have been given; and
 - (vi) if the vehicles have been given illegally, the steps that will be taken in that regard by the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

2212/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) residential facilities are available for nearly 600 trainees of the Kopai Teachers' College in Jaffna to pursue their educational activities;
 - (ii) but it is in a dilapidated condition as it has not been renovated for nearly 25 years; and
 - (iii) therefore, the teacher trainees who are undergoing training after receiving appointments as teacher assistants for an allowance of Rs. 10,000 are faced with many difficulties as they have to spend large amounts for accommodation?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to renovate the Hostel of Teachers' College at Kopai to facilitate the above teacher trainees; and
 - (ii) if so, when will such renovation activities will commence?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

2243/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately the name and designation of each officer who is attached to the private staff of the Minister of Sports and has been allocated a vehicle, along with details on the type of vehicle allocated to them, registration number and the name of the officer who authorized such allocation of a vehicle?
- (b) If not, why?

7.

2337/17

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) whether an internal inquiry was conducted by the Navy against Naval Lieutenant Y.K. Rajapakse (NRX 2431);
 - (ii) if so, when;
 - (iii) of the allegations against him;
 - (iv) whether he was dismissed from the Navy owing to those allegations or whether his service was terminated;
 - (v) the date on which he was expelled or his service terminated?
- (b) If not, why?

8.

2410/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Muslim schools in the Puttalam district;
 - (ii) the names of such schools;
 - (iii) the number of Moulavi teachers in this district presently; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to address the shortage of Moulavi teachers?
- (b) If not, why?

9.

2433/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the total extent of lands that would be awarded through the agreement to privatize the Hambantota Port and of the basis on which the lands would be awarded;
 - (ii) whether a rental will be charged for the lands that are leased for the operations terminal under this agreement;
 - (iii) whether either of the two companies with which the agreement has been entered into will be given the right to construct the third and the fourth phases of this port;
 - (iv) if so, of the basis on which such right will be given;
 - (v) whether the 110-acres island that was built at the second phase of the Hambantota Port will be given to either of these two companies;
 - (vi) if so, of the basis on which it will awarded;
 - (vii) whether a valuation has been obtained for this either from a local company or an international company; and
 - (viii) if not, of the basis on which the value of that island was determined?
- (b) If not, why?

10.

2470/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of national schools in each electorate in Kegalle district separately;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid schools; and
 - (iii) the steps taken by the Ministry to increase the number of national schools in Kegalle district and to develop the existing schools in that district further?
- (b) If not, why?

11.

2483/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that among the people who are living in Anuradhapura District—
 - (i) most of them are engaged in farming activities during a more of the year;
 - (ii) use agro-wells to obtain water for farming; and
 - (iii) face a scarcity of water or find the aforesaid agro-wells are on the verge of collapse due to the fact that they have not been renovated for a long period of time?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any programme has been arranged to renovate the aforesaid agro-wells; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid programme will be implemented?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

2494/17

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the Excise Income of the year 2016 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Production;
 - (ii) the income earned through the taxes imposed on the production of tobacco and cigarettes in the year 2016 as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Production;
 - (iii) the income of (i) and (ii) above respectively in rupees millions in comparison with the figures of the previous years?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the malt alcohol production of the year 2016 in liters;
 - (ii) whether permits have been issued for companies for the year 2016 to initiate liquor production de novo;
 - (iii) if so, of the number of aforesaid permits and the names of the said companies?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution and the authority that is vested with the power to conduct the raids under the Excise Law;
 - (ii) as to who is vested with the authority to take legal measures with pertinence to illicit liquor raided;
 - (iii) of the duties entrusted to them?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

2520/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land under cinnamon cultivation in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the annual production of cinnamon in Sri Lanka in metric tons;
 - (iii) of the world cinnamon requirement, the percentage produced in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the annual income from the import of cinnamon?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in respect of each year from the year 2010 up to now, the number of acres in which cinnamon is cultivated anew;
 - (ii) whether there has been a gradual decrease in the extent of land cinnamon is cultivated; and
 - (iii) if there has been such a decrease of lands cinnamon is cultivated, the reasons for same?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

2522/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the value by which the Sri Lankan Rupee depreciated in relation to the US dollar from 09.01.2015 to 30.11.2017; and
 - (ii) the amount in rupees by which the foreign debt burden of the government increased due to the depreciation of the Rupee during the said period?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

2534/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of islands to which electricity has been supplied by Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) of the total number of electricity consumers in each of those islands;
 - (iii) of the level of efficiency in recovering electricity bills in those islands;
 - (iv) whether there is any possibility of utilizing solar power or wind power for generating electricity for those islands instead of using diesel power plants; and
 - (v) if so, of the names of islands in which such sources of energy are utilized?
 - (b) If not, why?
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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.

