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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0213/06

1.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he submit this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, the number of members in each family unit, their monthly income before the receipt of Samurdhi allowance, the value of the Samurdhi allowance and the date on which they received the said allowance for the first time, separately in detail?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families empowered in the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 under the empowerment of Samurdhi recipients;
 - (ii) the name and address, Grama Niladhari Division, the year of empowerment, the name of the Samurdhi Officer of the relevant Division and any other important information regarding each Samurdhi recipient so empowered ; and
 - (iii) the subjects under which they have been empowered?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he submit this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Sooriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, the number of members in each family unit, their monthly income before the receipt of Samurdhi allowance, the value of the Samurdhi allowance and the date on which they received the said allowance for the first time, separately in detail?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families empowered in the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 under the empowerment of Samurdhi recipients?
 - (ii) the name and address, Grama Niladhari Division, the year of empowerment, the name of the Samurdhi Officer of the relevant Division and any other important information regarding each Samurdhi recipient so empowered ; and
 - (iii) the subjects under which they have been empowered?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he submit this House the names and addresses of the Samurdhi recipients in the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, the number of members in each family unit, their monthly income before the receipt of Samurdhi allowance, the value of the Samurdhi allowance and the date on which they received the said allowance for the first time, separately in detail?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families empowered in the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 under the empowerment of Samurdhi recipients;
 - (ii) the name and address, Grama Niladhari Division, the year of empowerment, the name of the Samurdhi Officer of the relevant Division and any other important information regarding each Samurdhi recipient so empowered ; and,
 - (iii) the subjects under which they have been empowered?
- (c) If not, why?

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Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero,— To ask Minister of National Heritage,—

- (a) Is he aware that four positions in the Department of Archaeology, viz. Director-Exploration and Documentation, Director-Excavation and Museums, Director-Epigraphy and Numismatics, and Director-Properties and Maintenance remain vacant?
- (b) If so, will he inform this House—
 - (i) the dates on which each of these posts have fallen vacant;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Public Service Commission has been given to fill the said vacancies; and,
 - (iii) if so, when the vacancies for these posts will be filled?
- (c) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. Thilakarathna Vithanachchi,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, in which year the amount of 200 million rupees allocated from the Asian Development Bank for the reconstruction of the bridges and roads in the Southern Province that were destroyed by the huge floods in 2003, was given to the Southern Province Rural Economic Promotion Project?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for the reconstruction work of the demolished bridge over the GinGanga due to the flood and the date of such allocation;
 - (ii) the firm, to which the task of preparing estimates for the construction of 3 feet wide concrete bridges in the first phase was entrusted;
 - (iii) for how many bridges it was;
 - (iv) when the preparation of estimates was completed?
- (c) Will he inform this House when the estimates were prepared mentioning the bridges as those that could accommodate a three-wheeler, instead of 3-feet wide bridge?

(4)

- (d) Does he accept that six (06) concrete bridges have already been selected for construction in the first round rather than bridges destroyed in the above mentioned floods and auction is being taken in that respect?
- (e) Will he take action to erect the relevant bridges only at the sites recommended by the Asian Development Bank?
- (f) If not, why?

0755/06

6.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the extent of the lands that have been distributed under the distribution of lands to the middle class people from the lands which belong to the Land Reform Commission and the government in the Galle district?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the names and the addresses of the owners of the aforesaid lands and the number of acres that have been given to them at Divisional Secretariat Division level;
 - (ii) the basis on which the aforesaid lands have been given and the relevant conditions;
 - (iii) whether the government has charged any money for the lands given to the middle class people;
 - (iv) if any money has been charged, the amount of it?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the lands given to the middle class people have been transferred to other persons by them;
 - (ii) the names of transferors and transferees of the aforesaid lands and the names of the relevant lands; and,
 - (iii) out of the distributed lands, the lands that have not brought under Cultivation and their extents?
- (d) Will he take action to take over the lands that have not been brought under cultivation and are covered with jungle and keep them as reserves of distribute such lands among the landless, if they are barren lands?
- (e) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the total extent of lands within Colombo District which belong to the Lands Reform Commission?
- (b) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the extent of the lands which have been given under 99 year lease, the dates on which they were leased out; the names of the lessees and the purpose of such leasing; and
 - (ii) the extent of the lands which have been leased out under 30-year lease, the dates on which they were leased out, the names of the lessees and the purpose of such leasing?
- (c) Will he state in this House separately—
 - (i) whether lands have been offered to various persons or institutions in any other manner other than the 99 or 30 year lease during the period functioned as the previous Minister in charge; and
 - (ii) if so, the dates on which such leaseholds were granted, the names of the lessees concerned, the extents of the lands concerned and the purpose of such leasing separately?
- (d) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) the extent of lands situated within the Colombo District which do not belong to the Lands Reforms Commission but belong to the Ministry concerned; and
 - (ii) the extent of lands leased out in any manner?
- (e) Will he state separately, the extents of lands which were given out on leaseholds or on any other terms, the names of the recipients, the dates on which they were given and the purpose of such leasing?
- (f) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that two steps (platforms) which the Sri Lankan Air company had got made through the Orange Company at a cost of several lakhs of rupees for the mechanical and maintenance services of Airbus have been sold for scrap iron without being used as they were not compatible with the Airbus?

(6)

- (b) Will he present to this House a detailed report on this matter?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the details regarding the fuel draining cart which was purchased for draining oil from aircrafts being in an unserviceable condition?
- (d) Will he state the course of action that he is going to follow with regard to irregular purchases of this nature done in a fraudulent manner?
- (e) If not, why?

0789/06

9.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether approval was obtained from the relevant institutions which possess the trusteeship of the Sirimawo Bandaranaike stadium in Gampaha when building were erected there?
- (b) If so, will he submit to this House the documents pertaining to the obtaining of the relevant approval?
- (c) If approval was not obtained, will he state the reasons for that?
- (d) Will he inform this House the name, designation and the institution of the chief officer who was in-charge of this project and provided the relevant instructions?
- (e) Is he aware that—
 - (i) as a result of this construction and the relevant plans, severe damage has been caused to this stadium; and,
 - (ii) the Sports Authorities do not recommend this stadium for the conduct of a National or provincial level sports festival?
- (f) Will he take steps to conduct a full-scale inquiry into this irregular construction with the monies of the President's Fund and without transparency as to the utilization of such monies?
- (g) If not, why?

0800/06

10.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Central Province in issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?

(7)

- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0830/06

11.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that Mrs. Wijayamuni Sugunawathie De Silva of No.60, Model Village, Maduruketiya, Kumbukkana, Moneragala has been residing in a land belonging to the Land Reforms Commission for 19 years?
- (b) Will he admit that she has paid the surveying fees and the stamp fees a number of years ago to purchase the said land for the assessed value from the Lands Reforms Authority?
- (c) Will he take steps to resolve this issue which has been in existence for several years and hand over the relevant deed to her promptly?
- (d) If not, why?

0764/06

12.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately and in detail, the Development plan proposed for each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Moneragala District for the years 2005 and 2006, under the Uva Wellassa Development project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a report of the projects for which estimates have been prepared under the said programme?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) out of the projects, those which were completed in 2005 at the relevant Divisional Secretariat Divisional level; and,
 - (ii) the projects that have been started in the year 2006 at Divisional Secretariat Division level?
- (d) Will he submit to this House a comprehensive report on the projects that have not been completed out of those earmarked for the year 2006?
- (e) Will he state separately the projects, work on which has not been started, out of those earmarked for the years 2005 and 2006?
- (f) If not, why?

0777/06

13.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,—To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Is he aware that there is no uniformity in the contributions by the employees and the employers made to the Employees' Provident Fund in respect of state corporations, Boards, Statutory Institutions and the Private Sector?
- (b) Will he inform the House which institutes recover employer and employee contributions at the rate of 15% and 10% respectively?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it is under a provision of the Employees' Provident Fund Act that contributions are collected at the rate of 12% and 8%;
 - (ii) the names of the institutions which maintain employees' provident funds of their own and the annual interest rates they pay to the employees, separately;
 - (iii) the names of the institutes which receive the benefits of both employees' provident fund and the pension?
- (d) Will he inform this House of the criteria that are used in determining the interest rate of the Employees' Provident Fund?
- (e) If not, why?

0808/06

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House on per year basis for the last 15 years—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been collected by the Treasury, by way of Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds separately;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been printed and issued to cover the budget deficits;
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the average cost of the Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds per year;
 - (ii) a comparison of it with the inflation rate;
- (c) If not, why?

0810/06

15.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 10 years—
 - (i) the total tonnage of fish caught in Sri Lankan seas;
 - (ii) the tonnage exported;
 - (b) Will he state in this House for the last 10 years—
 - (i) the number of fish canning factories established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) their locations;
 - (iii) their production capacity separately;
 - (iv) the number of fish cans imported to the country;
 - (v) their import value?
 - (c) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Computer Crimes Bill— Consideration

*2.

National Institute of Language Education and Training Bill— Second Reading

*3.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

*4.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Determination under the Commission to investigate Bribery or Corruption Act,— That this Parliament hereby determines under Section 2(7) of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Act, No.19 of 1994, that the salary and allowances payable to the Chairman and the Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption shall be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006.

