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**Tuesday, January 08, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0822/'06

1.

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 for the past twenty years—
  - (i) the amount that the Government had spent per expenditure item for transfers to households or subsidies that have been given;
  - (ii) the above cost as a percentage of Gross Domestic Production
- (b) Will he state,—
  - (i) whether our country can afford such subsidies;
  - (ii) the number of people who get the benefit of these subsidies and the reason for it?
- (c) If not, why?

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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, for the last 05 years on per year basis—
  - (i) the number of cars, lorries and commercial vehicles, tractors, motor cycles and vans imported to the country;
  - (ii) the duty slabs applicable for the above vehicles at the time of importation?

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- (b) Will he state,—
- (i) the total revenue earned at the imposition through Duty, Excise duty and VAT for the last 10 years on per year basis; and
  - (ii) the above information for the last 12 months on per month basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1230/07

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Colombo District has been submerged by floods at frequent intervals;
  - (ii) the general excuse that has been lamented for the last couple of decades is the filling of marshy lands in Colombo District; and
  - (iii) most developed countries have been able to eradicate water stagnation by constructing proper water outflow systems while the development takes place?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) the action taken to solve this problem; and
  - (ii) the cost involved in the process and the amount allocated?
- (c) Will he state the action plan to be implemented on a long sustainable basis to overcome this national crisis especially affected the citizens in Colombo District?
- (d) Will he also state whether any compensation has been paid for the victims affected by the floods in the recent two years?
- (e) If so, will he table a list of names on per electorate basis in the Colombo District along with the amount and the date it was paid?
- (f) If not, why?

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Public Estate Management and Development is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
  - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Supplementary Plantation Crops and Development is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and

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- (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

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6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services and the Minister of Disaster Relief Services (Non-cabinet) are housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
  - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

7.

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 inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money that has been allocated under the Gama Neguma / Gemi Isura programme, to the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division for the year 2007;
- (ii) if the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division has received the aforesaid amount of money, the date of receipt; and
- (iii) if not, the date on which the aforesaid amount of money would be received?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the development activities that are intended to be carried out using the aforesaid monies;
- (ii) the name of the Grama Niladhari Division / village in which those activities would be carried out;
- (iii) the estimated amount, the date of commencement, and the date on which it is expected to be completed; and
- (iv) the amount of money that has been released for the proposals on which the work has already been commenced?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the activities for which the involvement of the councilors / members of local government bodies is obtained in implementing these projects;
- (ii) the criteria on which they are selected; and
- (iii) their names?

(d) Will he inform this House as to how the involvement of the relevant councilors / members is considered legal under the laws pertaining to the subject of Local Government and Provincial Councils?

(e) if not, why?

8.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Development,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money allocated by the relevant Ministry to the Sooriyawawe Divisional Secretariat Division for starting new industrial villages;

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- (ii) if the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division has received the aforesaid money, the date of the receipt; and
  - (iii) if not, the date on which the above mentioned money will be given?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each project—
- (i) the number of industrial villages expected to be started in the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) the amount of money estimated for it;
  - (iii) the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions / villages in which the aforesaid industrial villages will be started;
  - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid industrial villages were started and the date on which the work related to above mentioned villages is due to be completed; and
  - (v) the amount of money that has been released for the villages in which work has already been commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

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9.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money allocated by the relevant Ministry to the Lunugamwehera Divisional Secretariat Division for starting new industrial villages;
  - (ii) if the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division has received the aforesaid money, the date of the receipt; and
  - (iii) if not, the date on which the above mentioned money will be given?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each project—
- (i) the number of industrial villages expected to be started in the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) the amount of money estimated for it;
  - (iii) the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions / villages in which the aforesaid industrial villages will be started;
  - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid industrial villages were started and the date on which the work related to above mentioned villages is due to be completed; and
  - (v) the amount of money that has been released for the villages in which work has already been commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self-employment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
  - (i) whether the Ministry of Rural Industries and Self-employment Promotion is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
  - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
  - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
  - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
  - (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
  - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
  - (i) whether the Ministry of Construction and Engineering Services is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;

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- (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
  - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
  - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
  - (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
  - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

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12.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Higher Education is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
  - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
  - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
  - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?



(9)

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
  - (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
  - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

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13.

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 submit to this House—
- (i) whether quotations have been called for the implementation of housing projects in the districts of Kilinochchi, Mulativu, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Ampara, Vavunia and Mannar through Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA);
  - (ii) the names of the institutions which have submitted quotations and the relevant quotations;
  - (iii) the names of the aforesaid institutions and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of their owners;
  - (iv) the names, designations and addresses of the members of the board which approved quotations;
  - (v) the name and the address of the institution which was approved after the quotations were called as mentioned above; and
  - (vi) the names of the persons who co-ordinated between the institution which was approved and the aforesaid Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA)?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether financial allocations for the aforesaid housing project were obtained from the state or any other government institution;
  - (ii) separately, the manner in which those financial allocations were spent, with relevance to each project and district; and
  - (iii) the names, designations and addresses of the officials who supervised and approved the expenditure and relevant constructions?
- (c) Will he submit to this House separately with relevance to each housing project, the agreements signed with the institutions of contractors which carried out the aforesaid constructions?
- (d) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayaka,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether providing health services to the estates that come under the plantation sector in Sri Lanka is a responsibility of the government;
  - (ii) the amount of money that will be spent to fulfill that responsibility, out of the amount of money that has been allocated for the health sector for the year 2007;
  - (iii) the institutions through which this aforesaid amount of money is spent and the health services that are being provided; and
  - (iv) institutions that are in charge of the administration of the Institutions of the health sector that fulfill each of the aforesaid responsibilities;
- (b) Will he state separately the number of hospitals, maternity homes and maternity and child clinics in the estate sector of Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he present to this House separately, on the basis of each category, the number of doctors, nurses, para medical officers, supplementary medical officers, family health services officers of junior staffs who work in the estate health sector?
- (d) Will he admit that action has hitherto been taken without considering the estate employees' right to health is a responsibility of the government?
- (e) Will he take necessary action to recognize the estate workers health as a responsibility of the government?
- (f) Will he submit in this House—
  - (i) whether there is a proposed plan to implement it; and
  - (ii) if so, the aforesaid plan?
- (g) If not, why?

