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**Tuesday, June 17, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0001/'08

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; and
  - (ii) the above cost as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product?
- (b) Will he state,—
  - (i) whether our country can afford such subsidies; and
  - (ii) the number of people who get the benefit of these subsidies and the reason for it?
- (c) If not, why?

0002/'08

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 state—
  - (i) the number of statutory boards as at today;
  - (ii) the number of commercial corporations which are in operation;
  - (iii) the capital allocated at the inception and the net asset value as of today; and,
  - (iv) the number of fully-owned companies of the Government?

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- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the number of subsidiary companies in which the Government has shares;
  - (ii) the percentage of shares and the profit for the last 3 years on per year basis;
  - (iii) whether the dividends have been paid;
  - (iv) if so, the amount received;
  - (v) the number of Government Institutions privatized along with the percentage of Privatization for the last 10 years per year basis; and
  - (vi) the dividends that have been received from the privatized entities in which the government hold shares?
- (c) Will he inform this House, the capital employed, number of employment and the profit before and after tax and levies with regard to (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) in part (a) individually and collectively?
- (d) If not, why?

0003/'08

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 state separately, for the last 10 years—
- (i) the amount of taxes earned by the Government under duty, taxes, VAT, GST, excise, airport and port levy, stamp duty, BTT and any other;
  - (ii) a comparison of the above values against the budget earnings that was forecasted and a percentage of GDP; and,
  - (iii) the inflation rate of each year?
- (b) Will he state the real value of the money by comparing the inflation rate of the previous year and discounting the money for the following year?
- (c) if not, why?

0127/08

4.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
  - (i) the number of houses in the Western Province, under the Local Government Housing (Amendment) Act, No.63 of 1979; and
  - (ii) separately, the number of housing schemes according to areas?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the houses of over 20 years rent basis would be transferred free of charge by each local government body through a property disposal instrument; and
  - (ii) if there is any obstacle to this, what it is?
- (c) If not, why?

0128/08

5.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the number of foreign tours in which Mr. Ariyaratne Hewage, the former Secretary to the Ministry of Education, has been a participant since he was appointed to that office;
  - (ii) the names of the countries so visited;
  - (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid Secretary left the country and the period of time he spent in those countries;
  - (iv) the purpose of the aforesaid tours; and
  - (v) the benefits received by the country from those tours?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the names of the other persons who participated in the aforesaid tours with the Secretary concerned;
  - (ii) their designations;

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- (iii) the amount of money spent on each of the aforesaid tours;
  - (iv) the head of expenditure under which the aforesaid amount of money was spent; and
  - (v) the total amount of money spent on the foreign tours up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

0129/'08

6.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware that nearly 400 employees who formerly served at the Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) and lost their jobs after serving at Wesco Company Limited at Werahera, have been reappointed to work places of Sri Lanka Transport Board itself?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) these employees who were recruited on casual basis on 06.08.2004 have not been made permanent; and
  - (ii) they have not been allocated the Employees Provident Fund numbers even though deductions are being made from their salaries for the Employees Provident Fund Account?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he consider the amount paid to them as compensation for the service that was deprived to them when they had formerly served at the SLTB, as a reasonable compensation?
- (d) Will he state the steps that will be taken regarding the injustice caused to the relevant employees, if that amount is not sufficient?
- (e) If not, why?

0183/'08

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of blocks of commercial lands that have been given to the people in Thambuttegama and Galnewa towns in the Mahaweli “H” zone;
  - (ii) if commercial lands have been given as mentioned above, the year in which it was done and the basis on which they were given; and

(5)

- (iii) out of the blocks of lands given in the aforesaid manner, the number of blocks of lands that have been given deeds under Jaya Bhoomi, Swarna Bhoomi or any other basis?
- (b) Will he present to this House—
  - (i) the names and the addresses of the persons who have been given deeds as mentioned above;
  - (ii) the number of people who are to be given deeds for the aforesaid lands in these two towns; and
  - (iii) the names and the addresses of the persons who are to be given deeds as mentioned above?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the course of action that will be followed to provide deeds for these commercial lands; and
  - (ii) whether necessary action will be taken to provide the deeds immediately to the businessmen who have faced difficulties without being able to develop their business?
- (d) If not, why?

0184/'08

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) on the basis of each year, the total amount of loans, exceeding one million that have been granted to the borrowers by the Bank of Ceylon from year 1996 to year 2006;
  - (ii) the amount of money that has been recovered along with the interest from the aforesaid loans in each year; and
  - (iii) the amount of money that was considered as bad debts in each year?
- (b) Will he present to this House the names and addresses of the borrowers and the institutions who have obtained the loans that cannot be recovered as mentioned above and the amount of loans that have been obtained by them?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) out of the amount of loans that have been granted as mentioned above, the amount of loans that has been written off as bad debts; and

(6)

- (ii) if loans have been written off as mentioned above the names and addresses of the persons and institutions whose loans have been written off?
- (d) Will he submit in this House the courses of action that have been followed in order to recover the loans that couldn't be recovered and considered as bad debts?
- (e) if not, why?