2.

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera
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Hon. Tharaka Balasuriya
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Sanath Nishantha Perera
Hon. Weerakumara Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs.) Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasingha

Hon. Kanaka Herath

Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage

Hon. Kumara Welgama

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 20th 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.

3.

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Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri

Hon. A. Aravindh Kumar

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe

Hon. J. M. Ananda Kumarasiri

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe

Hon. Vadivel Suresh

Hon. Harin Fernando

Hon. J. C. Alawathuwala

Hon. Mujibur Rahuman

Hon. Edward Gunasekara

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on issues pertaining to Uma Oya Multipurpose Development Project,—

Whereas Uma Oya on the eastern slope of the hill country is a major tributary of the Mahaweli Ganga;

And whereas during the planning stage of the Mahaweli Development Programme, proposals were also made for utilization of the Water Resources of the Uma Oya into Multipurpose Development Programme and diversion of its waters into the Kirindi Oya;

And whereas the proposals were kept in abeyance during 2007 and on the 27th of November 2007 a Memorandum of Understanding for the construction of the Uma Oya Multipurpose Development Project was signed by the then Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development of Sri Lanka and the Minister of Energy of Iran;

And whereas under this Memorandum of Understanding, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran (GIRI) had authorized Farab Company as the Contractor which has been acknowledged by both, the Government of Iran and the Government of Sri Lanka, to update the feasibility study available and carry out physical construction of the Project and also to execute appropriate arrangements with the Export Development Bank of Iran (EDBI) as the “Financer”;

And whereas pursuant to this MoU, a contract agreement for the implementation of the Uma Oya Multipurpose Project was made between the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Management of Sri Lanka and Farab Energy & Water Projects of Iran on 28th April, 2008;

And whereas provisions have been made under the contract agreement;

- (a) to amend particular conditions as agreed upon by the parties during the execution of the contract;
- (b) to amend Technical Specifications/Employer’s Requirements as agreed upon by the Parties during the execution of the Contract;
- (c) for a Cabinet Appointed Negotiation Committee (CANC) to negotiate the Price and Payment Methodology and to make recommendations to the Cabinet of Ministers for determination of the full contract Price of the Project and Payment Methodology.

And whereas an approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted on 18th December, 2008 to the following action recommended in the Cabinet Paper dated 08.12.2008;

- (i) To accept USD 514,059,198 as Contract Price and the Payment Methodology as recommended by the CANC after negotiation.
- (ii) To include a contingency amount of USD 15,000,000 as proposed to make the Total Value of the Contract USD 529,059,198.
- (iii) If there is a saving due to reduction if any, in the scope of work subsequent to the detailed feasibility study, such savings to be used for the following recommended in the Cabinet Paper.
 - (a) Downstream Development (Irrigation) Work
 - (b) Conservation of the upper catchment area
 - (c) Resettlement of people displaced due to the Project
 - (d) Environment Study
 - (e) Township Development
- (iv) To sign an Addendum to the Contract by the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Management and Farab Company based on the above agreement reached between the Cabinet Appointed Negotiation Committee (CANC) and Farab Company.

And whereas accordingly, Addendum No. 1 to the Contract Agreement was signed on 22nd February, 2009 by the then Secretary to the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Management and Farab Company;

And whereas the Addendum No. 1 of the Contract Agreement made by the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed on 22nd February 2009, among other things, has revised the Project Cost to USD 529,059,198 which includes USD 15 million Physical Contingencies, making the Contract Value USD 514 million;

And whereas a team of experts consisting of staff from different agencies and disciplines was also in place to review the Environmental Impact Assessment Report;

- (a) Providing water to irrigate around 4500 hectares of new land and to around 1500 hectares of existing agricultural land in the Moneragala District.
- (b) Provision of 30 MCM of drinking and industrial water requirements in Moneragala and Hambantota Districts.
- (c) Generation and providing 231 GWh of electrical energy annually to the National Grid through an underground power station with an installed capacity of 120 MW.
- (d) Providing National Water Supply and Drainage Board drinking water requirement for Greater Bandarawela Water supply Scheme from Dyaaba reservoir, that of Attampitiya Water Supply Scheme from Puhulpola reservoir and that of Hambegamuwa area by Kuda Oya Reservoir.