1506/'07

15.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
  - (i) the extent of land belonging to the Sujatha Balika Vidyalaya at Kumbiyangoda in Matale;
  - (ii) whether the land on which a new three storey building for the aforesaid school is being constructed, belongs to that school; and
  - (iii) if not, whether action will be taken to acquire that land?

(11)

- (b) Will he take necessary action regarding the officers who granted approval to construct a government building on a land which has not been acquired?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the access road to the agricultural land adjoining the school belongs to the school premises;
  - (ii) if not, name of the institution to which it belongs; and
  - (iii) whether the principal has the authority to fix a gate closing the aforesaid road belonging to another institution?
- (d) Is he aware that the principal is acting in an arbitrary manner disregarding the order of the District Co-ordinating Committee?
- (e) Will he take steps to stop this act of the principal and to protect the road which is used by residents of the area to gain access to the paddy fields and the stream?
- (f) If not, why?

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

\*1.

The Minister of Export Development and International Trade,— Order under Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Export Development and International Trade under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No.40 of 1979, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning relating to Cess levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1525/1 of 26th November, 2007, which was presented on 11.12.2007, be approved.

\*2.

Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Bill,—Second Reading.

\*3.

Defence Services Command and Staff College Bill - Second Reading.

\*4.

Api Wenuwen Api Fund Bill — Second Reading.

\*5.

Termination of Employment of Workmen (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*6.

Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*7.

University of Vocational Technology Bill — Second Reading.

\*8.

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

\*9.

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

\*10.

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

\*11.

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

\*12.

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

\*13.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

\*14.

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, be approved.

\*15.

The Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,— Rule under the Post Office Ordinance,— That the rule made by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance under Sections 12, 21, 25, 27, 81, 62, 06, 39, 49, 44, 68, 67, 40, 24, 59, 60, 35, 59, 67 and 64 of the Post Office Ordinance (Chapter 190) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1494/10 of 25th April 2007 which was presented on 17.07.2007 be approved.

\*16.

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</u> Monthly
Total	Rs. 80,400.00

**Members**

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

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)

\*17.

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	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

**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)

\*18.

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

**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)

\*19.

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</u> Monthly
Total	<u>Rs. 79,400.00</u>

**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)

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20.

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. Ajit 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 Niwad 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 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.

21.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

22.

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

*\* Indicates Government Business*

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

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1476/'07

1.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—

- (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Anuradhapura district; and
- (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?

(b) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in charge of this subject; and
- (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?

(c) Will he state separately—

- (i) the extent of land in Anuradhapura district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;
- (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and
- (iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?

(d) If not, why?

2.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—

- (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Hambantota district; and
- (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?

(b) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in charge of this subject; and
- (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?

(c) Will he state separately—

- (i) the extent of land in Hambantota district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;
- (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and
- (iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?

(d) If not, why?

1478/'07

3.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—
  - (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Matara district; and
  - (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
  - (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in charge of this subject; and
  - (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?
- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) the extent of land in Matara district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;
  - (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and
  - (iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?
- (d) If not, why?

1479/'07

4.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—
  - (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Kurunegala district; and
  - (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?

- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in charge of this subject; and
  - (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?
- (c) Will he state separately—
- (i) the extent of land in Kurunegala district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;
  - (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and
  - (iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?
- (d) If not, why?

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5.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—
- (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Galle district; and
  - (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in charge of this subject; and
  - (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?

- (c) Will he state separately—
- (i) the extent of land in Galle district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;
  - (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and
  - (iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?
- (d) If not, why?

1481/'07

6.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—
- (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Matale district; and
  - (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in - charge of this subject; and
  - (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?
- (c) Will he state separately—
- (i) the extent of land in Matale district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;

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- (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and
  - (iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?
- (d) If not, why?

1482/'07

7.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—
- (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Kandy district; and
  - (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in - charge of this subject; and
  - (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?
- (c) Will he state separately—
- (i) the extent of land in Kandy district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;
  - (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and
  - (iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—

- (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Batticaloa district; and
- (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?

(b) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in charge of this subject; and
- (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?

(c) Will he state separately—

- (i) the extent of land in Batticaloa district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;
- (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and
- (iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?

(d) If not, why?

1484/'07

9.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—

- (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Trincomalee district; and
- (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?

(b) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in charge of this subject; and
- (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?

(c) Will he state separately—

- (i) the extent of land in Trincomalee district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;
- (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and
- (iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?

(d) If not, why?

1485/'07

10.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—

- (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Polonnaruwa district; and



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- (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
  - (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in-charge of this subject; and
  - (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?
- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) the extent of land in Polonnaruwa district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;
  - (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and
  - (iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?
- (d) If not, why?

1486/'07

11.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—
  - (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Puttalam district; and
  - (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
  - (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in-charge of this subject; and

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- (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?
- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) the extent of land in Puttalam district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;
  - (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and
  - (iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?
- (d) If not, why?

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12.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—
  - (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Ampara district; and
  - (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
  - (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in-charge of this subject; and
  - (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?
- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) the extent of land in Ampara district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;

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- (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and
  - (iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?
- (d) If not, why?

1488/'07

13.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—
- (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Kegalle district; and
  - (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in charge of this subject; and
  - (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?
- (c) Will he state separately—
- (i) the extent of land in Kegalle district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;
  - (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and

(iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?

(d) If not, why?

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14.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—

(i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Gampaha district; and

(ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?

(b) Will he inform this House separately—

(i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in-charge of this subject; and

(ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?

(c) Will he state separately—

(i) the extent of land in Gampaha district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;

(ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and

(iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?

(d) If not, why?

15.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—
  - (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Badulla district; and
  - (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
  - (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in charge of this subject; and
  - (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?
- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) the extent of land in Badulla district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;
  - (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and
  - (iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?
- (d) If not, why?

1491/'07

16.

Hon. R.M. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— 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—
  - (i) the extent of land belonging to Land Reforms Commission in Monaragala district; and
  - (ii) out of the extent mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land leased out under 99 year and 30 year leasing schemes from the year 2000 up to now, the names of the lessees, the dates and the aims of relevant leasing?

(b) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) whether lands have been provided to various individuals or institutions in any way other than the aforesaid leasing schemes under the former Minister who was in charge of this subject; and
- (ii) if so, the names of those who obtained lands in that manner, the dates on which those lands were given, the relevant extent of land and the aims of it?