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 66,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00 Monthly</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 80,400.00</u>

Members

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 12,000.00 Monthly</u>
Total	<u>Rs. 77,000.00</u>

The Parliament further resolves that 50% of the increased salary (excluding allowances) should be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary inclusive of the balance 50% with effect from 01.01.2007 and that the salaries and allowances to be determined by Parliament by this resolution should be substituted for the salaries and allowances determined by resolutions previously passed in Parliament in respect of Chairman and Members of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.1),— It is determined by this Parliament that the remuneration and the Allowances of the Chairman and the Members

of the Public Service Commission established under Article 54 (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Remuneration	Rs. 65,000.00 per month
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> per month
Total	Rs. 79,400.00
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Members

Remuneration	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased remuneration (excluding allowances) of the Chairman and Members of the Public Service Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the balance with effect from 01.01.2007. The remuneration and the allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the said Chairman and Members of the Commission shall be substituted by the remuneration and allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*6.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Constitution (No.2),— It is determined by this Parliament that the allowances of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission established under Article 155a (1) of the Constitution shall be as set out below with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Allowance	Rs. 65,000.00 per month
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00</u> per month
Total	Rs. 79,400.00
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Members

Allowance	Rs. 30,000.00 per month
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It is further determined by this Parliament that while 50% of the increased allowances (excluding fuel allowances) in respect of the Chairman and Members of the National Police Commission shall be payable with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full amount from 01.01.2007. The allowances previously determined and adopted by Parliament as payable to the Chairman and the Members of the said Commission shall be substituted by allowances determined by this resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*7.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act,— That this Parliament determines that the Salaries and Allowances of the Chairman and Members of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka established under the Section 8 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No.21 of 1996, be as follows with effect from 01.01.2006:

Chairman (Full time)

Salary	Rs. 65,000.00 Monthly
Fuel Allowance	<u>Rs. 14,400.00 Monthly</u>
Total	Rs. 79,400.00
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Members

Salary	Rs. 30,000.00 Monthly
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This Parliament further resolves that 50% of the enhanced salary (excluding the Allowances) be paid with effect from 01.01.2006 and the full salary with the balance 50% with from 01.01.2007 and such Salaries and Allowances as were determined by this Resolution be substituted for the salaries and allowances previously determined by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*8.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act,— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005 and specified in the order No.14 hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.39 of 2005

Order No.14 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 85103 "Maintenance of

Agricultural Farms and Seed Sales Department of Agriculture” of the second schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	—
	To	Rs.	—	—
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	321,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	206,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	—
	To	Rs.	—	—
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	—
	To	Rs.	—	—

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2006 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSHA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

31.01.2007

Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*9.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital-2004,—The Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital together with the Auditor General’s observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2004 and presented on 18.06.2006 under Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Healthcare and Nutrition)

*10.

The Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,— Annual Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation-2005,—That the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, Final Accounts and Auditor General's Report of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation for the year 2005 presented on 27.09.2006 as per Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development)

*11.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources ,—Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2003,—That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2003 presented on 08.08.2006 under the Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing)

*12.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2004,—That the Annual Report of the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation - 2004 presented on 17.10.2006 under the Section 30(2) of the State Industrial Corporations Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Infrastructure Development and Fisheries Housing)

*13.

The Minister of Science and Technology,— Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Centre of Sri Lanka - 2003,— That the Annual Report of the National Engineering Research and Development Center of Sri Lanka with the observations of the Auditor General for the year 1st January 2003 to 31st December 2003 presented on 25.08.2006 under the Section 40(3) of Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology)

*14.

Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04th April, 2006) [1]

*15.

Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04th April, 2006) [1]

*16.

Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18 July, 2006) [1]

*17.

Non-performing Assets (Recovery) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18 July, 2006) [1]

*18.

Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (18 July, 2006) [1]

*19.

Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Adjourned Debate on question - (24th February, 2005) [1]

*20.

Ceylon Electricity Board (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*21.

Electricity Reform (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

*22.

Katikavat Registration Bill — Second Reading

*23.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Notification under Excise Ordinance,—That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), read with Article 44 (2) of the Constitution relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1456/24 of 03rd August 2006 which was presented 05.10.2006, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 888)

*24.

The Minister of Export Development and International Trade,— Order under Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979 relating to Cess levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1462/27 of 15th September 2006 which was presented on 20.10.2006, be approved.

*25.

The Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare,— Regulations under the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Women's Empowerment and Social Welfare under Section 25 read with Section 23 of the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, No. 28 of 1996 as amended by Act, No. 33 of 2003 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1419/7 of 14th November, 2005 which were presented on 18. 01.2006, be approved.

*26.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3rd October, 2006),— Motion made and question proposed,— “That the Regulations made

by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 19 read with Section 72 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) in consultation with the Sri Lanka Medical Council and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1458/16 of 17th August, 2006 which were presented on 05.09.2006.”

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27.

Hon. Bandula Gunawardane

Hon. P. Dayaratne

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera

Hon. W. B. Ekanayake

Hon. Lakshman Seneviratne

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda

Hon. Johnston Fernando

Hon. P. Radhakrishnan

Hon. R. M. Dharmadasa Banda

Hon. Sarathchandra Rajakaruna

Hon. Neomal Perera,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into the resignation of Mr. Sunil Mendis and the appointment of Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral as the Governor of the Central Bank,—

- (1) Whereas the Central Bank is one of the most important financial institutions of a country responsible for managing its economy.
- (2) Whereas the Governor of the Central Bank Mr. Sunil Mendis abruptly resigned under mysterious circumstances and
- (3) Whereas it is reported that Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral, who
 - (a) was a Member of the Western Provincial Council.
 - (b) formerly contested Colombo District Parliamentary Elections and,
 - (c) was a one time political organizer.
- (4) And whereas several reports in newspapers indicate that he has been involved in unsavory financial transactions more particularly Pyramid Schemes.

- (5) This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into:
- (a.) the circumstances under which Mr. Sunil Mendis resigned
 - (b.) the suitability of Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral to hold the position of the Governor of the Central Bank.
 - (c) whether the appointment of an individual such as Mr. Ajith Niward Cabral will seriously affect the creditability of the Central Bank and have disastrous effects on the country's economy.
- (6) (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
- (7) That the Committee shall have the power to :
- (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Commission may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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28.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya,— Select Committee of Parliament on Electoral Reforms,— That a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed pursuant to the Committee appointed by Hon. Speaker during the Second Session of the Fifth Parliament which submitted its interim report on the 23rd of January, 2004 to further consider Reforms to the current system of Parliamentary and Local Authority Elections and other matters connected therewith and to make recommendations in respect of further changes considered necessary to the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the existing election laws and to report together with their observations and recommendations on the amendments necessary to the said laws.

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Hon. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
 - (a) fix its quorum ;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above ;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialist and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

29.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

30.

Abolition of the Temporary Amalgamation of the Northern and Eastern Provinces (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

31.

The Muslim Foundation for Culture and Development (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

32.

The Dhaarul Uloom Al-Meezaniyyah Arabic College, Kurugoda, Akurana (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

33.

Muditha Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration

34.

Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara Devala Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration

* *Indicates Government Business*

[1] Motion made and Question proposed “That the Bill be now read a Second time.”

Wednesday, May 09 , 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0765/06

I.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Mr. Amarakoon Dissanayake Wimalasena has served as a permanent teacher in the school for the deaf and blind at Kumbukkana, Moneragala;
 - (ii) the date Mr. Dissanayake was appointed as a permanent teacher and his period of service;
 - (iii) whether he has served as a voluntary teacher in the school for the deaf and blind at Kumbukkana;
 - (iv) if so, since when and for how long?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) when Mr. Dissanayake was interdicted;
 - (ii) the reason for the interdiction;
 - (iii) whether a preliminary disciplinary inquiry was held in this regard;
 - (iv) if so, by whom;
 - (v) the date and the place of the preliminary disciplinary inquiry?
- (c) Will he submit the report of the preliminary disciplinary inquiry to this House?
- (d) Will he state whether his interdiction was executed in terms of the rules and regulations of the establishments code, teachers' minutes, laws and rules of assisted schools or other rules and regulations?
- (e) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action would be taken to reinstate Mr. Dissanayake, if his interdiction was found to be a case of illegal and malicious political victimisation?
 - (ii) if so, when?
- (f) If not, why?

0816/06

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he state for the last 5 years to date—
- (i) the number of metric tons of fertilizer imported to the country and the amount spent;
 - (ii) the quantity sold to the local farmers and the price per metric ton;
 - (iii) locally produced quantity and the amount spent; and,
 - (iv) the quantity sold to the local farmers and the price?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount for Government subsidy for fertilizer; and,
 - (ii) the selling price per 50kg in the following districts as at today?
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|--------------|------------|--------|
| Polonnaruwa | Hambantota | Matara |
| Ampara | Wanni | |
| Anuradhapura | Kurunegala | |
| Kandy | Batticaloa | |
| Trincomalee | Ratnapura | |
- (c) If not, why?

0817/06

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he present to this House, the import cover for the last 10 years on a per year basis?
- (b) Will he state separately on per year basis—
- (i) the import as at today;
 - (ii) the projection of the import cover for the next 03 years;
- (c) Will he inform this House, the revenue we earn for the Dollars or any other currency kept to overseas on per year basis for the past 05 years?
- (d) If not, why?

0818/06

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—

- (a) Will he inform this House from 2000 to-date on a per year basis—
 - (i) the total of tourists who visited Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the foreign exchange earned through tourism in SLR and USD separately;
 - (iii) the above earnings as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP);
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankans employed directly and indirectly owing to tourism;
 - (ii) the number of people embarking and disembarking from the Katunayake International Airport for the last 10 years;
 - (iii) the projection of tourist arrival for the next 05 years?
- (c) If not, why?