0185/'08

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a function has been held under the name of “Livestock Awards Ceremony”?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the venue of that ceremony and the amount of money spent on that venue;
  - (ii) the amount of money allocated for the expenses related to the Publicity of that ceremony and the amount of money spent for that purpose;
  - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on the posters and the expenditure incurred on each medium; if advertisements have been published through electronic media or in newspapers;
  - (iv) separately, the amount of money spent on each strategy, if any other strategies have been used for publicity; and
  - (v) the total expenditure incurred on the ceremony including the cost of publicity?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether money of the Ministry was spent on the aforesaid ceremony;
  - (ii) if so, the expenditure head under which the above mentioned expenditure was done;
  - (iii) whether money was obtained from the departments, boards, corporations etc. that come under the relevant Ministry; and

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(iv) separately, the amounts of money so obtained, if money has been obtained as mentioned above?

(d) If not, why?

0311/'08

10.

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

(a) Is he aware of the environmental destruction and the damage to the public property committed by Mr. Bandula Karavita, Chairman of the Ratnapura Pradeshiya Sabha, in the area centered around the water fall called “Dehenella” situated in the area of his authority?

(b) Will he admit that—

(i) Mr. J.A. Ranjith, Secretary to the Minister of Power, Provincial Roads, Environment, Tourism and Trade of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council has given Rs. 425,195/= to the Ratnapura Pradeshiya Sabha on 09.11.2006, for this business;

(ii) a false project report without the signature of the chairman concerned or a date has been forwarded for the aforesaid purpose;

(iii) the legal clearance of the Central Environment Authority has not been obtained for this project; and

(iv) this project which is connected to “Dehenella” is not an official activity of the Pradeshiya Sabha but a personal act of the chairman that is being implemented after obtaining money from the Provincial Council by misleading it with the use of the office of the Chairman and the powers of the Pradeshiya Sabha?

(c) Will he take legal action against the Chairman regarding the use of public funds fraudulently?

(d) If not, why?

0313/'08

11.

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

(a) Will he inform this House of the number of employees that served in the ‘Selasine’ Television institute which comes under the Ministry of Mass Media and Information, as at December 2004;

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- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of employees that has been recruited from December 2004 to June 2007;
  - (ii) the total number of employees at present; and
  - (iii) separately, their designations, names, dates of recruitment and salaries?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether those who were recruited after December 2004, were working in a certain Private institution at the time of recruitment to 'Selasine' Institute; and
  - (ii) if so, the name of that private institution?
- (d) Will he inform this House the names of the Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors of this private institution?
- (e) If not, why?

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## NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

\*1.

Credit Information Bureau of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

\*2.

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

\*3.

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

\*4.

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

\*5.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under Special Commodity Levy Act,— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No.48 of 2007, read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1531/13 of 09<sup>th</sup> January, 2008, which was presented on 04.03.2008, be approved.



\*6.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.1),— That this Parliament hereby determines that the monthly allowance paid to the Chairman and Members of the Judicial Service Commission shall be an amount equivalent to 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of their monthly salary of their substantial position and such allowance be payable from January 01, 2007. It is further determined by this Parliament that the Allowance determined earlier by Parliament as payable to the Members of the Judicial Service Commission shall be substituted by the Allowance determined by this Resolution.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*7.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Determination under the Constitution (No.2),— That Mr. Dayananda Dissanayake, who retired from Government Service with effect from 28-01-2002 was re-appointed to that post on 29-01-2002 under Section 27(2) of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution and subsequently, the salary of the Commissioner of Elections was determined by Parliament on 23-11-2006 in keeping with the salary revisions effected in the Public Service, but, since on that occasion a determination has not been made on the payment of Annual Salary Increments that fell due to this post in terms of the Minute of Secretaries to Ministries, this Parliament determines that Mr. Dayananda Dissanayake, Commissioner of Elections be paid his salary with the amount of the Salary Increments he became entitled to from 29-01-2002, the date he was re-appointed to the post of Commissioner of Elections, until such time he remains in that post.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*8.

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 per month</u>
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)

\*9.

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

**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)

\*10.

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	<u>Rs. 80,400.00</u>

**Members**

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

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*11.

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 effect 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)

\*12.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Regulations under the Army Act,— That the Regulations made by the President under Section 155 of the Army Act, (Chapter 357) read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1543/18 dated 01<sup>st</sup> April, 2008 which were presented on 06.05.2008, be approved.

\*13

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act, (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006 and specified in the Order No.26 hereto, be approved.

**ORDER**  
**Appropriation Act. No.47 of 2006**  
**Order No.26 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 25002 “Advances for Payments on behalf of other Government Advance Accounts” Department of State Accounts of the Second schedule to that Act.

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|-------|--|---|-----------|-----|---|-----------|----|-----|---|-----------|
| (i)   | Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.      | Not Revised   |           |     |   |           |    |     |   |           |
| (ii)  | Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.        | <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 40%;">From</td> <td style="width: 10%;">Rs.</td> <td style="width: 10%;">—</td> <td style="width: 39%; text-align: right;">5,300,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>To</td> <td>Rs.</td> <td>—</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4,900,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | From      | Rs. | — | 5,300,000 | To | Rs. | — | 4,900,000 |
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| To    | Rs.  | —   | 4,900,000 |     |   |           |    |     |   |           |
| (iii) | Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.    | Not Revised   |           |     |   |           |    |     |   |           |
| (iv)  | Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act. | Not Revised   |           |     |   |           |    |     |   |           |

(This Order is valid upto 31.12.2007 only)

*Sgd.* MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA  
Minister of Finance and Planning.