(c) Will he state separately—

- (i) the extent of land in Monaragala district which does not belong to Land Reforms Commission but comes under the relevant Ministry;
- (ii) out of the extent of land mentioned in the answer given for (i) above, the extent of land which has been leased out in any manner; and
- (iii) the extent of land given through leasing or in any other manner, the names of the recipients, dates on which those lands were given and the aims of giving lands in the aforesaid manner?

(d) If not, why?

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**Wednesday, January 09, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1232/'07

1. 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 TV stations that are in operation in the country;
  - (ii) the number of licenses issued to operate TV Stations that have still not come into operation; and
  - (iii) the frequency of their telecasting TV stations?
- (b) Is he aware that the Government had introduced taxes to discourage the foreign TV films flowing to the country with the intention of assisting the local film industry?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether it has achieved its objective;
  - (ii) if so, where and how these benefits have been obtained; and
  - (iii) the amount that has been paid by each station per month since the tax was imposed to-date?
- (d) Will he also state—
  - (i) the other taxes that have been imposed on these TV Stations; and
  - (ii) the amount earned by the Government for the last 12 months separately?
- (e) If not, why?

1241/'07

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 three worst periods of inflation (minimum of three continuous months to be consolidated as a period) of this country since the Central Bank was enacted;

- (ii) the amount of inflation; and
  - (iii) the action taken by the Central Bank to ameliorate the situation?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the reason attributed to such a high inflation trend; and
  - (ii) the impact to the National Economy in running into such high inflationary trends?
- (c) Will he submit to this House a comparison of inflation trends during the same periods with India, Pakistan, Thailand, Singapore and Dubai?
- (d) If not, why?

1252/'07

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, for the last 08 years to date—
- (i) the performance of the National Lotteries Board;
  - (ii) the sales to cost percentage, advertising expenditure as a percentage of total cost, commission paid to agents as a percentage of expenditure?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of agents appointed by the National Lotteries Board;
  - (ii) the cost paid to them for advertising etc.;
  - (iii) the name of the person who prints the Instant Scratch Tickets and the Normal Tickets;
  - (iv) whether they have been awarded through tenders;
  - (v) if so, the date of the last tender;
  - (vi) the value of all the printing given without the tender procedure; and
  - (vii) the date given so, and the reason?
- (c) Will he inform—
- (i) the action taken for the list of online lotteries;
  - (ii) the total loss;



- (iii) the name of the person who has given that approval; and
- (iv) the legal action been taken against the company who was running this online operation?
- (d) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether there was a duplicate issue of tickets allocated to a lottery agent in Kotte on 20th May, 2007; and
  - (ii) whether this grave error has been happened and how?
- (e) If not, why?

1346/'07

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
  - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1347/'07

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Community Development and Social Inequity Eradication is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
  - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1348/'07

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and

- (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1034/'07

7.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of Finance and Planning, to provide the drinking water facility and to improve the existing water projects in the Sooriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division, under identified development expenses in respect of Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the year 2007;
  - (ii) whether the relevant ministries have received the said money,
  - (iii) if not, when the money would be received?
- (b) Will he state in this House the manner in which the allocations would be made to provide drinking water facilities and to improve basic sanitary facilities, the estimated amount, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions that the water and sanitary facility would be given, the number of beneficiary families and the date of commencement with the proposed date of completion, in respect of each proposal?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of drinking water connection given in the above Divisional Secretariat Division as at 31.12.2006;
  - (ii) the number of new drinking water connection that can be given out of the said financial investment in the year 2007;
  - (iii) the amount of money spent to reconstruct the existing water projects;
  - (iv) for the reconstruction of which activities?
- (d) if not, why?

1381/'07

8.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money allocated by the relevant Ministry to the Tissamaharamaya Divisional Secretariat Division for starting new industrial villages;
  - (ii) if the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division has received the aforesaid money, the date of the receipt; and
  - (iii) if not, the date on which the above mentioned money will be given?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each project—
- (i) the number of industrial villages expected to be started in the relevant Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) the amount of money estimated for it;
  - (iii) the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions / villages in which the aforesaid industrial villages will be started;
  - (iv) the date on which the aforesaid industrial villages were started and the date on which the work related to above mentioned villages is due to be completed; and
  - (v) the amount of money that has been released for the villages in which work has already been commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

1565/'07

9.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
  - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
  - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;

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- (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
  - (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
  - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1566/'07

10.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Mass Media and Information is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
  - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
  - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
  - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
  - (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
  - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
  - (i) whether the Ministry of Land and Land Development is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
  - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
  - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
  - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
  - (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
  - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— 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 names and addresses of the local and foreign non-governmental organizations that took action to provide relief to the people who were affected by the Tsunami in the Southern Province?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of houses that were constructed by the aforesaid non-governmental organizations;

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- (ii) the areas in which they were constructed;
  - (iii) the names, addresses and designations of the persons who were offered foreign tours by the aforesaid non-governmental organizations; and
  - (iv) the countries for which the aforesaid tours had been offered and the number of dates and the number of trips relevant to the aforesaid foreign tours?
- (c) If not, why?

1606/'07

13.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of metric tons of raw fish which was exported annually during the period of last 05 years and the value of the aforesaid amounts of fish; and
  - (ii) the number of metric tons of raw fish which was imported annually during the above mentioned period and the monetary value of the amounts of fish so imported?
- (b) Will he state whether the importation of fish in the aforesaid manner is done as the local fish production is not sufficient?
- (c) Will he admit that the local fish production can be increased if the government provides relief to the fishermen?
- (d) If not, why?

1658/'07

14.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources uses his vehicles of the Ministry of Fisheries;
  - (ii) if so, the number of vehicles used as mentioned above; and
  - (iii) the amount of money spent on fuel during the period of past eight months?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratne,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

(a) Will he submit to this House separately and in detail—

- (i) the amount of money that has been allocated to the Ibbagamuwa Pradeshiya Sabha by the Central Government, the relevant provincial council and other financial institutions within the period from the year 2002 to 01.08.2007; and
- (ii) the income received by the aforesaid Pradeshiya sabha within the aforesaid period?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of projects that has been carried out by the aforesaid institution within the period mentioned above and the amount of money that has been spent on those projects; and
- (ii) whether the aforesaid projects have been carried out in compliance with the accepted rules and regulations?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether monies have been obtained by the authorities of the relevant Pradeshiya Sabha for the purposes which are not the activities carried out for the benefit of the public, except for the aforesaid projects; and
- (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken against the aforesaid relevant authorities?