0854/07

5.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that Mrs. Lilani Patabendige of 9/20, Jayawardenapura, Ampara, was appointed as an Acting General Registra of Marriages for the Wewagampattuwa North Division in the Ampara district on 13.11.2002, and functioned in that post since then?
- (b) Will he admit that she has been removed from the said post from February 2006 and a 73 years old woman, who has not completed the required period of residence in the division and has not even passed the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination, has been appointed to the relevant position?
- (c) If it is so, what reason has led to this action?
- (d) Will he take action to reappoint Mrs. Lilani Patabendige to the said post?
- (e) If not, why?

0856/07

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Internal Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) it is an officer named K. Gunsekara who covers duties of the Human and Institutional Development officer of the Mahawa Division in the Mahaweli 'C' zone;
 - (ii) this graduate officer served as a Grade III unit Manager from 20.08.1982 to 30.05.1986, as a Grade II Unit Manager from 01.06.1986 to 30.05.1989 and a Grade I Unit Manager from 01.06.1990 and has covered the duties of Weheragala Divisional Manager from 23.07.2004?
- (b) Will he admit that Mr. Gunasekara a Grade I officer who served as a Unit Manager for 15 years, has been removed from covering duties as Divisional Manger and a Unit Manager, Grade II has been appointed on permanent basis to the post?
- (c) Will he state the reason for this?
- (d) Will he take steps to reinstate Mr. Gunasekara in the post of Manager Grade II with effect from 11.09.2002 and pay him the arrears?
- (e) If not, why?

0858/07

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Public Amenities,—

- (a) Is she aware that the General Manager of the National Housing Development Authority, Mr. Wasantha Wijesekara has obtained two houses from the Raddolugama and Wewagodella Housing Schemes in violation of Section of the Housing Authority Act?
- (b) Will she admit that—
 - (i) houses are sold to married couples and not to single individuals; and,
 - (ii) the above Wewagodella house has been obtained for his unmarried daughter furnishing false facts and documents, claiming that she was married?
- (c) Will she state—
 - (i) the number and the date of purchase of the house purchased from the Wewagodella Housing Complex;

(23)

- (ii) whether the date on which the marriage of the daughter was registered and the date on which the house was purchased tally;
- (iii) the other property purchased from the Authority, their value, extent, the date of purchase and the area from where the purchase was made?
- (d) Will she inform this House, the individuals and public establishments who have been offered houses and lands belonging to the Housing Development Authority from the year 2005?
- (e) Will she take necessary steps to implement formally, paragraph (2), part iv of Section 23 of the Housing Authority Act, No.17 of 1979 which has been violated by the General Manager concerned?
- (f) If not, why?

0615/06

8.

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardane, — To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services, —

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are about five medium sized tanks in the Ja-Ela electorate including Peralanda wewa, Ihalagama wewa, Walpola wewa, and Tewatta Kanu wewa;
 - (ii) all these tanks are now filled and their banks caved in; and,
 - (iii) the reservations around these tanks have been encroached upon by unauthorized settlers?
- (b) Will he give necessary instructions to the relevant officers to carry out a proper survey jointly with the Department of Irrigation and the Department of Survey in order to identify the exact extent of these tanks?
- (c) Will he submit to this House a formal plan developed for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of these tanks?
- (d) Will he take steps to allocate necessary finances for the said project?
- (e) If not, why?

0772/06

9.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake, — To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation, —

- (a) Will he inform this House, —

(24)

- (i) the number of certificates and the number of medals that were needed for each of the National Sports Festivals held from 2000 to 2005 separately;
 - (ii) the number of certificates and medals that had been purchased for each year from 2000 to 2005; and,
 - (iii) the names of the institutes that supplied certificates and medals in respect of each of the years above and the prices offered?
- (b) Is he aware that a massive irregularity has occurred in purchasing medals and printing certificates for the National Sports Festivals conducted by the Ministry of Sports from 2000 to 2005?
- (c) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether the formal tender procedure has been followed in procuring certificates/medals;
 - (ii) if so, the names, the addresses and the designations of the members of the Tender Board concerned?
- (d) Will he state—
- (i) the persons, responsible for the irregularity which has occurred; and,
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken against them?
- (e) If not, why?

0566/06

10.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately,—
- (i) the extent of land distributed among the public and various institutions during the period from January 2002 to January 2006, out of the lands belonging to the Land Reform Commission and the state owned plantation companies?
 - (ii) on what basis they were distributed;
 - (iii) the beneficiaries (including the institutions) who had obtained land on various bases; and
 - (iv) their addresses and the extents of land so distributed?
- (b) If any sum of money had been charged for that purpose, will he state such prices under each of such bases?
- (c) If not, why?

11.

Hon. T. Kanagasabai,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that,—
- (i) Mr. A. Yogarajah, office peon attached to National School, Paddiruppu in Batticaloe District was promoted to Class II with effect from 01.05.1994 by the letter No. Gen. 8/2/04/4/1 and dated 13.11.1996 of the Secretary, to the Ministry of Education North East Provincial Council;
 - (ii) several requests made by him to get his promotion to Class I was unduly delayed;
 - (iii) he was absorbed to the Central Government as Paddiruppu Central College was made to a National School;
 - (iv) his contemporaries are still working in the Provincial Council and were promoted after 10 years of service from their date of promotion to Class II?
- (b) Will he take suitable action to grant his promotion to Class I without further delay, as he is frustrated in his service?
- (c) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that an inquiry has been requested for into the manner in which the heirs have been selected in respect of the permit and/or certificate of award issued in the name of a deceased named Pathirenehelage Loku Punchi Banda, by letter dated 05.03.2004 under the Land Development Ordinance sent to the Land Commissioner by Attorney-at-law, Mrs. D.H.R. Perera on behalf of Senanayaka Mudiyanseelage Nandawathie of Boraluwewa, Danwila?
- (b) Will he accept that—
- (i) facts have been cited in that letter to the effect that the rights of the deceased Loku Punchi Banda under the said Permit and / or certificate of award be conferred upon Pathirenehelage Somarathna;
 - (ii) without considering such facts, the permit and / or the certificate of award had been prepared in a manner that a portion of the land in question is transferred to one Premawathie?
- (c) Will he state the reasons for not conducting an inquiry into this matter despite the fact that a request has been made to the Commissioner of Lands to that effect?
- (d) If not, why?

0723/06

13.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether a plot of land nearly 40 acres in extent, situated in Katupaththewa of Katupaththewa Grama Niladhari Division in Nochchiyagama Divisional Secretariat Division in Anuradhapura District, has been leased to a non-government organization or an individual;
 - (ii) if it has been leased or sold the name of the institute concerned and when it was done; and,
 - (iii) for what purpose it has been given?
- (b) Is he aware that the institute which acquired this land get water by impounding a tributary of Kala Oya?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether legal permission has been obtained to impound the tributary of Kala Oya;
 - (ii) if so, from which institution?
- (d) Does he admit that due to obtaining water in this way, farmers engaged in cultivating around the tributary in Katupaththewa area are faced with problems in obtaining water?
- (e) Will he take steps to provide speedy relief to the farmers inconvenienced due to this project?
- (f) if not why?

0865/07

14.

Hon. Johnstone Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) an inquiry has been conducted as reported in the “Dinamina” newspaper on 13.09.2001 regarding a financial fraud committed by a security officer of the Nikaweratiya Depot belonging to the Wayamba Bus Company;
 - (ii) that inquiry has been ordered by the then Deputy Minister of Transport on a complaint lodged by the Sri Lanka Transport Employees Executive officers Union?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the name of the above mentioned security officer and the post he held in the Sri Lanka Nidahas Sevaka Sangamaya;
 - (ii) the punishment meted out to the relevant officer in accordance with that inquiry?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the reasons, if the said official who abused public funds had not been punished;
 - (ii) whether this officer against whom these allegations have been made, is functions at present as the General Secretary of the Kurunegala District Sri Lanka Transport Employees Union;
 - (iii) the post hold by him at present?
- (d) If not, why?

0786/06

15.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Cooperatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the procedure for the recruitment of members of the Gampaha District Cooperative Hospitals Society Limited?
- (b) Is he aware that there are no provisions for the society to limit the membership according to the accepted by-laws and cooperative Rule II?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the reasons for the Gampaha Cooperative Hospitals Society to refuse the granting of membership to the new applicants and act in an arbitrary manner;
 - (ii) the reasons for not taking action accordingly even after the aforesaid society was informed by the Cooperative Development Commissioner of the Western Province by his letter dated 19-09-2006 and bearing No. 4/3/462, that it should not limit the membership;
 - (iii) the course of action that he is going to follow regarding the actions committed by violating the by laws and cooperative Rule II?
- (b) Will he present to this House a list of names and addresses of all the members who have obtained the membership of the Gampaha District Cooperative Hospitals Society Limited upto now?
- (e) If not, why?
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Thursday, May 10, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0811/06

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—

- (a) Will he state separately from 2000 to 2006—
 - (i) the number of garment factories that had been in operation; and,
 - (ii) their total workforce at the beginning?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of factories which are in operation now and their total strength of workforce as at to-date; and,
 - (ii) the action plans taken to reopen the factories that had been closed down?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total volume of apparel and value of earnings in SLR and US Dollars from exports from Sri Lanka for the period of 2000 to 2006;
 - (ii) the number of textile fabric companies in Sri Lanka and their production capacity; and,
 - (iii) the texture that is woven and knitted?
- (d) If not, why?