22.02 .2008  
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*14.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act (No.2),—That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006 and specified in the Order No.35 hereto, be approved.

**ORDER**  
**Appropriation Act. No.47 of 2006**  
**Order No.35 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 31003 “Government Factory Work Done Advance Account” Government Factory of the Second schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	— —	140,000,000 275,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.				Not Revised
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.				Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.				Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2007 only)

*Sgd.* MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA  
Minister of Finance and Planning.

21.04.2008  
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*15.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act (No.3),—That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006 and specified in the Order No.36 hereto, be approved.

**ORDER**  
**Appropriation Act. No.47 of 2006**  
**Order No.36 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 31002 “Government Factory Stores Advance Account” Government Factory of the Second schedule to that Act.

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|-------|--|------|-----|---|-------------|
| (i)   | Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.      | From | Rs. | — | 45,000,000  |
|       |  | To   | Rs. | — | 135,000,000 |
| (ii)  | Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.        |      |     |   | Not Revised |
| (iii) | Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.    |      |     |   | Not Revised |
| (iv)  | Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act. |      |     |   | Not Revised |

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2007 only)

*Sgd.* MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA  
Minister of Finance and Planning.

21.04 .2008  
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*16.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act (No.4),—That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006 and specified in the Order No.38 hereto, be approved.

**ORDER**  
**Appropriation Act. No.47 of 2006**  
**Order No.38 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 01602 “Raid Advance Account” Commission to Investigate Allegation of Bribery or Corruption of the Second schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	— —	3,000,000 6,500,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	— —	800,000 2,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.				Not Revised
(iv)	Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.				Not Revised

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2007 only)

*Sgd.* MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA  
Minister of Finance and Planning.

30.04.2008  
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*17.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act (No.5),—That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006 and specified in the Order No.13 hereto, be approved.

**ORDER**  
**Appropriation Act. No.47 of 2006**  
**Order No.13 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 23202 “Industrial and Agricultural Advance Accounts” Department of Prison of the Second schedule to that Act.

(i)	Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	— —	65,000,000 75,000,000
(ii)	Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	— —	66,000,000 76,000,000
(iii)	Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From To	Rs. Rs.	— —	30,000,000 31,000,000
(iv)	Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.				Not Revised



(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2007 only)

*Sgd.* MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA  
Minister of Finance and Planning.

05.05.2008  
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

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The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under Appropriation Act (No.6),—That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006 and specified in the Order No.39 hereto, be approved.

**ORDER**  
**Appropriation Act. No.47 of 2006**  
**Order No.39 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 21302 “Printing, Publicity and Sales of Books” Department of Educational Publications of the Second schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	1,300,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	2,398,400,000
(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	1,300,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	2,264,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	600,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	800,000,000
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	150,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	1,490,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2007 only)

*Sgd.* MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA  
Minister of Finance and Planning.

16.05.2008  
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*19.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,—Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law,—That the “Sri Lanka Tea Board (Tea Factories Construction and Operation) Minimum Standards Regulations No.01 of 2008” made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Paragraph (g) of Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law No.14 of 1975 and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1531/17 of January 10, 2008 which was presented on 09.04.2008, be approved.

\*20.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2006 which were presented on 05.09.2006, be approved.

\*21.

Sri Lanka Electricity Bill—Second Reading.

\*22.

The Minister of Special Projects and 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 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007 which was presented on 17.07.2007, be approved.

\*23.

The Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,— Regulations under the Urban Development Authority Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister Urban Development and Sacred Area Development under Section 21 of the Urban Development Authority Law, No.41 of 1978 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1538/24 of 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 which were presented on 06.05.2008, be approved.

\*24.

National Housing Development Authority (Special Provisions) Bill—Second Reading.

\*25.

School Teachers Pension (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

\*26.

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

\*27.

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

\*28.

The Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—Annual Report of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka 2004,— That the Annual Report and the final Accounts of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year 2004 and presented on 21.07.2006 under Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by Consultative Committee on Housing and Construction)

\*29.

The Minister of Construction and Engineering Services,—Annual Report of the Institute of Construction Training and Development 2005,— That the Annual Report and the final Accounts of the Institute of Construction, Training and Development together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year 2005 and presented on 24.11.2006 under Section 13(1) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by Consultative Committee on Construction and Engineering Services)

\*30.

University of Vocational Technology Bill — Second Reading.

\*31.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

\*32.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs,— Notification under the Consular Functions Act,— That the notification made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs under Section 8 of the Consular Functions Act, No.4 of 1981 regarding the fees levied for consular services and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1501/10 of 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2007, which was presented on 05.02.2008, be approved.

\*33.

Marine Pollution Prevention Bill—Second Reading.

\*34.

The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,— Supplementary Sum— Head 160 — Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees One Hundred and Eighty Eight million (Rs. 188,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or moneys of, or at the disposal of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2008 and ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

**Schedule**

**Head 160** — Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources

**Programme 02** — Development Activities

**Project 3(24)** — Forest Resources Management Project

Recurrent Expenditure	= Rs.	_____
Capital Expenditure	= Rs.	<u>188,000,000</u>
Total	= Rs.	<u>188,000,000</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.1 of 2008 presented on 05<sup>th</sup> June,2008

\*35.