(d) If not, why?

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**Thursday, January 10, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1264/'07

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the net profit or loss of Ceylon Electricity Board from 1995 to date on per year basis?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the depreciation has been provided as per accepted accounting terms;
  - (ii) if not the profit and loss with depreciation being provided?
- (c) Will he further state the short term, long term and the total debt of Ceylon Electricity Board as at 31st of December, in 2004, 2005, 2006 and as at today separately?
- (d) Will he inform this house—
  - (i) the loans recovered through lending agencies over the last 4 years;
  - (ii) the amount and the interest rates; and
  - (iii) the debt amortization plan of the Ceylon Electricity Board along with interests and capital separately?
- (e) If not, why?

1272/'07

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the dates that the prices of petrol, diesel, kerosene oil, furnace oil and aviation fuel was increased from 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2004 to date;
  - (ii) the VAT percentage for Petrol; and
  - (iii) the above value per liter?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the total taxes for each petroleum product for the year 2006;
  - (ii) the purpose that this revenue has been used for; and
  - (iii) if all taxes are eliminated, what would be the price of petrol, diesel, kerosene oil, furnace oil and aviation fuel?
- (c) Will he admit—
- (i) that increase in taxes were supposed to be uplifted the roads; and
  - (ii) after the taxes had been imposed the roads have got worse?
- (d) if it is so, what is the purpose of such taxes?
- (e) If not, why?

1413/'07

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 amount of money collected by way of Cess from 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2002 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007 for various activities;
  - (ii) the specific activity and the amount; and
  - (iii) the percentage Cess collected from Tourism, Fisheries, Coconut, Tea, Rubber and Prawns?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the date that the money collected through Cess has been sent to each sector related Ministry; and
  - (ii) the amount that has been sent accordingly, for the last 05 years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

1349/'07

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Rural Industries (Non-cabinet) is housed in a government building?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
  - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
- (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1350/07

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Livestock Development is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
  - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?

- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1351/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Deputy Minister of Fisheries are housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
  - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment,—

- (a) Will she state in this House—
  - (i) whether the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Empowerment is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
  - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
  - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
  - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will she state—
  - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
  - (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
  - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
  - (i) whether the Ministry of Power and Energy is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
  - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
  - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
  - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
  - (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
  - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1578/'07

9.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Constitutional Affairs and National Integration,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Constitutional Affairs and National Integration is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
  - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
  - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
  - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;

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- (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
  - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1458/'07

10.

Hon. Samansiri 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—
- (i) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions that has been selected under the Gama Neguma project in the Chillaw-Madampe Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) separately, the names of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions; and
  - (iii) separately, the projects that have been selected?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
- (i) the amount of money allocated for each project; and
  - (ii) the number of projects that has been completed by now?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of projects that has not been completed; and
  - (ii) the reasons for not completing the aforesaid projects?
- (d) If not, why?

1459/'07

11.

Hon. Samansiri 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—
- (i) the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions that have been selected under the Gama Neguma project in the Arachchikattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division;
  - (ii) separately, the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions; and
  - (iii) separately, the projects that have been selected?

- (b) Will he state in this House—
  - (i) the amount of money allocated for each projects; and
  - (ii) the number of projects that has been completed by now?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the number of projects that has not been completed; and
  - (ii) the reasons for not completing the work of the projects mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

1462/'07

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total annual revenue of the Chillaw Urban Council in the Puttlam District; and
  - (ii) separately, the sources of such income?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the amount incurred on the monthly allowances of the members of the Urban Council including the Chairman;
  - (ii) the amount incurred separately on the fuel/telephone allowances and other expenses of the Chairman;
  - (iii) the amount incurred monthly for the payment of allowances and salaries of the permanent and casual employees of the relevant Urban Council;
  - (iv) the number of casual employees and their periods of service; and
  - (v) the reason for them not being made permanent?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the amount of money left for development activities from the total annual revenue and other receivables after setting aside money for the salaries and other maintenance of the Urban Council; and
  - (ii) the action to be taken if money has been spent in violation of the relevant circulars or without the approval of the Urban Council?
- (d) If not, why?



1122/'07

13.

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

- (a) Will he state whether Air Lanka Company will be taken over by the government again after the agreement on which the management and a percentage of the shares of Air Lanka that belonged to the government were transferred to Emirates Company, has expired?
- (b) If not, why?

1127/'07

14.

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of loans (including the Treasury Bills) that should be paid by the government as at 31st March 2007, indicating local and foreign loans separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total amount of loans (including Treasury Bills) that has been borrowed by the government in each of the years during the period from 2000 to 2007; and
  - (ii) separately, the amount that was paid by the government as interest and loan installments for local and foreign loans in each of the aforesaid years?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the names of the institutions from which these foreign loans were borrowed during the period of year 2006 and up to 31st March 2007;
  - (ii) separately, the amount of each of the aforesaid loans; and
  - (iii) rates of interest and other conditions followed in obtaining those loans?
- (d) If not, why?

1543/'07

15.

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—
  - (i) Mr. U.R. Jayasooriya residing at No. 50/A, Hulandawa (Left), Monaragala in the Monaragala Divisional Secretariat Division was a person selected as a Samurdhi beneficiary; and

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- (ii) it has been decided by the letter of the Samurdhi Commissioner General dated 15.08.2007 that Mr. U.R. Jayasooriya belongs to the middle / rich income group?
- (b) Will he admit that he is a person who should receive poor relief further in spite of the above mentioned decision?
- (c) Therefore, will he take the necessary steps to provide Mr. U.R. Jayasooriya with the Samurdhi assistance further?
- (d) If not, why?

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**Friday, January 11, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1414/'07

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether a 2nd International Airport is being constructed; and
  - (ii) if so, whether the Environment impact assessment report, Cost benefit analysis report and feasibility report have been submitted after approval?
- (b) Will he table the above three reports in this House?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the compensation figure agreed to be paid to the people who have to be relocated; and
  - (ii) the total number of people and a list of all the names along with the amounts to be paid?
- (d) Will he state—
  - (i) the date on which the foundation stone was laid along with the date to be completed;
  - (ii) the Airlines agreed to fly into this Airport; and
  - (iii) whether the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has agreed and approved it?