And whereas as of date approximately 40 percent of the work has been completed;

And whereas thereafter in December 2014 lowering of the water level in domestic wells, drying up of natural springs and development of cracks on walls and floors of houses and on the ground were reported in Makul Ella Wheragalatenna, Uda Peruwa, Bambaragama and Heel Oya areas in Bandarawela Divisional Secretariat Divisions;

And whereas then in April 2017 the same effects were reported in Eranawila and Aththalapitiya GN Divisions and later in Thanthiriya GN area;

And whereas in the light of these developments, it has become necessary to re-assess the implementation and effect of this project with a view to determining whether;

- (a) A proper and comprehensive feasibility study was done prior to embarking on the Project.
- (b) A proper and realistic cost estimate was prepared for the Project.
- (c) Unrealistic cost overruns were encountered in the implementation of the project.
- (d) A comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment was carried out.

and to determine –

- (a) The persons who were responsible for having the above mentioned Reports prepared.
- (b) Whether these person or persons were remiss in having the said reports prepared.

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- (c) Whether any person or persons were guilty of any fraudulent or criminal activity in awarding the contract for the Uma Oya Multipurpose Development Project and if so who these persons were.
- (d) Whether any person or persons or institutions should be held responsible for the adverse effects of the project and if so who.
- (e) Whether any compensation is due to persons adversely affected by this project.
- (f) And to inquire and report on any other matter that Committee feels in relevant to their inquiries.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed, to look into and report on above matters.

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

4.

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Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
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Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella

Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—

Whereas Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne has obstructed the opportunities of delivering Justice by not taking part in the investigations relating to grave allegation of fraud and corruption levelled against him of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption by the Hon. Members of Parliament and other parties;

And whereas a strong public opinion has built up that he is guilty of the said allegations owing to him avoiding such investigations instead of facing them in a bid to clear his image;

And whereas he has created a grave crisis in the field of Medical education in Sri Lanka by rising state power arbitrarily to surrender Sri Lankan Medical education to the business community driven by commercial interests;

And whereas he has misused public funds by making arrangements to maintain privately owned Neville Fernando Hospital using public funds by misleading the Cabinet of Ministers and the entire nation with his remarks that the said hospital was acquired by the government;

And whereas he has misused the powers of the Portfolio of Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine by not submitting the fact which should have been submitted to the court as the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine in the writ application No. CA/Writ 187/2016 taken up in the court of appeal and by making submissions favorable to SAITAM through the Attorney General;

And whereas he has created a severe crisis with regard to the standards of the Medical education of Sri Lanka by deliberately avoiding the gazetting of minimum standards in Medical education formulated by the Medical Council of Sri Lanka;

And whereas he has compromised the absolute right to life of people by failing to adopt prompt measures when Dengue reached epidemic proportions and refusing to admit Dengue Patients to the government hospitals;

And whereas Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne has caused a financial loss of Rs.986 million to the government of Sri Lanka at the time when tenders were called by the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation to purchase drugs required for breast cancer by making arrangements to purchase a brand of drug which had been rejected by oncologists and which had not completed the minimum number of years in use, from the recently registered Pharmaise Company (Pvt.) Limited belonging to Mr. Dilshard Ikaram Mohomad, a cousin of Mr. Rumi Mohomad whom Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, the Minister in charge of the subject appointed as the working director of the said corporation;

That this Parliament resolves that it no longer has confidence in the Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne's competence to perform the functions as the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine as it has completely lost its trust in the Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne.

5.