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

36.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

37.

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

38.

Mahaweli Cultural Foundation Trust (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

39.

Ranga Art Institute (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading

40.

Muslim Foundation for Culture and Development (Incorporation) Bill —  
Consideration.

\* 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

0302/08

1.

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

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

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**Thursday, June 19, 2008**

### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0004/08

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 the total business generated through credit cards in Sri Lanka;

- (b) Will he state on per year basis for the last 05 years, the percentage of bad debts on credit card transactions;
- (c) Will he further state—
  - (i) the amount remitted out for franchises used for external credit cards; and,
  - (ii) their names separately?
- (d) if not, why?

0005/'08

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 the action taken on COPE reports presented by former Chairman Hon. John Amaratunga, Hon. Jeyaraj Fernandopull, Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama and the present Chairman, Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2007?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the action taken on the report submitted by Mr. Mayadunne, the former Auditor-General on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2005;
  - (ii) the Institutions investigated as per above; and
  - (iii) the action that has been initiated with the directions of the Committee Report?
- (c) If not, why?

0006/'08

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 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?

- (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?

0131/'08

4.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) an employee who retires from the service of the Ceylon Electricity Board should have made 240 month's Continuous Contributions to the Employees' Provident Fund, if he is to be entitled to the pension rights;
  - (ii) persons in the age range of 40-45 too have been recruited to serve in the Ceylon Electricity Board;
  - (iii) they cannot completed a period of service of 240 months;
  - (iv) there are less than 50 persons who suffer without the pension, despite having made the relevant contributions to the Employees Provident Fund from the salary; and
  - (v) eventhough they have sought for relief with a view to obtaining pensions such relief has not yet been granted?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
- (i) six officers who retired at the age of 60 and continued to serve on contract basis, have become entitled to the pension with the contract period too being added to service; and
  - (ii) a pension is paid to a person after a period of more than a year in which contributions to the Employees Provident Fund have not been made, being added to his service?
- (c) Will he take steps to grant Pensions to these persons who were recruited to very specific positions requiring the completion of service, considering their age being less than 45 years?
- (d) If not, why?

0132/08

5.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr. H.G. Chandradasa who resides at No.107/A2, Weera Uditha Mawatha, Hedigama, Piliyandala at present, was a resident in Pasgoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara;
  - (ii) his house was destroyed due to floods and landslides in the year 2003;
  - (iii) a sum of Rs. 15,000/- was provided by the Divisional Secretary of Pasgoda for the aforesaid damage; and
  - (iv) the balance sum of Rs. 85,000/- has to be provided to him?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) the District Secretary of Matara has informed the Divisional Secretary of Kesbewa that the balance amount should be provided;
  - (ii) steps should be taken by the National Disaster Relief Services Centre to take the necessary measures;
  - (iii) eventhough, Mr. Chandradasa has come forward to obtain the money on several occasions, no solution has been given?
- (c) Will he inform this House the steps that will be taken to provide the aforesaid balance?
- (d) If not, why?

0133/08

6.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Is he aware that feasibility study and detailed engineering plans that are required to develop 2400 km of provincial roads in the year 2008, under the loans given by Asian Development Bank, are being prepared?



- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) if they are being prepared, the names of the aforesaid roads;
  - (ii) whether monetary allocations have been made for each of the aforesaid roads;
  - (iii) the manner in which the relevant Ministry intervenes in the allocation of money; and
  - (iv) if any widening of roads is to be done, whether money will be used to acquire lands?
- (c) If not, why?

0186/'08

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that an institution by the name of 'Machinery Agency' was maintained under the North Central Provincial Council?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money that has been paid by this institution to the Inland Revenue Department as Goods and Services Tax, from 1999 to 2001; and
  - (ii) if money has not been paid as mentioned above, the amount of money that should be paid?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount of money that has been paid by this institution as Goods and Services Tax or VAT in each year from 2001 to 2006;
  - (ii) if money has not been paid, the amount of tax money that should be paid annually;
  - (iii) if so, the purpose for which this tax money has been utilized; and
  - (iv) the course of action that will be followed to recover this unpaid tax money?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of acres of paddy lands that have been partially or completely destroyed due to the non-availability of water as a result of the closure of Mavil Aru sluice gate by the Tiger terrorists; and
  - (ii) the amount of compensation paid for the destruction of the aforesaid paddy fields, the expenditure head under which the aforesaid payment was made and the fund from which it was done?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the criterion followed for the selection of recipients for the aforesaid payment of compensation; and
  - (ii) the names, addresses, the amounts of compensation and the dates of payment of the farmers who have received compensation and the names and addresses of the farmers who have been selected for the payment of compensation?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether irregularities have taken place in the aforesaid payment of compensation; and
  - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been obtained in a fraudulent manner?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the number of institutions that produce and import beer;
  - (ii) the number of institutions that produce other types of liquor other than beer;
  - (iii) the companies or individuals who own the aforesaid institutions; and
  - (iv) the names of institutions that import liquor?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the quantity of liquor imported from year 2000 up to 30.05.2007;
  - (ii) separately, the number of litres of liquor that has been produced by each of the licensed liquor producing institutions during the aforesaid period;
  - (iii) the annual tax revenue earned by the government directly and indirectly from the above mention production and sale of liquor during the aforesaid period;
  - (iv) whether the liquor production is on the increase annually; and
  - (v) if so, whether steps will be taken to limit the production of liquor?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of licensed liquor stores that have been closed down along with the “Mathata Thitha” programme; and
  - (ii) if liquor is considered as a social menace the steps that have been taken to limit the production and sale of liquor?
- (d) If not, why?