0835/06

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 10 years on per year basis, the total Defence expenditure sub divided into Recurrent and Capital for the Forces and the Police Department?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total strength of the Forces;
 - (ii) the total strength of the Police; and,
 - (iii) the strength of any auxiliary force?

- (c) Will he submit to this House for the last 15 years on a per year basis, provisions allocated from the budget for Defence expenditure and the actual expenditure incurred?
- (d) If not, why?

0837/06

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of Sri Lankans working overseas as at 31st December of each year from 2000 to 2006?
- (b) Will he state from 2000 to 2006—
 - (i) the total foreign remittances flowing into the country in U.S. Dollars and SLR;
 - (ii) the number of migrant workers deported or sent back each year owing to the defaulting work contracts;
 - (iii) the steps being taken in this regard;
 - (iv) the amount of money earned through the Insurance Scheme from Sri Lankans who are leaving for overseas jobs; and,
 - (v) the amount spent from the Insurance Funds, for the Sri Lankans working overseas?
- (c) If not, why?

0859/07

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Public Amenities,—

- (a) Is she aware that—
 - (i) the Secretary to the President. Mr. Lalith Weeratunga has informed the National Housing Development Authority by letter dated 28.02.2006 and Reference No. SP/2/4/2/1, that it is suitable to sell and transfer block No.1819 of the Raddolugama Housing Scheme to the recipients of houses who have enjoyed ownership of them for 23 years;
 - (ii) the relevant General Manager has rejected it giving a wrong interpretation to Section 73 of the Housing Authority Act;
 - (iii) he has refused to answer letters sent by the Assistant Secretary of the President, Mr. Saman D. Waduge and the Director of the Ministry of Housing, Mr. Sunil Kannangara on 28.04.2006, 03.10.2006 and 17.05.2006 respectively?
- (b) Will she admit that the above General Manager has no legal powers to act in violation of the orders of H.E. the President?

- (c) Will she take steps to grant this block of land to the above recipients of houses in accordance with the said letter of the Secretary to the resident as this block of land adjoining the house 3/B/1-L of Raddolugama has been sold and transferred to one Mr. Anton De Alwis by the General Manager?
- (d) Will she take action to implement formally, Section 23(2) of the Housing Authority Act which has been violated?
- (e) if not, why?

0557/06

5.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of employees recruited to each institution in all Provincial Councils in the country since 2004 to date on permanent / contract / casual / temporary basis?
- (b) Will he state the names, addresses, personal details, educational qualifications, terms of recruitment and the salaries drawn by those employees recruited under each institution?
- (c) If not, why?

0701/06

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) Mr. K.A. Sunny has been residing in the plot of land bearing No.1364 belonging to the “Somi Rest Watta” Housing Scheme in Udugama South in Udugama in the Galle district since 1980 and that he is the legal owner of that land;
 - (ii) a government Surveyor had surveyed the said plot of land on 05.08.2006 stating that the land had been vested in the Nagoda Pradesheeya Sabha by the Housing Authority;
 - (iii) Mr. Sunny had lodged a complaint with the Udugama police after some valuable trees had been cut after the said survey; and,
 - (iv) no officer from the Nagoda Pradesheeya Sabha or the Housing Authority has come to inquire into that complaint?
- (b) Will he take necessary action to look into the felling of trees on the land occupied by Mr. Sunny and the destruction caused and to pay him compensation?
- (c) If not, why?

0791/06

7.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the National Transport Commission in issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Commission since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0792/06

8.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Western Province in issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers

of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?

- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0706/06

9.

Hon. Anuruddha Polgampala,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy ,—

- (a) Will he present to this House separately—
 - (i) the number of electricity projects which had been proposed to be implemented in year 2006 under Chinese aids;
 - (ii) what they are at Divisional Secretariat Division level;
 - (iii) out of the above mentioned projects, the proposals which were implemented in year 2006;
 - (iv) the timeframes in which each of the aforesaid proposals will be completed?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether changes have been done when implementing the aforesaid proposals;
 - (ii) if so, what such changes are?
- (c) if not, why?

0707/06

10.

Hon. Anuruddha Polgampaha,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) the number of power distribution projects implemented in Kegalle district during the period from year 2000 to year 2005;
 - (ii) their names at Divisional Secretariat Division level?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) what the proposals are, which have not been implemented, even though money had been allocated for them from year 2000 to year 2006?
 - (ii) the reasons for not implementing of the aforesaid proposals?
- (c) Will he inform this House the date on which the implementation of the aforesaid proposals will be completed?
- (d) if not, why?

0846/07

11.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayaka,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that undergraduates admitted to universities in the academic years 2003/2004, 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 have abandoned studies for various reasons?
- (b) Will he submit this House—
 - (i) the number of students admitted to each faculty of each university separately in the years concerned; and,
 - (ii) separately, the number of those who have left the courses in each faculty by now?
- (c) if not, why?

1079/07

12.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the responsibilities of the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage and those of the non-Cabinet Minister of Water Supply?

- (b) Will he state this House the institutes which come under the purview of the said Ministers, separately?
- (c) Will he state as to how the responsibilities of the Cabinet Minister and those of the non-Cabinet Minister differ from each other?
- (d) Will he submit information to this House on the value of—
 - (i) monthly salaries and allowances;
 - (ii) telephone bills (official/mobile and residential); and,
 - (iii) salaries of the staff, fuel allowances and telephone bills, which the above Cabinet/non-Cabinet Minister is entitled to?
- (e) if not, why?

1080/07

13.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, of the responsibilities of the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development and those of the non-Cabinet Minister of Petroleum Resources?
- (b) Will he state in this House separately, the institutions that come under the purview of the said Ministers?
- (c) Will he state as to how the responsibilities of the above Cabinet Minister and the non-Cabinet Minister differ from each other?
- (d) Will he submit information to this House on the value of—
 - (i) monthly salaries and allowances;
 - (ii) telephone bills (official/mobile and residential); and,
 - (iii) salaries of the staff, fuel allowances and telephone bills, which the above Cabinet/non-Cabinet Minister is entitled to?
- (e) if not, why?

1081/07

14.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, the responsibilities of the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion and the non-Cabinet Minister of Enterprise Development?

- (b) Will he state in this House separately, the institutions that come under the purview of the said Ministers?
- (c) Will he state as to how the responsibilities of the above Cabinet Minister and the non-Cabinet Minister differ from each other?
- (d) Will he submit information to this House on the value of—
 - (i) monthly salaries and allowances;
 - (ii) telephone bills (official/mobile and residential); and,
 - (iii) salaries of the staff, fuel allowances and telephone bills, which the above Cabinet/non-Cabinet Minister is entitled to?
- (e) if not, why?

0775/06

14.

Hon. Anura Dissanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the institution responsible for transferring a considerable number of shares of Air Lanka airline to the Emirates Company;
 - (ii) the percentage of the shares given by Air Lanka in the above mentioned deal and the period of time for which it was done?
 - (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of the local and foreign companies and the institutions that bid for the tender when the shares of Air Lanka were given to Emirates;
 - (ii) separately, the bids made by those institutions and the bids made by the Emirates; and,
 - (iii) the members of the tender board appointed for this transaction?
 - (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any of the conditions of the aforesaid transaction has been changed after the tender pertaining to the issue of Air Lanka shares was awarded to the Emirates company;
 - (ii) if so, the conditions that have been so changed?
 - (d) if not, why?
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Friday, May 11, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0611/06

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether,—
 - (i) the Registra of Colombo District Court was due to retire in 2006;
 - (ii) he was taken into custody on an allegation of bribery;
 - (iii) he was facing criminal charges in the Magistrate's Court of Anuradhapura;
 - (iv) he was completing 60 years in 2006; and,
 - (v) he has been given an extension beyond 60 years on a contract basis?
- (b) Will he state why only he has been selected for appointment on a contract basis?
- (c) If not, why?

0629/06

2.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that the variable Cost of Living Allowance paid to the pensioners who retired from the People's Bank has been suspended?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the reason for taking this decision, which causes a serious impact on these pensioners economically; and,
 - (ii) whose decision it was?
- (c) Will he admit that the Bank's management has shown an amount of approximately 230 million rupees which should have been paid to pensioners over a period of 10 years, as part of the profits they have earned?
- (d) As this allowance is paid to both pensioners and their widowers by the Bank of Ceylon and other state banks without any difference, will he act to pay this allowance to the People's Bank pensioners as well?
- (e) If not, why?

0715/06

3.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare, — To ask the Minister of Industrial Development, —

- (a) Is he aware that the casual employees recruited for service in the Lanka Mineral Sands Company, Pulmudai, during the period from 1984 to 2004, have not been confirmed so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House for what reason the 30 employees who have served in the casual service for over a year and are now in excess, have not been confirmed in this manner?
- (c) Will he state, —
 - (i) whether he will take action to confirm these employees?
 - (ii) if so, from which date?
- (d) If not, why?

0813/06

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, — To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion, —

- (a) Will he state on per year basis for the last twenty years —
 - (i) the total foreign investment in the country;
 - (ii) the total foreign investments that have been invested in capital market;
 - (iii) the foreign savings component in the country; and,
 - (iv) aforesaid values as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of that year?
- (b) If not, why?