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Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa
Hon. Bandula Gunawardana
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka
Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera
Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Hon. Sisira Jayakody,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. Faiszer Musthapha, Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—

Whereas the Minister in charge of the subject of Local Government has caused a severe effect to democracy in Sri Lanka by failing to hold the local government election despite the Election Commission being engaged in making the necessary arrangements to hold the local government elections subsequent to authorizing of such Commission by the Minister in charge of the subject of Local Government to hold the said election in Sri Lanka;

That this Parliament resolves that it no longer has confidence in the Hon. Faiszer Musthapha's competence to perform the functions as the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government as it has completely lost its trust in him.

6.

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Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe
Hon. Imran Maharroof
Hon. Mujibur Rahuman
Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri
Hon. Heshan Withanage
Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe
Hon. Ishak Rahuman
Hon. Chandima Gamage
Hon. Ashoka Priyantha
Hon. Velu Kumar

Hon. (Dr.) Jayampathy Wickramaratne,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on issues pertaining to deliberate violation of government approved procurement procedure resulting enormous losses to SriLankan and Mihin Lanka Airlines and those who are responsible for these misdeeds,—

Whereas the Cabinet of Ministers by its decision dated 27th July, 2011 approved among other things:—

- (a) Investment of USD 520.0 million in the equity capital over a five year period to SriLankan and Mihin Lanka Airlines commencing year 2012;
- (b) Allocation of above funds under the annual national budget estimates commencing year 2012; and
- (c) Authorized the Treasury to issue a sovereign guarantee of USD 270 million immediately in order to obtain bridging finance facilities from local/foreign banks or financial institutions.

And whereas subsequent to the above approval SriLankan Airlines had initiated the fleet renewal process in the year 2012 in terms of the business plan prepared by them;

And whereas SriLankan Airlines had carried out negotiations with Airbus, Boeing, Rolls Royce and General Electric and after the conclusion of the negotiations with the manufactures and a decision was made to purchase six (06) A330-300 aircraft with Trent 700 engines and four (04) A350-900 aircraft with Trent XWB engines directly from Airbus;

And whereas a decision was also made to source additional three (03) A350-900 aircraft on lease to be delivered in 2017;

And whereas a decision, had been made on the basis of seeking approval of the Cabinet of Ministers for the replacement exercise;

And whereas consequently SriLankan Airlines entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Airbus and Rolls Royce before 31 March 2013 to secure slots for delivery in 2020 for the A350-900 aircraft;

And whereas in April 2013 at a meeting between the Secretary to the Treasury, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Chairman and Chief Executive of SriLankan Airlines and officials of the Treasury, the Secretary to the Treasury who chaired the meeting had expressed the view that SriLankan Airlines as a Public Limited Liability Company is required to conduct its business in accordance with the Board approved business plan;

And whereas subsequently, SriLankan Airlines had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Airbus to purchase A350 aircraft followed by signing the Purchase Agreement relating to the A350-900 aircraft in June 2013;

And whereas SriLankan Airlines had then decided to source another A350-900 aircraft in September 2014 considering the aircraft requirement beyond 2015 and planned new routes, and accordingly, the number of total A350-900 aircraft in SriLankan Airline's fleet had increased to eight (08);

And whereas SriLankan Airlines had carried out a selection process by inviting proposals from aircraft lessors in leasing this aircraft and AetCap had eventually been selected to lease the aircraft;

And whereas the A350-900 aircraft can fly up to 17 hours makes it the longest range aircraft in the world;

And whereas both the purchase and rental amounts undertaken by Sri Lanka significantly above current market values;

And whereas it had turned out that none of these aircraft could be operated profitably by Sri Lanka;

And whereas the decisions taken by the then management of SriLankan Airlines resulted in enormous losses to the Airlines as well as the country;

That this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire and report on whether—

- (a) the, then management had acted in total disregarding government approved procurement procedures;
 - (b) the purchase of the aircraft as set out above was an ill considered decision in the light of the prevailing market conditions;
 - (c) the actions of the then management had caused losses to SriLankan Airlines and if so, in what sums;
 - (d) any individual or individuals could be held responsible for these losses;
 - (e) any person or persons and institutions had received any, kickbacks from these transactions, and if who;
 - (f) what action should be taken against any person or persons found guilty of deliberate violation of government approved procurement procedure and receiving kickbacks; and
 - (g) any other matter the Committee finds is relevant to their inquiries.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker;
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 95 of the Parliament, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
 4. That the Committee shall make its Report within Six Months (06) of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

* *Indicates Government Business.*