0314/'08

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. S. Sunil Ananda of Nagadaranewa, Punewa has served as the special Commissioner of the Vavuniya South Sinhale Pradeshiya Sabha from 16/01/2003 to 07/02/2007?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the reason which led to the removed of Mr. Ananda from this post with immediate effect from 17.02.2007 by the Governor of the Northern Province?
- (c) Will he admit the facts that—
  - (i) he being a grade I Community Development Officer carried out affairs of the Pradeshiya Sabha without any defect till 31/12/2006 and has also completed the Audit Queries; and
  - (ii) the Assistant Local Government Commissioner of Vavuniya has made submissions to the effect that his service is commendable?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he has been removed from service on political victimization; and
  - (ii) if so, will he take steps to reinstate him in the post?
- (e) If not, why?

0315/'08

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Mr. S.A. Senadheera residing at No. 1/53, Waturugama Road, Miriswatta, Mudungoda served in the post of Administrative Officer on a super grade salary scale at the Presidential Secretariat with effect from 07.01.1994;
  - (ii) he was transferred out of the Presidential Secretariat with effect from 23.11.1994; and
  - (iii) he was sent on retirement with effect from 01.02.1995?

- (b) Will he inform this House, the reasons for recovering the salary that was paid throughout the year in accordance with the letter of appointment, despite the fact that the salary increment to which he is entitled on 01.01.1995 on the salary scale pertaining to the post of Administrative Officer has been approved by the Additional Secretary to the President?
- (c) Will he admit that a grave injustice has been caused to him as his pension is being paid by placing him on a lower salary scale due to this salary reduction?
- (d) Will he state whether necessary action will therefore be taken to rectify the reduced pension paid to him when he was sent on retirement and to reimburse the money recovered from him?
- (e) If not, why?

0316/08

12.

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

- (a) Is he aware that an injustice has been caused to the officers who have been recruited for the posts in the Sri Lanka Principals' Service on the results of the limited competitive examination held in 1999, as a result of granting the relevant appointments with effect from 01.01.2002?
  - (b) As the appointments made on the results of the limited competitive examination held in 1996 were granted with effect from the date on which the aforesaid examination was held, will he take steps to grant appointments to the persons who sat for the examination in 1999 with effect from the date on which that examination was held?
  - (c) Will he admit that—
    - (i) the salaries of most of the principals who have been appointed for these posts are lower than the salary scale of the officers of the Sri Lanka Teachers' Service; and
    - (ii) in certain cases, they draw a salary which is lower than the salary of the assistant teachers of those schools?
  - (d) Will he therefore, take the necessary action to rectify this salary anomaly in order to avoid the difficulties faced in the school administration?
  - (e) If not, why?
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**Friday, June 20, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0007/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports and Public Recreation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the expenses incurred for the Sri Lanka Cricket Board and its officials, representatives and others sent by the Sri Lanka Cricket Board for the Cricket World Cup - 2007 held in Caribbean/West Indies (i.e. air fare, accommodation, local transfers out of pocket allowance, match tickets etc.);
  - (ii) the expenses incurred by Sri Lanka Cricket Board for Parliamentarians, Cabinet and non-Cabinet Ministers for the above event; and
  - (iii) the expenses incurred by ICC or any other sports body for any Sri Lanka Cricket Board official or its nominee or recommended persons?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the cost for the players, support services of the team and the management (i.e. contract, allowance, match bonus, match wins etc.); and
  - (ii) the budgetary allocations for the world cup 2007 by Sri Lanka Cricket Board together with their approvals and the method of payments?
- (c) If not, why?

0008/'08

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 names of the owners and the directors of the casino clubs operating in the country; and,
  - (ii) the locations of these casino clubs?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of taxes paid by each entity in various forms for the last 04 years;
  - (ii) all forms of taxes that are imposed on casino clubs; and
  - (iii) whether the casino clubs are legal?
- (c) Will he further state for the last 07 years to-date—
- (i) the revenue expected as per the budget;
  - (ii) the total of above revenue and the company revenue; and
  - (iii) the total revenue from all forms of taxes imposed on casino clubs and revenue of each company?
- (d) If not, why?

0010/'08

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of square kilometers in the country;
  - (ii) the square kilometers in each province, district and electorate separately; and
  - (iii) the extent of land available for agricultural, construction and forestry purpose separately on district basis?
- (b) Will he state on district basis, the extent of land privately owned and vested with the Central Government separately?
- (c) If not, why?

0189/'08

4.