- (e) Will he also state—
- (i) whether this Airport is going to be owned by the Government;
  - (ii) the amount to be spent and who is going to finance it; and
  - (iii) the terms and conditions of the loan?
- (f) If not, why?

1415/'07

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 cost incurred by the Government for the helicopters used by the His Excellency the President, the Hon. Prime Minister, Advisors to His Excellency the President and the Ministers separately, during 1st January, 2006 to 30th June 2007; and
  - (ii) a detailed break-up in respect of the advisors to His Excellency the President and the Ministers?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the Air Force helicopters have been used without any bill to the Government;
  - (ii) the number of times and the persons who used the helicopters except His Excellency the President and the Prime Minister;
  - (iii) whether the private company helicopters have been used for the above persons; and
  - (iv) if so, the cost and the name of the person?
- (c) If not, why?

1417/'07

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 accounts of the Institute of Government Accountants and Finance for the last five years;
  - (ii) the number of persons that have been trained and the spheres of activity;
  - (iii) the number of students in each activity; and
  - (iv) what the actual intention of this particular Institute is?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the names of the Board of Governors and the Directors of this Institute;
  - (ii) whether there is an Institute of Public Management and Development Accountancy as well;
  - (iii) the number of persons that have been trained; and
  - (iv) that their purpose and role?
- (c) Will he also state whether—
- (i) it is correct that the above Public Management and Development Accountancy which was determined to obtain Chartered status and was stopped in 2003;
  - (ii) they are trying to resuscitate this intention once again; and
  - (iii) it is planning to take over the running of the Institute of Government Accountants and Finance?
- (d) If not, why?

1352/'07

4. Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils and the Minister of Local Government (Non-cabinet) are housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
  - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
- (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1353/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Deputy Minister of Land and Land Development is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
  - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1354/'07

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the offices of the Deputy Minister of Higher Education is housed in a government building?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the address of the place, the address of the owner of the place and the date on which it was obtained if the relevant office is housed in a private institution or in a land or a building owned by a private individual; and
  - (ii) separately, the number of square feet of the office and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the space for the office has been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?

- (c) Will he state separately—
- (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the space for the office on rent, lease or any other basis; and
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been deposited as mentioned above?
- (d) Will he take necessary action to house the aforesaid office in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

1579/'07

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Science and Technology,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Science and Technology is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
  - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
  - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
  - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
  - (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
  - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1582/'07

8.

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

- (a) Will she state in this House—
  - (i) whether the Ministry of Housing and Common Amenities is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
  - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
  - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will she inform this House—
  - (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
  - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will she state—
  - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
  - (ii) the names of the owners of such building; and
  - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid building separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1583/'07

9.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
  - (i) whether the Ministry of Social Services and Social Welfare is housed in a Government-owned building, or else in a building belonging to a private owner;
  - (ii) if it is a building belonging to a private owner, the name of the owner; and
  - (iii) the square area of the building and its monthly rent?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the other institutions which are under the said Ministry;
  - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the building in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to the private owners as aforesaid;
  - (ii) the names of the owners of such buildings; and
  - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1463/'07

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total annual revenue of the Chillaw Pradeshiya Sabha in the Puttlam District; and
  - (ii) separately, the sources of such income?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the amount incurred on the monthly allowances of the members of the Pradeshiya Sabha including the Chairman;
  - (ii) the amount incurred separately on the fuel/telephone allowances and other expenses of the Chairman;
  - (iii) the amount incurred monthly for the payment of allowances and salaries of the permanent and casual employees of the relevant Pradeshiya Sabha;
  - (iv) the number of casual employees and their periods of service; and
  - (v) the reason for them not being made permanent?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money left for development activities from the total annual revenue and other receivables after setting aside money for the salaries and other maintenance of the Pradeshiya Sabha; and



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(ii) the action to be taken if money has been spent in violation of the relevant circulars or without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha?

(d) If not, why?

1464/07

11.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the total annual revenue of the Arachchikattuwa Pradeshiya Sabha in the Puttlam District; and

(ii) separately, the sources of the above mentioned income?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

(i) the amount incurred on the allowances of the members of this Pradeshiya Sabha including the Chairman;

(ii) separately, the amount incurred on the fuel/telephone allowances and other expenses of the Chairman;

(iii) the amount incurred monthly for the payment of allowances and salaries of the permanent and casual employees of the relevant Pradeshiya Sabha;

(iv) the number of casual employees and their periods of service up to now; and

(v) the reason for not making them permanent?

(c) Will he inform this House—

(i) the amount of money left for development activities from the total annual revenue and other receivables after setting aside money for the salaries and other maintenance of the Pradeshiya Sabha; and

(ii) the steps that will be taken if money has been spent in violation of the relevant Circulars or without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha?

(d) If not, why?

1500/'07

12.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Is he aware that forests are being destroyed in the Kokwewa embankment reserve close to the Mee Oya and the Siyambalangamuwa Oya and in the areas of Nanneriya, Wannu Amuna Kole, Pothangama, Mottapeththewa and Karuwalagaswewa in the Galgamuwa electorate as stated in the 'Irida Lankadeepa' newspaper on the 10th July 2007 under the headline "Panduru Pakkudam Walata Ratata Vina katina Nila Baladhariyo"?
- (b) Will he take steps to apprehend the racketeers involved in the destruction of forests as mentioned above?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether an investigation will be conducted to find out whether these timber racketeers are being assisted by public officers?
- (d) Will he state the steps that can be taken to prevent aforesaid destruction of forests?
- (e) If not, why?

1327/'07

13.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the amount of money that the Chinese Government has agreed to provide for the construction of the proposed coal power plant in Norochcholai;
  - (ii) the basis on which the aforesaid amount of money has been granted;
  - (iii) if the aforesaid amount of money has been granted on the basis of a repayable loan, the number of installments of loan and interest and the period for repayment?
- (b) Will he state the period of time within which the construction work of the proposed power plant will be completed?
- (c) Will he submit to this House a progress review report on the construction work that has been completed by now?
- (d) If not, why?