0834/06

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, — To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order, —

- (a) Will he inform this House, on a per year basis from 1995 to date —
 - (i) the total tonnage handled by Air at the Bandaranaike International Airport;

- (ii) the fresh trans-shipment cargo tonnage gone through “Sri Lanka on a new or fresh Master Air Way Bill Ex” Colombo;
 - (iii) the countries that they come from and the breakup,;
 - (iv) as (i) above, the breakup of Import and Export tonnage?
- (b) Will he state the total revenue and the profit earned from the inward and outward cargo tonnage at Bandaranaike International Airport for the last 10 years?
- (c) If not, why?

0809/06

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Manpower,—

- (a) Will he state the number of members contributing to ETF and EPF separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House, separately from 2000 to 2006—
 - (i) the total value of ETF and EPF funds;
 - (ii) the interest rate paid to the members;
 - (iii) the amount paid out to the members;
 - (iv) the amount unclaimed?
- (c) Will he state as to what action is going to be taken in this regard?
- (d) Will he state whether the two funds can be amalgamated?
- (e) If not, why?

1082/07

7.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, the responsibilities of the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development and the non-Cabinet Minister of Urban Development?
- (b) Will he state in this House separately, the institutions that come under the purview of the said Ministers?
- (c) Will he state as to how the responsibilities of the above Cabinet Minister and those of the non-Cabinet Minister differ from each other?

- (d) Will he submit information to this House on the value of—
 - (i) the monthly salaries and allowances;
 - (ii) telephone bills (official/mobile and residential); and,
 - (iii) salaries of the staff, fuel allowances and telephone bills, which the above Cabinet/non-Cabinet Minister is entitled to?
- (e) if not, why?

1083/07

8.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of non-Cabinet ministerial portfolios of National Building;
 - (ii) separately, the responsibilities of those Ministers;
 - (iii) the institutions that are allocated to those ministerial portfolios?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether—
 - (i) there are separate offices and staff for those ministers;
 - (ii) these Ministers are granted provisions and facilities which are accorded to all other Non-cabinet Ministers?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) as to how the responsibility of the Cabinet is represented in respect of the 05 ministerial posts, in this manner;
 - (ii) the basis on which the above ministerial portfolios are allocated?
- (d) if not, why?

1084/07

9.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the responsibilities of the portfolio of Justice and Law Reforms and of the non-Cabinet portfolio of Justice; and,

- (ii) the institutions that belong to the Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms and the non-Cabinet Ministry of Justice?
- (b) Will he state in what way the responsibility of the portfolio of Justice and Law Reforms differs from that of the non-Cabinet portfolio of Justice?
- (c) if not, why?

0997/07

10.

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) under the Muriyakulama Lift Irrigation Scheme in the Anamaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division, 30.656 hectares of Land was distributed among 130 allottees by plan No.99/160; and,
 - (ii) agro wells have been constructed by the Samurdhi Authority at a cost of around one million rupees for providing water to the allottees for cultivation?
- (b) Will he accept that a total of 60 acres have been allotted to two individuals as 25 acres for one person for a coconut husk industry and 35 acres to the other for another project, from the said land distributed under the Lift Irrigation Scheme mentioned above?
- (c) If these lands have been so allotted to these for projects approved by the Board of Investment, will he state what those projects are?
- (d) If these lands have been allotted to these persons in an illegal manner, will he state whether he will take steps to reacquire the said lands and take legal action against the persons who allotted such lands?
- (e) Will he take steps to provide alternative lands to the allottees that had been living on the lands so acquired?
- (f) if not, why?

0877/07

11.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of National Heritage and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;

- (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0878/07

12.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries, —

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Plantation Industries and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

13.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Highways and Road Development and the Deputy Minister of Highways and their personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

14.

Hon. R. M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara ,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the years in which the first and second Perennial Crop Cultivation Loan Projects were implemented and the relevant district where the aforesaid projects were implemented;
 - (ii) the crop cultivation for which they were implemented;
 - (iii) the number of farmers for whom loans have been granted through the aforesaid projects and the amounts of those loans at district level;
 - (iv) the state banks that have granted the aforesaid loans and the amount of loans granted by each bank separately?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been recovered by each of the aforesaid banks out of the total amount of loans issued through the aforesaid project;
 - (ii) the amounts of loans that have not been recovered;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been written off by each bank from the aforesaid total amount of loans when the cultivation loans were written off at the request of the farmers?
- (c) Will he admit that the aforesaid project was a failure due to various reasons?
- (d) If it has been a failure, will he inform this House in detail, the reasons for it?
- (e) Will he take steps to write off the remaining amount of loans which is a big burden on the farming community?
- (f) if not, why?

0795/06

15.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of North Central Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;

- (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.02/05

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Indicating the details of the projects in the Election Manifesto of Political Parties or Groups contesting elections,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that it should be made compulsory that the manifesto of Political Parties or Groups contesting an election should indicate the anticipated date line for the implementation of their projects, the total financial outlay as well as the methodology involved, once they are returned to power, for the purpose of eliminating the lack of confidence in the minds of the citizens of Sri Lanka towards democracy.

P.03/05

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the President and the Prime Minister be prevented from holding any cabinet portfolio in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performances of their ministers.

P.04/05

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Registration of weapons,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that all weapons in Sri Lanka should be registered and thereafter, if anyone is found with an unlicensed weapon, he should be charged with breach of criminal law and a mandatory imprisonment of 20 years be enforced.

P.05/05

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Banking hours,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that Banking hours should be extended from 9:00 hours till 16:00 hours in order to increase the economic activities in the country.

P.07/05

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Closing down of all taverns in the Kotte electorate,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that legislation be made to close down all taverns in Kotte electorate because sale of liquor very freely has certainly degraded the moral values in the country.

P.08/05

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting permission to journalists to attend all meetings held under Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE), Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and Consultative Committees,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that journalists must be permitted to attend all meetings held under the Committee on Public Enterprises, Public Accounts Committee and Consultative Committees as this will make the discussions more effective, meaningful and transparent.

P.09/05

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 25,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.10/05

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— Since the usage of Polythene and Plastic material has rapidly increased in the island and large scale environmental pollution is taking place due to the indiscriminate disposal of such material, that this Parliament is of the opinion that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented.

P.11/05

9.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Establishment of a Museum in the Kegalle District,— This Parliament resolves that steps be taken to establish a museum for archeological monuments and for the purpose of obtaining information regarding places which have archaeological, cultural and social values.

P.12/05

10.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— This Parliament resolves that a national policy formulation board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of government and consisting of

politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.13/05

11.

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

P.14/05

12.

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

P.15/05

13.

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

P.16/05

14.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a Presidential Commission combining the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison,— That this Parliament resolves that a Presidential Commission be appointed the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison with the objective of minimizing crimes spreading in the society, to improve criminals laws be minimizing shortcomings, to dispose of backlog of cases including land matters piled up in courts and to provide a speedy service by modernizing the Judiciary, the Police and the Prison.

P.17/05

15.

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

P.18/05

16.

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

P.19/05

17.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Refund of Employee's Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week,— That this Parliament resolves that there should be a procedure to refund Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits to the applicants within a week.

P.20/05

18.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of Chairmen and Board of Directors in the Statutory Institutions including State Corporations, Boards and Authorities,— That this Parliament resolves that only persons who have professional qualifications and experience should be selected to appoint as Chairmen and Board of Directors in Statutory Institutions including State Corporation, Boards and Authorities.

P.21/05

19.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Re-demarcation of boundaries of Grama Niladhari Division, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas on a scientific basis,— That this Parliament resolves that boundaries of Grama Niladhari Divisions, Divisional Secretariats, Districts and Administrative areas should be re-demarcated on a scientific basis after conducting a survey all over the island.

P.22/05

20.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service only on marks of Limited Competitive Examinations,— That this Parliament resolves that recruitment of officers for the Sri Lanka Overseas Service should be decided only on marks of limited competitive examinations and that only basic qualifications should be checked at the interview.

P.23/05

21.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Punishment to criminals and compensation to the victims,— That this Parliament resolves that laws should be made to enable the same court to impose punishment to criminals and give compensation to the victims.

P.24/05

22.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Issuing free season tickets to students,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be introduced to issue free season tickets to students to travel in buses of the Road Passenger Transport Authorities.

P.25/'05

23.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Presidential Commission on Political victimization,— That this Parliament resolves that a fully pledge Presidential Commission should be appointed to inquire into the complaints made by people who have been affected by political victimization due to their political ideas, from past until now, and to give them relief.

P.26/'05

24.

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

P.27/'05

25.

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

P.28/'06

26.

Hon.V. Puththrasigamoney,— Granting Voting Rights to Migrant Workers and other Sri Lankans living abroad,— That since migrant workers of Sri Lanka constitute 12% of registered voters and 10% of the national work force and that they contribute 17% of national savings and more than 20% of foreign exchange earning and also that since UN Convention of 1990 ratified by Sri Lanka in 1996 obliges the State to implement a special system of voting for migrant workers, and the Human Rights Commission has recommended to the Labour Minister to introduce laws to grant voting rights to migrant workers, and since the denial of voting rights to them is a violation of fundamental rights, this Parliament resolves that a scheme be introduced for the migrant workers and other Sri Lankans living abroad to vote at all elections in Sri Lanka.

P.29/'06

27.

Hon.Ravi Karunanayake,— Publishing the names of defaulters of loans taken from State Banks,— That this Parliament resolves that legal provisions be introduced inParliament to publish names of defaulters who have borrowed over Rs.100 million from state banks.