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 buildings?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the addresses of the places, the addresses of the owners of the places and the date on which they were obtained if the relevant offices are 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 offices and the amount of money that is being paid monthly and annually for it, if the spaces for the offices have been obtained on rent, lease or any other basis?
- (c) Will he state separately—
  - (i) whether a deposit has been made to obtain the spaces for the offices 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 offices in a government building?
- (e) If not, why?

0190/'08

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Deputy Minister of Aviation 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?

0191/'08

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Mass Media (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?

0318/'08

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether an official residence has been provided to the Minister of Sports in the Central Provincial Council;
  - (ii) whether the aforesaid residence belongs to the Provincial Council or the Central Government;

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- (iii) if not, whether it has been obtained on the basis of rent; and
  - (iv) of the name of the owner of the house and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Minister concerned;
  - (ii) the registration numbers and the makes of those vehicles;
  - (iii) whether they belong to the Provincial Council; and
  - (iv) if not, the name of the owner and the monthly rent of each of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the relevant Ministry of Sports, their registration numbers and makes;
  - (ii) the officials to whom those vehicles have been given;
  - (iii) whether those vehicles belong to the Provincial Council or if not, whether they have been obtained on the basis of rent; and
  - (iv) if so, their owners and the monthly rent?
- (d) If not, why?

0319/'08

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an official residence has been provided to the Minister of Agriculture in the Central Provincial Council;
  - (ii) whether the aforesaid residence belongs to the Provincial Council or the Central Government;
  - (iii) if not, whether it has been obtained on the basis of rent; and
  - (iv) of the name of the owner of the house and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Minister concerned;
  - (ii) the registration numbers and the makes of those vehicles;

- (iii) whether they belong to the Provincial Council; and
  - (iv) if not, the name of the owner and the monthly rent of each of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the relevant Ministry of Agriculture, their registration numbers and makes;
  - (ii) the officials to whom those vehicles have been given;
  - (iii) whether those vehicles belong to the Provincial Council or if not, whether they have been obtained on the basis of rent; and
  - (iv) if so, their owners and the monthly rent?
- (d) If not, why?

0320/'08

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an official residence has been provided to the Minister of Industries in the Central Provincial Council;
  - (ii) whether the aforesaid residence belongs to the Provincial Council or to the Central Government; and
  - (iii) if not, whether it has been obtained on the basis of rent; and
  - (iv) of the name of the owner of the house and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Minister concerned;
  - (ii) the registration numbers and the makes of those vehicles;
  - (iii) whether they belong to the Provincial Council; and
  - (iv) if not, the name of the owner and the monthly rent of each of the aforesaid vehicles?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the relevant Ministry of Industries, their registration numbers and makes;
  - (ii) the officials to whom those vehicles have been given;
  - (iii) whether those vehicles belong to the Provincial Council or if not, whether they have been obtained on the basis of rent; and
  - (iv) if so, their owners and the monthly rent?
- (d) If not, why?
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**Tuesday, July 08, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0012/'08

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) the main twenty rivers in Sri Lanka and the length of each river;
  - (ii) the places at which those rivers originate and end up; and
  - (iii) the districts those rivers passing through?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the development activities started to enhance the economy through these rivers;
  - (ii) whether the power generation ability has been developed through damming or used for agricultural purposes;
  - (iii) if so, give details; and
  - (iv) if not what is the use of them?
- (c) If not, why?

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 number of TV stations that are in operation in the country;
  - (ii) the number of licences 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?

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 number of bullet proof vehicles imported after the 13<sup>th</sup> Parliament was elected;
  - (ii) the total cost paid for CIF and Duty;

- (iii) if not so, the value of duty exempted;
  - (iv) to whom these cars were allocated; and,
  - (v) to whom they are allocated now?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether these cars were imported after tenders;
  - (ii) from where they were imported;
  - (iii) where the money was paid; and,
  - (iv) the budget head that the money had been allocated?
- (c) If not, why?

0192/'08

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately, whether the offices of each Minister of Nation Building (Non-cabinet) are housed in a government buildings?
- (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?

0193/'08

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Religious Affairs (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?

0194/'08

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the office of the Minister of Petroleum Resources (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?

0321/'08

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the Chief Minister of the Central Province has been provided with an official residence;
  - (ii) whether the said residence belongs to the Provincial Council or the central government;
  - (iii) if not, whether it is a house obtained on the basis of rent; and
  - (iv) the names of the owner of the said house and the monthly rent paid for it?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the number of vehicles that have been assigned to the Chief Minister concerned;
  - (ii) the registration numbers and the makes of such vehicles;
  - (iii) whether those vehicles belong to the Provincial Council; and
  - (iv) if not, the name of the owner of the said vehicles and the amount of the rent paid for them?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the relevant Chief Ministry, the registration numbers and the makes of the aforesaid vehicles;
  - (ii) the names of the officials to whom the said vehicles have been assigned;



- (iii) whether those vehicles belong to the Provincial Council and if not, whether they have been obtained on the basis of rent; and
- (iv) if so the names of the owners and the monthly rent?
- (d) If not, why?