1440/'07

14.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Is he aware that all the doors that can be used to enter the 747 New Hanger in a case of a sudden fire have been blocked by the new building that has been annexed to the aforesaid 747 New Hanger by the Sri Lankan Airlines?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) this is a serious unauthorized construction; and
  - (ii) permission has not been obtained from the Civil Aviation Authority for the construction of this building and it does not comply with the international standards that should be maintained in an airport?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether action is being taken to demolish this building which was built by spending crores of rupees?
- (d) Will he state the steps that will be taken with regard to this type of a waste of crores of rupees that has been committed without adhering to the standards and obtaining the proper permission of the Civil Aviation Authority?
- (e) If not, why?

1444/'07

15.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the indemnity received by the Foreign Employment Bureau to be paid to the emigrants from the year 2001 to year 2005;
  - (ii) the reason for the non-payment of the aforesaid compensation to them; and
  - (iii) the names of the persons who are responsible for the aforesaid non-payment of compensation?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the amount of money received in the aforesaid manner from the year 2005 up to date; and
  - (ii) whether the Bureau will take necessary action to pay the compensation received as mentioned above to the relevant persons without any delay?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.03/'05

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,—Adjourned debate on question (06th July 2007)

Motion made and question proposed,—“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

2.

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

3.

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

4.

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

5.

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

6.

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

7.

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

8.

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

9.

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

10.

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

11.

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

12.

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

13.

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

14.

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

15.

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

16.

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

17.

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

18.

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

19.

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

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

P.31/06

27.

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

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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 into regulate contempt of court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.

P.38/'06

32.

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, compe 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

33.

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.

P.48/'07

34.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, – Establishment of a Common Fund for Buddhist Religious Affairs, –That, since the lack of involvements in Buddhist religious affairs in Sri Lanka most of the Buddhist shrines are maintained with the support of patrons and donors and since this is a deplorable situation when compared to the donations received from various sources for other religions and since the restrictions have been imposed on providing money from the decentralized funds of the Members of Parliament, that this Parliament resolves that a Common Fund be established for the conservation, development and maintenance of the Buddhist shrines which are rendering a invaluable service to the Buddha Sasana even at this poor condition.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

P.43/07.

1.

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and recommend steps to be taken to prevent the recent increasing of the abductions of persons—

Whereas abductions appear to have become a common daily occurrence in Colombo;

And whereas abductions are now taking place in Mahanuwara;

And whereas many of these abductions are taking place in broad daylight;

And whereas over a hundred persons have been abducted in the past two years alone;

And whereas the motives behind these abductions appear to be both political and criminal (extortion of money);

And whereas the law enforcement machinery has not taken meaningful steps to prevent these abductions or trace the abductees after the event;

And whereas very often the abductees turn up as corpses;

And whereas the Police have not been able to trace the killers of the Member of Parliament Mr. N. Raviraj killed in Colombo in broad daylight on a busy city highway;

And whereas as recently as June 2007 two Red Cross members (Katikesu Chandramohan and Sinnarasa Shanmugalingam) were abducted from the Fort Railway Station in the presence of hundreds of commuters and two days later their corpses turned up in the Ratnapura District;

And whereas a fear psychosis is gripping the nation and spreading panic and alarm at all levels of society;

And whereas if this trend continues unabated, the day to day life in these cities and its environments will come to a complete standstill with disastrous consequences;

This Parliament Resolves that a Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into and report on:

- (a) the circumstances of these abductions,
- (b) measures necessary to prevent such occurrences,
- (c) measures to be taken to identify and bring the culprits to book and,
- (d) such other and further measures as the Committee deems necessary in these circumstances.

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

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2.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Ranjith Aluwihare

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka,— Vote of No Confidence on Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

In as much Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella, Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare and the Defence Spokesman of the Government stated a blatant falsehood in Parliament on 07.06.2007 in regard to the forcible transportation of Tamil persons residing in lodges in Colombo in the early hours of the 7th of June, 2007;

And thereby he deliberately misled the House;

And whereas no retraction nor an apology was made by Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella in the House of Parliament even on Friday the 08th June 2007, the last day of the Sitting Week of Parliament after the facts became evident that the persons were forcibly evicted.;

And whereas in the light of the statement made by the Prime Minister, Hon. Ratnasiri Wickramanayake on 10th June 2007 at a specially convened press conference wherein he himself apologized for the deportation of the Sri Lankan Tamils and publicly pronounced that it was a mistake and denying that the persons who were transported voluntarily agreed to go, thereby contradicting the statement made by Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella on the floor of the House;

And in as much as the Hon. Prime Minister has gone to the extent of apologizing to the deportees on behalf of the Government and assured that there will be no repetition of such occurrences;

This House resolves that it has no confidence in the ability of Hon. Keheliya Rambukwella to continue as a Minister in the Government.

3.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera  
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella  
Hon. Ranjith Aluwihare

Hon. Sagala Ratnayaka,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into the arbitrary and forcible eviction of Tamil Citizens from Colombo—

Whereas admittedly several hundreds of Tamil citizens of Sri Lanka were rounded up arbitrarily and forcibly evicted from their places of residence situated in the Pettah, Wellawatta, and Kotahena areas in the early hours of 7th June 2007 without any warning whatsoever;

And whereas they were huddled into buses against their will and were transported to places such as Vavuniya and Trincomalee;

And whereas now the Government has admitted that this was an illegal action;

And whereas this position was officially announced by the Hon. Ratnasiri Wickramanayake, the Prime Minister wherein he publicly apologized to the Tamil people that it was a mistake;

And whereas this whole action of the Government has brought discredit to the country in the eyes of the international community and caused severe consternation in the Sri Lankan Tamil Community;

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

- (a) inquire into the circumstances under which these persons were deported,
- (b) determine who were responsible for these actions,
- (c) recommend measures to prevent such occurrences in future,
- (d) recommend steps to punish those responsible for these illegal actions,.

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to :

- (a) fix its quorum ;
- (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and,
- (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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4.

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. Kabir Hashim

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. Rukman Senanayake

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam

Hon. Mahinda Ratnatilake

Hon. A.D. Premadasa Champika,—Admission of children to schools for the academic year 2008,— This House resolves that the Cabinet of Ministers should take urgent action under Article 122 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to adopt the system that has been hitherto followed for the admission of children to schools for the academic year 2008 only, pending a full review of the system.