P.31/06

28.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Private Members Motions moved in Parliament shall be debated within one year and, if approved by Parliament, the Cabinet of Ministers shall sanction them

within six months, so that the Private Members Motions would be an effective contribution by Parliamentarians.

P.32/06

29.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that National Anthem be played in Parliament before the commencement and the conclusion of Parliament Sitting in order to develop national spiritedness in the country.

P.33/06

30.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Developing a Strong Sri Lankan Identity,— That since the requirement to state one's race and religion in government documents is an impediment and an inhibition to develop a strong national identity' this Parliament is of the opinion that this requirement be dispensed with.

P.36/06

31.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prevention of using images of Religious leaders for commercial purposes,— That this Parliament resolves that all religions must equally be respected and that images of Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Lord Shiva or Prophet Mohammed should not be used on any Commercial advertisement or any other form of non religious items.

P.37/06

32.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings ,— That this Parliament is of the opinion that new laws should be brought in to regulate contempt of court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.

P.38/06

33.

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

P.39/06

34.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Presenting a Financial Audit Report to The Election Commission by Political Parties,— That this Parliament resolves that all income and expenditure earned and incurred by recognized Political Parties must be audited and presented to the Election Commission annually.

Tuesday, May 22 , 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0468/06

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—

- (a) Will he state the names of the Political Parties which received money on account of the Tsunami disaster and the amounts received separately?
- (b) Will he state the names of the twenty biggest Non-Government Organizations that received funds on account of Tsunami disaster?
- (c) Will he also state the places where the moneys have been spent and the amount of VAT paid?
- (d) if not, why?

0814/06

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total direct tax supposed to be collected for the last 10 years on a per year basis;
 - (ii) the amount collected and remain uncollected separately;
 - (iii) the steps taken with regard to uncollected amounts;
 - (iv) the amounts of rewards paid to the relevant authorities; and,
 - (v) the number of tax files?
 - (vi) the amount of GST/VAT, excise duty, due as at 31st December, of each year;
 - (vii) the amount collected and remain uncollected separately;
 - (viii) the steps taken with regard to uncollected amounts?
- (c) if not, why?

0819/06

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total borrowing limit for Treasury Bills;
 - (ii) the total amount borrowed to-date; and,
 - (iii) the total amount borrowed on a per year basis for the last 05 years as at 31st December, 2006;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the interest charges paid for Treasury Bills for the last 10 years;
 - (ii) the average cost paid on a per year basis;
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the steps that are being taken to reduce this liability;
 - (ii) the reason for not allowing the foreigners to purchase Treasury Bills in Sri Lanka Market;
 - (iii) the disadvantages if they are permitted;
 - (iv) the Treasury Bill rate on a per year basis and per month basis, separately, for the last 3 years to-date; and,
 - (v) whether the Treasury Bonds are being sold to foreigners?
- (d) if not, why?

1085/07

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he state in this House separately, the responsibilities of the portfolio of Plantations and the responsibilities of the Deputy Ministerial portfolios of Supplementary Plantation Crops Development and Public Estate Management and Development?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the institutions that are relevant to the responsibilities of the said Ministerial portfolios separately; and,

(ii) whether the Ministry of Coconut Development comes under the scope of the said Cabinet Ministry?

(c) if not, why?

0549/06

5.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) a group of persons who joined the Home Guard Service voluntarily during the period in which violent acts committed by the separatist terrorists were started in the border villages of Medawachchiya, were transferred to distant areas in the year 1994;

(ii) they lost their jobs as they were not able to report for duty due to the above mentioned reason?

(b) Will he take action to reinstate the following Home Guards, who lost their jobs in the year 1994, without any political difference since action is being taken to recruit new persons to the Home Guard Service with the escalation of terrorist activities at present?

01.	C24609 Mr. G. Upali Weerasinghe	Periyakulama - Medawachchiya
02.	C21226 Mr. M. Jayathilake	-----do-----
03.	C24649 Mr. B. Kumarasinghe	-----do-----
04.	C21222 Mr. G. Premadasa	-----do-----
05.	C24285 Mr. M. Rathnayake	-----do-----
06.	T29628 Mr. D. B. Samarasinghe	-----do-----
07.	T29829 Mr. J. Jayasena	-----do-----
08.	T61378 Mr. G. Nimal Kumarasinghe	-----do-----

(c) if not, why?

0855/07

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

(a) Is he aware that His Excellency the President, while presenting the Budget proposals for 2007 stated that 8000 unemployed graduates would be appointed as government teachers?

- (b) Will he state in this House whether it is necessary for the Candidates to forward their applications to those schools where vacancies exist, when applying for such posts, in view of a statement made by him over the television?
- (c) If so, will he admit that one party will be subjected to injustice due to the introduction of such a procedure never followed in the past?
- (d) Will he take steps to follow the hitherto accepted practice and appoint graduates who are from the same areas, to the schools where vacancies exist, by calling for applications through the Ministry of Education?
- (e) if not, why?

0710/06

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—

- (a) Is he aware that the Secretary of the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources is a Pensioner who draws a pension at present?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the basis on which the Secretary concerned is working in the Ministry;
 - (ii) his birthday and the age at present;
 - (iii) the period during which his extension of service will be operative; and,
 - (iv) on what basis that would be?
- (c) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the number of foreign tours undertaken by the said Secretary since the day on which the Minister assumed duties;
 - (ii) such dates and the countries;
 - (iii) the reason for granting opportunity for those foreign tours and the benefits acquired to the Ministry out of such visits;
 - (iv) the expenses on his foreign tours in detail?
- (d) Will he inform this House;
 - (i) whether, it was out of state funds that money was spent on his New Zealand tour;

- (ii) whether, expenses have been requested for out of Asian Development Fund for this tour?
- (iii) whether, the Minister has approved the expenditure of funds for that;
- (iv) if so, how much?
- (e) If not, why?

0883/07

8.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services and the Deputy Minister of Agrarian Services and their personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will she state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will she state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will she state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0885/07

9.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and his personal staff;

- (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
- (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0886/07

10.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0860/07

11.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that the Group Estate located in Nelly Group 1049 of Dolosbage of the Ganga Ihala Korale of the Nawalapitiya Electorate in the Kandy District has been distributed under village expansion?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of acres received by each person of that estate;
 - (ii) how many acres have been allocated for public utility purposes in blocking out of land;
 - (iii) whether the land so allocated is being used for public utility purposes at present;
 - (iv) whether this land has been illegally occupied by unauthorized squatters or cultivators?
- (c) If so, will he take action to evict those illegal occupants?
- (d) If not, why?

0796/06

12.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Uva Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?

- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0797/06

13.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Sabaragamuwa Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0798/06

14.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of North Western Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
- (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
- (e) If not, why?

0445/06

15.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the extent of land cultivated with Tea and Rubber that has been vested with the Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha from a land by the name of Aphopwaththa which comes under the Nagoda Divisional Secretary in Galle;
 - (ii) of the year in which the aforesaid vesting was done;

- (iii) whether the relevant land has subsequently been vested with some other company by the Nagoda Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (iv) if so, the name and the registration number of the company, the conditions pertaining to the vesting and the basis on which it has been registered and;
 - (v) the legal provisions under which it was done?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the amount of money given to the Pradeshiya Sabha monthly or annually up to now after the aforesaid vesting;
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken if this land has not been vested with relevant company by the Pradeshiya Sabha, according to the law?
 - (c) Will he take steps to hand over this land to the Pradeshiya Sabha again and maintain it as a source of income of the Sabha?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, May 23 , 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0849/07

1.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) the Deyyandara Central College is a National School;
 - (ii) a permanent principal has not been appointed for this school for many years now;
 - (iii) the present acting principal has not qualified herself to be a principal;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reason for the omission of Deyyandara Central Collage despite the fact that applications have been called to fill vacancies in posts of principals in National Schools;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to appoint a principal to this National School;
 - (iii) if so, when it is?
- (c) If not, why?

0821/06

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform in this House, the number of District Courts, Magistrate Courts and High Courts and their locations, in the Province, District and Electorate in Sri Lanka separately?
- (b) Will he state the names of the Judges of Supreme Courts, Court of Appeal and Commercial Courts along with their respective ages and experience in legal practice separately?
- (c) Will he also state whether the Judges of Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal have been appointed by the Constitutional Council?
- (d) If not, why?

0823/06

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total subsidies or tax waivers given or paid by the Treasury to relevant Ministries on following items in 2004, 2005 and 2006 separately—

(i) Gas	(v) Fertilizer
(ii) Flour	(vi) Petrol, diesel and Kerosene Oil
(iii) Sugar	(vii) Milk powder
(iv) Rice	(viii) Electricity charges
 - (ii) if the Treasury had not paid or incurred such expenses whether the relevant Line Ministry has paid out or agreed to get the money paid in due charge to the entities providing the said services?
- (b) if not, why?

0832/06

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he state the following values in terms of SDR, market value and compare it against the GDP from 1990 to 2003 on a per year basis—

- (i) the trade balance in export and import separately;
 - (ii) the service balance in receipts and payments separately;
 - (iii) private transfers to the country;
 - (iv) current account balance and official transfers to the country?
- (b) Will he also state the above mentioned values as a percentage separately?
- (c) Will he state the movement of non-monetary capital from 1990 to 2003 on a per year basis separately for—
- (i) the private investment (Net)
 - (ii) other private investments (Net)
 - (iii) government transfers
- (d) Will he inform this House from 1990 to 2003 on a per year basis—
- (i) the overall balance;
 - (ii) current account deficit as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP);
 - (iii) the GDP in rupees;
 - (iv) the reserves of the country; and,
 - (v) how much is it as an import cover?
- (e) If not, why?