0322/'08

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether an official residence has been provided to the Minister of Health in the Central Provincial Council;
  - (ii) whether the aforesaid residence belongs to the Provincial Council or the Central Government;
  - (iii) if not, whether it has been obtained on the basis of rent; and
  - (iv) of the name of the owner of the house and its monthly rent?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Minister concerned;
  - (ii) the registration numbers and the makes of those vehicles;
  - (iii) whether they belong to the Provincial Council; and
  - (iv) if not, the name of the owner and the monthly rent of each of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the relevant Ministry of Health, their registration numbers and makes;
  - (ii) the officials to whom those vehicles have been given;
  - (iii) whether those vehicles belong to the Provincial Council or if not, whether they have been obtained on the basis of rent; and
  - (iv) if so, their owners and the monthly rent?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a Land Kachcheri was conducted in year 2003 for the distribution of lands in the Welikanda Divisional Secretariat division in the Mahaweli B Zone?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) conducting the above mentioned Land Kachcheri for the purpose of distribution of these lands was banned on a court order; and
  - (ii) in spite of the above mentioned situation, lands have been distributed on political affiliations under a commercial basis?
- (c) Will he submit to this House a list of names of the persons who had obtained commercial lands of this area during the years 2005-2006?
- (d) If not, why?

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**Wednesday, July 09, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total production capacity of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC);
  - (ii) all the products manufactured;
  - (iii) the production cost, gross profit and the costs related to administration, distribution and marketing separately; and
  - (iv) the selling price of above products and the margins marked up?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) all the taxes subject to CPC in buying, producing, and selling of all products given above;
  - (ii) the import and selling cost of the items if such products are not manufactured by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;

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- (iii) the total labour employed by CPC and other related companies; and
  - (iv) the profit or loss of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a group and LIOC for the last 4-5years?
- (c) If not, why?

0016/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total power generation of Ceylon Electricity Board as of today on the basis of Thermal and Hydro Electric Power, separately;
  - (ii) a list of ownership by the Ceylon Electricity Board and the private sector separately;
  - (iii) the date of completion of the above projects along with the maximum capacity;
  - (iv) the total operational cost and throughput cost of all the above projects?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the EPF or ETF, or both has financed the power generation costs of the Kerawalapitiya plant owned by Lakdhani;
  - (ii) if so, the amount spent;
  - (iii) whether it is legal; and
  - (iv) the dividends expected along with the period?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) whether there are any other projects of Ceylon Electricity Board or Lakdhani which have been funded by EPF or ETF; and
  - (ii) if so, advise as per (b) above?
- (d) If not, why?

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 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?

4.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
  - (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources;
  - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the buildings in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in buildings belonging to 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?

(c) If not, why?

0327/'08

5.

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;
- (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 buildings 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 building separately?

(d) If not, why?

6.

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 buildings; and
  - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?
- (d) If not, why?

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**Thursday, July 10, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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 staff workers at the Development Lotteries Board as at today; and

- (ii) the cost per employee for the last 05 years?
- (b) Will he state from 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2007 to date on monthly basis and on per year basis for the last 05 years —
  - (i) to whom the advertising were given; and
  - (ii) the TV stations, Radio stations, and the Agents used for advertising?
- (c) Will he also state the amounts of money spent on Members of Parliament along with the electorate on per year basis for the last 06 years?
- (d) If not, why?

0019/'08

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 number of staff workers at the National Lotteries Board as at today; and
  - (ii) the cost per employee for the last 05 years?
- (b) Will he state from 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2007 to date on monthly basis and on per year basis for the last 05 years—
  - (i) to whom the advertising were given; and
  - (ii) the TV Stations, the Radio Stations, and the Agents used for advertising?
- (c) Will he also state the amounts of money spent on Members of Parliament along with the electorate on per year basis for the last 06 years?
- (d) If not, why?

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 Development Lotteries Board;
  - (ii) the sales to cost percentage;
  - (iii) advertising expenditure as a percentage of total costs;
  - (iv) commission paid to agents; and
  - (v) the percentage of expenditure?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
  - (i) the number of agents appointed by the Development Lotteries Board; and
  - (ii) the cost paid to them for advertising etc.?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) who prints the instant lottery (scratch tickets) and normal tickets;
  - (ii) whether they have been awarded through tenders;
  - (iii) the date of the last tender done properly;
  - (iv) the value along with the date of all the printing given without going through the tender procedure; and
  - (v) the reason for it?
- (d) Will he also state the amount of money given to the President's Fund for the last 08 years on per year basis?
- (e) If not, why?



4.

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 buildings; and
  - (iii) the square area and the monthly rent in respect of each of the aforesaid buildings separately?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage;
  - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the buildings in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in building belonging to 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 building separately?
- (c) If not, why?

0333/'08

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Special Projects and Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the institutions which are under the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication;
  - (ii) of the places in which the aforesaid institutions are situated; and
  - (iii) whether the buildings in which the aforesaid institutions are housed belong to the Government or private owners?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the names of such institutions that are operated in building belonging to 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 building separately?
- (c) If not, why?
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**Friday, July 11, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0021/'08

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 benefits that an Executive President is entitled to;
  - (ii) whether the Cabinet of Ministers had approved certain benefits to the immediate past Executive President to be enjoyed after the retirement; and
  - (iii) what those benefits were?
- (b) Will he admit that the Supreme Court had directed to allow only the benefits specified in the Constitution?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the then Prime Minister and a certain Minister had misinformed the Supreme Court;
  - (ii) if so, the way it happened;
  - (iii) whether they were asked to pay damages;
  - (iv) if so, whether they had paid damages;
  - (v) whether the decision of the Supreme Court had adverse effect on the then Cabinet of Ministers; and
  - (vi) if so, the detail of the adverse effects of the decision of the Supreme Court over the then Cabinet of Ministers?
- (d) If not, why?