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The Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,— Select Committee of Parliament to continue and complete the task of the former Select Committee to review the functioning of the Human Rights Commission, established under the Act, No.21 of 1996,—

“Whereas a Select Committee of Parliament was appointed on 10th April 2002 to review the functioning of the Human Rights Commission, established under the Act, No.21 of 1996; to assess the effectiveness of the provisions of the Constitution relating to pre-enactment renew of laws and the exercise of the constitutional jurisdiction of the Supreme Court under Chapter XVI of the Constitution to consider alternative methods of insuring compliance with the provision of Constitution to consider widening the scope of said review and to propose of amendments to the Constitution all necessary stages,

And whereas the said Select Committee of Parliament presented an interim report dated 10th December 2002 outlining the work it had engaged in up to that point and setting out its future programme of action,

And whereas the said Select Committee of Parliament was unable to fulfil the said twin mandate due to the dissolution of Parliament in April 2004,

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to continue and complete the work of the previous Select Committee, and as such, to carry out the following terms of reference;

- (a) to review the functioning of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka established under Act, No. 21 of 1996, and to propose ways and means of improving its effectiveness, reduce instances of duplication of work, and recommend amendments to the said law, with the objective of strengthening the role and mandate of the institution to protect and promote human rights; and

- (b) to assess the effectiveness of the provisions of the constitution relating to pre-enactment review of laws and the exercise of the constitutional jurisdiction of the Supreme Court under Chapter XVI of the Constitution; to consider alternative methods of ensuring compliance with the constitutional provisions, to consider widening the scope of such review and, where necessary, propose amendments to the Constitution.

It is further resolved that:

- 2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,  
(b) 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.
- 4. The Committee on considering all such matters should submit its report to Parliament within six (6) months of the setting up of the Committee or such latter date as Parliament may in its discretion appoint”.

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6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Kabir Hashim,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into and report on the serious breaches of the Constitution and Appropriation Acts, of No.39 of 2005 and No.47 of 2006 and other Financial Regulations,—

Whereas the Hon. Leader of the Opposition in the course of his statement made in the House on 19th September, 2007 has disclosed serious breaches of the Constitution and Appropriation Act, No.39 of 2005 and Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006 and other Financial Regulations, and

Whereas monies appear to have been advanced to various persons and institutions in total disregard of the Constitution and Laws and Regulations the governing utilization of public funds, and

Whereas it appears senior officers of the Government are guilty of these breaches of the Law,

- 1. This House hereby resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed:
  - (i) To look into and report on the truth of these allegations,
  - (ii) To investigate and report on how a clause that is clearly violative of the Constitution was introduced into the Appropriation Act,

- (iii) To recommend steps necessary to be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future, and
- (iv) To recommend the action necessary to be taken against those who are implicated in these misdemeanours,

2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,

(b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to:

- (a) fix its quorum ;
- (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
- (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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7.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— The conduct of Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva, Minister of Labour,—

“Whereas the conduct of Hon. Mervyn Silva, Member of Parliament is unbecoming of a Member of Parliament and is detrimental to the dignity of the House and whereas recently he has made a public statement over the media that he could do anything with the Pistol legally assigned to him, and whereas he has frightened the officials of the Canadian High Commission on the pretext of a visa issue, entered the premises of the High Commission and forced the officials to grant visa to his son, it is moved that this August Assembly condemns the conduct of this Member of Parliament”.

\*8.

The Minister of Highways and Road Development,—The conduct of Hon. Mahinda Ratnatilake, Member of Parliament,—

Where as Hon. Mahinda Ratnatilake, the Member of Parliament for Ratnapura District has committed a severe offence by approaching the chair of the Hon. Speaker and forcibly snatching away some documents including the Order Paper of the Parliament, which spelt out the business of the House, when five finance bills were

taken up for vote subsequent to being debated in the House, and whereas the aforesaid act of the member put the entire Parliamentary tradition into shame. This House vehemently condemns this illegal act and the conduct of this Member of Parliament on that particular day.

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9.

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi

Hon. Sripathi Sooriyaarachchi,— Vote of No Confidence on Hon. Milinda Moragoda, Minister of Tourism,—

Whereas prevention of fraud corruption and waste in activities relating to the monetary affairs of the government is the prime responsibility of this House, it is necessary to carry out all monetary affairs of the government of Sri Lanka constitutionally and legally subject to the monetary control, approval and supervision of the Parliament,

Whereas in the report issued under Parliamentary Series No.6, which was submitted to this House as the second report of the Committee on Public Enterprises by Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama, M.P., Chairman to the Committee on Public Enterprises and Minister of Advanced Technology and National Enterprises Development, it is stated *inter alia* about the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as follows:—

“This report engages primarily key sectors in relation to deviations, violations and lack of proper accountability associated in the functions and responsibilities of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka particularly with regard to the supervision of banking and credit lending institutions. In this connection, your committee has identified the following areas in the banking and the credit institutions, where the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has failed in its responsibilities,

- (1) Lack of proper scrutiny in relation to companies in finance business on a regular basis.
- (2) Failure of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in the exercise of due diligence in granting banking licenses to the same individuals, who have been associated in the failed companies in finance business.
- (3) Failure to recover advances granted to such finance companies at the appropriate times.
- (4) Failure to adopt suitable measures and actions to deal with individuals, who have been responsible for such failures and take proper legal action connected therewith.
- (5) Failure in paying due attention to administration and management of finance companies that have been brought under its purview.



The committee has examined several areas of managerial deficiencies on the part of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, which we wish to sum up follows in relation to the areas mentioned above. We have further gone into the companies in the finance business where the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has made a substantial monetary investment,

Supervision over Finance Companies by Central Bank of Sri Lanka,

Your committee observed that the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has failed to recover the refinance facilities provided to 13 default Finance Companies during 1988 to 1994. While the total advances made to these companies amount to Rs. 2.7 billion, the total outstanding balance as at 31st December 2004 amount to Rs. 7.3 billion made up as follows,

Name of Company	Loans/ Advances Granted	Recoveries made up to 31.12.2004	Interest due up to 31.12.2004	Total outstanding balance as at 31.12.2004
	Rs. billion	Rs. billion	Rs. billion	Rs. billion
Mercantile Credit Limited	1.7	0.1	3.1	4.7
Union Trust & Investment Ltd.	0.3	—	0.4	0.7
House & Property Trader Ltd.	0.3	—	0.3	0.6
Translanka Investments Ltd.	0.2	—	0.2	0.4
Home Finance Ltd.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Others	0.1	—	0.7	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>7.3</b>