0887/07

5.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication, —

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication and the Deputy Minister of Posts and their personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
- (i) the types of such vehicles;

- (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0888/07

6.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0890/07

7.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Housing and Common Amenities and her personal staff;

- (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
- (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will she state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will she state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will she state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0850/07

8.

Hon. M. Joseph Micheal Perera,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mr. P.G. Piyasena of Heinfeld Colony, Mapakanda, Nawalapitiya is a poor person with no means of income; and,
 - (ii) Mr. Piyasena and his aged wife live on the public assistance allowance of Rs. 100/- received from the Government?
- (b) Will he accept that although Mr. Piyasena has been making requests for poor relief assistance provided by the Samurdhi Fund for many years now, no such poor relief has been granted so far?
- (c) Will he take the necessary action to grant poor relief to Mr. Piyasena?
- (d) If not, why?

0851/07

9.

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratna,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House as to how much money has been spent on the first year anniversary of the induction of His Excellency the President?

- (b) Will he submit to this House, separately—
 - (i) the manner in which they have been spent by the Departments, Corporations, Statutory Boards affiliated to the government and the Ministry of Finance;
 - (ii) as to how much money has been spent on banners, posters, newspaper advertisements and radio programmes?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) who has prepared plans for spending this money;
 - (ii) who has granted approval for that?
- (d) Will he submit to this House, the names and posts of the above officials along with the photo copies of the letters of approval?
- (e) If not, why?

0852/07

10.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he state in this House separately and at Divisional Secretariat Division level—
 - (i) the number of low income families in the 18 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Galle district that receive Samurdhi benefits;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the value of the Samurdhi benefit they receive;
 - (iii) the number of persons who have been granted Samurdhi benefits anew after the 2005 Presidential elections; and,
 - (iv) their names, addresses and the value of the Samurdhi benefit they receive?
- (b) Will he state in this House whether—
 - (i) approval has been obtained from the relevant Ministry when granting Samurdhi benefits to those new Samurdhi recipients;
 - (ii) an investigation is in progress by the Samurdhi Director General regarding the granting of Samurdhi benefits without the relevant approval; and,
 - (iii) if so, in regard to which Divisional Secretariat Divisions?

- (c) Will he state in this House as to what action would be taken by him against the officers involved in granting the Samurdhi benefits in a illegal manner?
- (d) Will he take steps to grant the Samurdhi benefits to the low income families which have been deprived of the Samurdhi benefits without the approval of the Ministry, by conducting legal investigation?
- (e) If not, why?

0799/06

5.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,—To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House in detail, the procedure followed by the Road Passenger Transport Authority of Southern Province when issuing licences for buses for passenger transport services?
 - (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the number of passenger transport service licences issued by the said Authority since the year 2000 up to now along with the names of the licensees, their addresses, the registered numbers of those buses, the relevant routes, the dates of application for licence and the dates on which licences were issued?
 - (c) Will he state separately—
 - (i) if routes have been revised out of those the names of the licensees concerned, their addresses and the registered numbers of the buses;
 - (ii) the former routes and the revised routes; and,
 - (iii) the dates of application for revision and the dates revisions were issued?
 - (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of those who have applied for route revisions but not granted so far;
 - (ii) their names, addresses and the dates of application for licences;
 - (iii) the reasons for not granting the said revisions;
 - (iv) whether approval will be granted for those in future; and,
 - (v) for which licences?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Thursday, May 24 , 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0891/07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Community Development and Social Inequity Eradication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Community Development and Social Inequity Eradication and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0892/07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?

- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0895/07

3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0767/06

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the Emirates Management Agreement with Sri Lankan Airlines expires;
 - (ii) whether the agreement will be extended;
 - (iii) whether it is done through a tender procedure?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Agreement between Sri Lankan Airlines and Emirates was successful and profitable;
 - (ii) if so, for what reasons;
 - (iii) whether the Government is going to start a Budget Airline or any other form of a National Airline;
 - (iv) as to how the funds are provided to meet the capital;
 - (v) whether the article that appeared in the 'Sunday Leader' and 'The Nations' of 29 October 2006 stating that a person named Sajin de Vass Gunawardena is to be appointed as the CEO of this company, is correct?
- (c) if not, why?

0781/06

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the number of Co-ordinating Secretaries appointed for His Excellency the President;
 - (ii) their names, along with the dates of appointments, salaries, positions and other benefits enjoyed by them separately; and,
 - (iii) their professional qualifications and the age at the time of appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the number of Consultants appointed for His Excellency the President;
 - (ii) their names, along with the dates of appointments, salaries, positions and other benefits enjoyed by them separately; and,
 - (iii) their professional qualifications and the age at the time of appointment?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, May 25 , 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Plan Implementation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Plan Implementation and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0897/07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Supplementary Plantation Crops Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Supplementary Plantation Crops Development and the Deputy Minister of Supplementary Plantation Crops Development and their personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0898/07

3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;

- (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0802/06

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the number of registered commercial banking Pawning dealers and non banking pawning dealers separately;
 - (ii) their total business values separately for the last 10 years on per year basis;
 - (iii) the total tax earned by the government from pawning activities; and, what these taxes are?
- (b) Will he state that—
 - (i) after how long, can these non banking pawning dealers confiscate the goods if the borrowers default?
 - (ii) what is the percentage of this compared to the pawning industry?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, June 05 , 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0803/06

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of staff members working at the Lake House;
 - (ii) the names of the Chairman for the last 20 years;

- (iii) the profit for the last 20 years to-date on per year basis;
 - (iv) whether there are any losses as a result of the excess labour problem;
 - (v) the number of people working at Visual Display Terminal (VDT) Centre in Computer Division;
- (b) Will he admit that Miss. Jeevani Anuradha Wijesuriy of VDT Centre has been transferred to Lake House Branch at Anuradhapura?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether the aforesaid transfer was done by the Directors and the General Manager;
 - (ii) whether it was done against the wishes of the staff member;
 - (iii) the reason for this transfer;
 - (iv) if it was a political interference, the name of the person;
 - (v) the action that has been taken against him?
- (d) If not, why?

0899/07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Export Development and International Trade and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
- (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
- (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;

- (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0902/07

3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0903/07

4.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Public Estate Management and Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Public Estate Management and Development and the Deputy Minister of Public Estate Management and Development and their personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?

- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0853/07

5.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware the tank bund of the Nabiriththana Kadawara Weva in the Pannala Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District is damaged;
 - (ii) the number of farmer families displaced as a result of this damage;
 - (iii) whether the paddy fields belonging to this tank could be used for cultivation; and,
 - (iv) whether relief has been provided to the displaced farmers?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action would be taken to reconstruct the above tank bund;
 - (ii) if so, when?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, June 06 , 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0904/07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Land and Land Development and the Deputy Minister of Land and Land Development and their personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0905/07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs,—

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Youth Affairs and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will she state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?

- (c) Will she state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will she state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0909/07

3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation, —

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
 - (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
 - (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
 - (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
 - (e) if not, why?
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Thursday, June 07, 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0910/07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0911/07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;

- (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0912/07

3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
 - (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
 - (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
 - (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
 - (e) if not, why?
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Friday, June 08 , 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0913/07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Special Projects,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Special Projects and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0914/07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Tourism,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Tourism and the Deputy Minister of Tourism and their personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?

- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0915/07

3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare, —

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
 - (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
 - (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
 - (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
 - (e) if not, why?
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Tuesday, June 19 , 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0917/07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self-employment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Rural Industries and Self-employment Promotion and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0919/07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Deputy Minister of Fisheries and their personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?

- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0920/07

3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Livestock Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Livestock Development and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
 - (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
 - (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
 - (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
 - (e) if not, why?
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Wednesday, June 20 , 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0921/07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and their personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0922/07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Cultural Affairs and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?

- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0923/07

3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Higher Education, —

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Higher Education and the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and their personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
 - (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
 - (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
 - (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
 - (e) if not, why?
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Thursday, June 21 , 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0924/07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0926/07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Transport and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—

- (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
- (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0927/07

3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries, —

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister for Coconut Development iron cabinet, and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
- (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
- (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?
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Friday, June 22 , 2007

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0929/07

1.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Justice (Non Cabinet) and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0930/07

2.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana ,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Agriculture (Non Cabinet) and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
- (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?

- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
- (e) if not, why?

0931/07

3.

Hon. R. P. A. Ranaweera Pathirana, — To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles obtained for the Minister of Mass Media (Non Cabinet) and his personal staff;
 - (ii) the basis on which these vehicles have been obtained;
 - (iii) out of them, the number of vehicles obtained on hire or contract basis?
 - (b) Will he state in this House from which institutions or individuals the said vehicles have been obtained, along with their names and addresses?
 - (c) Will he state separately in respect of each vehicle—
 - (i) the types of such vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent on those vehicles and the amount of the money allocated for fuel, monthly and annually?
 - (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if drivers had been recruited for these vehicles, the basis on which they were recruited;
 - (ii) their salaries and allowances?
 - (e) if not, why?
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NOTICES OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

P.40/07.