The Committee carried out a detailed review on the Mercantile Credit Limited (MCL) since the amount advanced to this company alone amounts to Rs. 1.7 billion (63% of the total advances made) and the amount outstanding amounted to Rs. 4.7 billion (64% of the total outstanding) as at 31st December 2004,

Your Committee noted the following in its examination,

- MCL which was incorporated as a limited liability company on 04th July 1956 and converted into a public quoted company on 23rd January 1957, was registered on 27th November 1980 as a finance company under the Control of Finance Companies Act, No.27 of 1979. It was registered under the new Finance Companies Act, No.78 of 1988 and issued a license to carry on finance business with effect from 06th November 1990.
- Since November 1990 MCL experienced severe liquidity problems and requested refinancing from the Government.
- The CBSL has given refinance/direct loan facilities amounting to Rs. 1,742 million to MCL from 1991 - 2000 against the security of promissory notes executed by the credit institution and assignment of loans for which refinance was provided as required by the provisions relating to Medium and Loans-term Credit Fund (MLCF) loans under the Monetary Law Act.

- Eventhough the Premier Management Limited was not a managing company of MCL, Coopers and Lybrand Associates has mentioned in their III quality report that it can be considered as a subsidiary company managed by MCL.
- Mr. A.S. Illangakoon, in whose name 9,994 shares (out of a total of 10,000 shares issued) are registered, holds them in trust for Allied Investment Limited the other 6 shares are held by present or past directors of Allied Investment Limited which is a partner company of Mercantile Credit Limited.
- Mr. Nihal Jayawardene, Chairman of Mercantile Credit Limited is a director of 19 of the 21 subsidiary companies of Premier Management Limited.
- Mrs. Neeliya Perera (daughter of Mr. N.U. Jayawardene, president, Mercantile Credit Limited) is a director of 13 subsidiary companies of Premier Management Limited.
- Mr. Milinda Moragoda (son of Mrs. Neeliya Perera) is a director of 13 subsidiary companies of Premier Management Limited.
- Mr. Nihal Jayawardane, Mrs. Neeliya Perera and Mr. Milinda Moragoda are directors of Premier Management Limited and Mercantile Credit Limited.

Further, whereas the manner in which Mercantile Credit Company Limited had acted after obtaining money from the public as savings, obtaining permission to engage in financial enterprises in an improper manner and the manner in which repayment of refinance facilities obtained from the Central Bank of Sri Lanka had been omitted, is given with clarity and in detail from page 7 to 15 in the report of the Hon. Member of Parliament Rohitha Bogollagama,

Whereas it has been stated thus on the 5th page of the first report on the Committee on Public Enterprises submitted on behalf of this House by the Chairman of the Committee on Public Enterprises of the second session of the 6th Parliament Hon. Wijedasa Rajapaksha;

“The Central Bank of Sri Lanka has failed, neglected, acted in a lethargic manner in relation to the recovery of a sum of Rs. 7000 million which had been granted to bankrupt financial companies. The list of such companies is annexed as “A”. The Governor agreed to take appropriate legal action with due diligence within a period of two months”,

Whereas it has been disclosed as per the aforesaid annex “A” that Mercantile Credit Limited should pay Rs. 5071.3 million to the Central Bank as the initial capital and accrued interest,

Whereas it has been disclosed, as revealed above, that cash deposits were received by Mercantile Credit Limited from the people and that he has colluded with the other members of his family as one of its directors to make Mercantile Credit Limited an unsuccessful venture through the misuse and/or wasteful expenditure of such money,

Whereas it has been not yet possible to cause justice to the public by initiating legal action against the persons responsible for such failure; and

Whereas the Directors of Mercantile Credit Limited are entirely responsible for the failure to settle the Refinance facility of 5071.3 million provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, as a result of the failure of the Mercantile Credit Limited; and

Page 29 of the first report of the Committee on Public Enterprises which was presented by the aforesaid Member of Parliament Hon. Wijedasa Rajapaksha on behalf of this House, states the following with regard to the sale of 90% shares of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation (SLIC)

“Steering Committee to handle the sale of 90% shares of SLIC has been appointed on 22.01.2002 by the Hon. Minister, Milinda Moragoda without Cabinet approval”; and

Whereas it is obvious that there have been illegal and undue involvements in the sale of 90% shares of the Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation (SLIC); and

Whereas, as mentioned by the aforesaid Hon. Milinda Moragoda was the Minister in Charge of the Public Enterprise Reform Commission (PERC) at the time of the transaction of selling 90% shares of the Sri Lanka Marine Services (Pvt) Ltd. took place; and

Whereas it has now been referred to the Criminal Investigation Department and the Bribery or Corruption Commission to take appropriate legal action against the officers who are responsible for the acts of fraud and corruption and other misdeeds revealed by the first report of the aforesaid Committee and the transactions relating to Marine Services Limited, Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation and Mercantile Credit Limited in which Mr. Milinda Moragoda has had involvements have been referred to the Bribery or Corruption Commission for necessary legal action on the unanimous approval of the committee; and

Whereas he is expected to exhibit maximum confidence and transparency in carrying out his functions as a member of Parliament and a Minister; and

Whereas it is essential that Ministers responsible for colossal frauds and corruption of this magnitude should be severely dealt with for the common good of the people and also as an example to the society; and

Whereas a person charged with embezzling colossal amounts of public monies, holding a Ministerial Position is an impediment to future legal actions against him; and

Whereas the page 3 of the report of the Committee on Public Enterprises chaired by Hon. Wijedasa Rajapaksha states as follows;

“It was also decided that the reports be made in respect of these institutions examined by this Committee would be forwarded to His Excellency the President and the Ministers concerned of the subject for his information and also to take appropriate action”; and

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Whereas the report of Hon. Wijedasa Rajapaksha has already been referred to the Attorney General for necessary legal actions subsequent to the approval of His Excellency the President and the Cabinet of Ministers.

Whereas no civilized, law abiding person who also condemns fraud and corruption, approves of the failure to take any step against Minister Milinda Moragoda so far, although the report of the Committee on Public Enterprises was issued on 12th January 2007,

This Parliament resolves that it has lost confidence in the Minister of Tourism, Milinda Moragoda.

*\* Indicates Government Business*

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