1.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti

Hon. H. M. Wasantha Samarasinghe

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardane,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into the shortcomings of the Department of Inland Revenue, highlighted in the Auditor General's Report (Parliamentary Series No. 2 of the Sixth Parliament),—

Whereas the Auditor General by his Report (Parliamentary Series No. 2 of the Sixth Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka) has highlighted several shortcomings in the Department of Inland Revenue, more particularly;

1. Weaknesses in Higher Management,
2. Structural Weaknesses in the Organization,
3. The lack of Internal Controls,
4. Problems relating to non-furnishing of Information to the State Audit,

And whereas the said report has exposed several instances of loss to state revenue as a result of the above shortcomings, namely,—

1. Refund of Taxes despite the prevalence of large Discrepancies in Tax Returns,
2. Inefficiencies in the Collection of Arrears of Tax,
3. Inadequate Audit Test Checks based on Form "C General 35" on write off of Taxes,
4. Refunds of Taxes to those who evaded Taxes on a large scale instead of setting off against Arrears of Taxes,
5. Overstatement of Export Income by Rs. 275 million,
6. Defrauding of Value Added Tax by producing incorrect information by wrong Parties,
7. Non-collection of Taxes on Assessments on Value Added Tax issued by the Department as at 31st March 2006,
8. Refunds of Value Added Tax (VAT),
9. Refunds of Goods and Services Tax (GST),
10. Inefficiencies in the Collection of Arrears of Goods and Services Tax (GST),
11. Inefficiencies in the Collection of Arrears of Turnover Tax (TT) and Arrears of National Security Levy (NSL),

12. Failure to recover Withholding Tax properly,
13. Inordinate delays in the banking of Withholding Tax by the Department of Inland Revenue,
14. Inordinate Delays in the release of Tax Revenue collected by Banks to the Government Account,
15. Inadequacies in the Scanning and Re-cashing of Cheques for Refunds of Tax,
16. Losses resulting from failure to take Action on Dishonoured Cheques,
17. Non-compliance with provisions of Acts relating to Taxes by the Department of Inland Revenue,
18. Defrauding of Taxes by the fraudulent Registration of imported motor vehicles as Trucks,
19. Registration of Motor Vehicles on the Production of Fictitious Documents to the Department of Motor Traffic,
20. Illegal Registration of motor vehicles without the payment of Customs Duties,
21. Omission of Taxes due to the Computation of the Taxes on an erroneous basis contrary to Provisions in the Excise Duty Act,
22. Action on motor vehicles imported for Tsunami Disaster work contrary to Provisions in the Excise Duty Act,
23. Non-collection of Tax on locally Manufactured Motor Vehicles contrary to Provisions in the Excise Duty Act,
24. Failure to take action on the manufacture of cigarettes contrary to Provisions in the Excise Duty Act,
25. Failure to collect Taxes on the Production of Aerated Water contrary to Provisions in the Excise Duty Act,
26. Loss of Taxes on the Manufacture of Liquor,
27. Waiver of Taxes contrary to Provision in the Excise Duty Act,
28. Waiver of Taxes of Institutions registered under the Scheme for Temporary Imports for Export Purposes,
29. Losses arising from Delays in auctioning of Confiscated Goods,
30. Withdrawal of Court Cases on Arrears of Excise Duty,
31. Non recovery of Taxes receivable by the Department of Inland Revenue from the Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
32. Tax on Abandoned and Perishable Goods,
33. Loss of Revenue arising the Weaknesses in the Customs Supervision over Investment Promotion Zones,
34. Non-payment of Taxes by an Entrepreneurial Investment Company,

35. Loss of Government Revenue due to action contrary to provisions taken by the Department of Import and Export Control,

And whereas this has resulted in loss of billions of rupees in revenue to the state;

And whereas it appears that no action has been taken or initiated to,

- (i) recover the monies due to the State
- (ii) bring the culprits to book and
- (iii) prevent such occurrences in the future

This House resolves that a Select Committee be appointed to:

- (a) examine the reasons for failure of the relevant authorities to take steps in this regard.
 - (b) recommend action to be taken to prevent their occurrence in the future;
 - (c) recommend measures to be taken to recover the monies due to the State.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
- (a) fix its quorum ;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

P.41/07

2.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into the irregularities highlighted in the Report of Committee on Public Enterprises (Parliamentary Series No.7 of The Sixth Parliament),—

Whereas the Chairman of the Committee on Public Enterprises by his Report (Parliamentary Series No.7 of The Sixth Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka) highlighted several instances of embezzlement, misappropriation fraud, bribery, cheating and other questionable transactions and criminal activities involving state funds and state property committed by various persons,

And whereas the said report pointed out,

1. Failures and omissions on the part of the relevant secretaries to supervise and follow up the performance of the institutions which come within their purview,
2. Failures and omissions on the part of the relevant Ministers to keep close observation into the affairs of the institutions which come within the purview of their duties and obligations,
3. The lack of professionalism in the management of public enterprises,
4. That key senior management positions were being held on acting capacity or on contract basis for considerably long periods,
5. A lack of quality management resulting in losses,
6. The very poor attention being paid to profitability, liquidity and financial viability,
7. A lack of effective Internal Audit,
8. Poor Treasury Management,
9. The poor supervision by the Line Ministry,
10. Instances of idle and under utilization of resources,
11. An absence of good governance practice,
12. The non-availability of updated Corporate Plans and Action Plans,
13. Delays in submitting of Accounts,
14. Uneconomical transactions and mismanagement of funds,
15. Non-compliance with financial rules and regulations,
16. Non-adherence with the accepted tender procedures,
17. Political interference,

18. Delays or failures in responding to Committee directives,
19. Payments of withholding taxes by the institutions which amounts to a payment of double taxes,

And whereas this has resulted in loss of billions of rupees in revenue to the state in respect of the following institutions namely;

1. Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL),
2. Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC),
3. Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB),
4. Bank of Ceylon (BOC),
5. Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC),
6. National Savings Bank (NSB),
7. Geological Survey and Mines Bureau (GSMB),
8. Road Development Authority (RDA),
9. Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital (SJGH),
10. Board of Investment (BOI),
11. Airport and Aviation Services Limited (AASL),
12. Independent Television Network (ITN),
13. National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWS&DB),
14. National Child Protection Authority (NCPA),
15. Development Lotteries Board (DLB),
16. State Mortgage and Investments Bank (SMIB),
17. National Lotteries Board (NLB),
18. State Engineering Corporation (SEC),
19. People's Bank (PB),
20. Institute of Policy Studies (IPS),
21. MILCO (PVT) Ltd. (MILCO),
22. Land Reform Commission (LRC),
23. Samurdhi Authority of Sri Lanka (SASL),

24. Public Enterprises Reform Commission (PERC),
25. Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA),
26. Urban Development Authority (UDA),

the details of which are spelt out in the said report,

And whereas the said Report was debated in Parliament by way of an Adjournment Motion on 21st and 22nd February, 2007 and further such instances were brought to light in the course of the said debate,

And whereas it appears that no action has been taken or initiated to:

- (i) recover the monies due to the State,
- (ii) bring the culprits to book and,
- (iii) prevent such occurrences in the future,

This House resolves that a Select Committee be appointed to:

- (a) examine the reasons for failure of the relevant authorities to take steps in this regard.
 - (b) recommend action to be taken to prevent their occurrence in the future;
 - (c) recommend measures to be taken to recover the monies due to the State.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
- (a) fix its quorum ;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee ;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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Hon. Vijitha Herath

Hon. S. A. Jayantha Samaraweera

Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardhana

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Achala Jagodage

Hon. Abdul Bais Kamardeen,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into the difficulties which Sri Lankan Migrant Workers have to face,—

As it is incumbent on the part of the Government to protect, the rights of the Sri Lankan migrant workers and to create the necessary environment for them to engage in their employment with dignity by ensuring their safety and convenience and since it is also the responsibility of this Supreme Legislature to take the aforesaid matters into consideration we move that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into the difficulties which the Sri Lankan migrant workers have to face and to report to Parliament with its observations and recommendations;

1. The said Select Committee should focus its special attention on the following special matters:
 1. Examining matters relating to foreign employment agencies and making recommendations,
 2. Examining whether the recruits who go abroad are given a correct understanding of the relevant employer and the employment opportunity and making recommendations,
 3. Examining whether the recruits who go abroad are given an adequate training and making recommendations,
 4. Examining the possibility of establishing in each Sri Lankan Diplomatic Mission, a new unit which will look into the problems faced by migrant workers in order to make interventions and making recommendations,
 5. Examining the matters relevant to the formulation of a compensation scheme for migrant workers regarding accidents and disasters and making recommendations,
 6. Examining whether the Sri Lankan migrant workers who come to Sri Lankan diplomatic missions in the respective countries seeking assistance, after becoming victims of accidents and disasters are provided with the services required of such Sri Lankan diplomatic missions and making recommendations

7. Examining the possibility of expanding easy access to information and services currently provided to Sri Lankan migrant workers by the Sri Lankan diplomatic missions and making recommendations,
 8. Examining the possibility of potential avenues for foreign employment opportunities through Government intervention and making recommendations,
 9. Examining the relevant issues regarding the welfare and enhancement of the standard of living of the family members of migrant workers,
 10. Examining the complaints received from the public that are decided as important by the Select Committee and making recommendations,
 11. Examining the necessity of amending some Sections of the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau Act in relation to the current requirements of the foreign employment development and migrant employees' welfare,
 12. Examining the manner in which the funds received by the Government on behalf of Sri Lankan migrant workers who have returned from Kuwait after being stranded there, were spent,
 13. Examining the matters that are relevant to making foreign employment a dignified service, and making recommendations,
 14. Examining these issues and any other matter or any other legal aspects incidental thereto.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
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