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 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 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2007; and
  - (ii) whether this grave error has been happened and how?
- (e) If not, why?

0024/'08

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether he has gone through the COPE Report presented on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2007; and
  - (ii) if so, the action taken on the matter referred to the Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the total debt of Ceylon Electricity Board; and
  - (ii) the number of staff members in the Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (c) If not, why?

0334/'08

4.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
  - (i) whether the Ministry of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services 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?

0335/'08

5.

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

- (a) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources 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?

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
  - (i) whether the Ministry of Ports and Aviation 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?

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### NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Prevention of the President and the Prime Minister from holding Cabinet Portfolios,—Adjourned debate on question (06<sup>th</sup> 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.3/’05]

P.1/’08

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.2/’08

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.3/’08

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.4/’08

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.5/’08

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.6/'08

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.7/'08

8.

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.8/08

9.

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.9/08

10.

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.10/'08

11.

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 inhiabition to develop a strong national identity' this Parliament is of the opinion that this requirement be dispensed with.

P.11/'08

12.

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.12/'08

13.

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.13/'08

14.

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.14/'08

15.

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.15/'08

16.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Punishments for Government Officials,—That this Parliament resolves that, High Ranking Government Officials who misuse and politicize their independent positions be punished and fined as soon as they are found guilty.

P.16/'08

17.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Retirement Age,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the government officers' retirement age must be extended up to 65 years and for those who have special aptitude it can be extended up to 70 years, if the Legislature recommends.

P.17/08

18.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of Quality Assurance Council to protect Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a “Quality Assurance Council” be established by law with an immediate effect to protect the education for the future generation, since there are many educational institutions mushrooming in Sri Lanka using university names without any accountability.

P.18/08

19.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creation of a Position named “Special Prosecutor”,— That this Parliament resolves that in order to ensure the Government Service is free from political interferences, a position named “Special Prosecutor” that directly reporting to this Parliament be created to institute prosecutions as soon as Independent Commissions Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises report the cases of misuse, corruption or inefficiency, affecting the efficiency of the Institutions.

P.19/08

20.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Pre Budget Debate prior to passing of the Budget,— That this Parliament resolves that, like in India and United Kingdom, there must be a pre Budget debate on estimates provided, three months before passing of the Budget in order to mitigate and rectify any adverse or unfavorable impacts.

P.20/08

21.

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.21/08

22.

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.22/'08

23.

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.23/'08

24.

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.24/'08

25.

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.25/'08

26.

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.26/'08

27.

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.27/'08

28.

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.28/'08

29.

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.29/'08

30.

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.30/'08

31.

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.31/'08

32.

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.32/'08

33.

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.33/'08

34.

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.34/'08

35.

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.35/'08

36.

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.36/'08

37.

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.

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**Tuesday, July 22, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0025/'08

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 state—

(i) the budget deficit for the last 15 years;

- (ii) the deficit against budgeted at the time the budget was presented; and
  - (iii) the total budget deficit along with the total debt from local and foreign perspective for the last 15 years?
- (b) Will he state the reason for the budget deficit against the budgeted in the respective year?
- (c) If not, why?

0027/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) when the Upper Kotmale site is going to be constructed and completed;
  - (ii) the cost at the start of the project and as of today separately;
  - (iii) the country or institution that the money would be received from; and
  - (iv) the terms of lending?
- (b) Will he state the cost per unit including the depreciation?
- (c) If not, why?

0028/'08

3.

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?

0337/08

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Justice and Law Reforms,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms 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?

0338/'08

5.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—

- (a) Will he state in this House—
- (i) whether the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage 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?

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the local brass industry which has a long history is the major source of livelihood of the residents at Denuwara;
  - (ii) more than three (03) lakhs of people receive the benefits of the aforesaid industry; and
  - (iii) this industry has faced with an unfortunate situation at present?
- (b) Will he admit that a shortage of raw materials is prevailing in the local brass industry as a result of exporting bronze, brass, zinc and aluminum, which are mainly used for this industry, to India, in the form of metal blocks, at a higher price?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to stop the exportation of the aforesaid raw materials to India in the form of metal blocks in order to protect the local brass industry?
- (d) If not, why?

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**Wednesday, July 23, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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 double taxation agreements which are in place with the Government of Sri Lanka as of now;
  - (ii) the names of the countries along with the dates of such double taxation agreements;
  - (iii) the cost for such double tax action agreements per country, and in total per year; and
  - (iv) the benefits accrued to the country?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether we have made any request to those countries to provide information under double tax evidence agreement; and
  - (ii) if so, the names of the countries, the date requested and the outcome separately?
- (c) If not, why?

0030/'08

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 number of Samurdhi recipients as at 30<sup>th</sup> June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Kesbewa electorate in Colombo District; and
  - (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
  - (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2007 when discount the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
  - (iii) whether it shows that the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients has been reduced; and
  - (iv) as a result whether the poverty has been increased among such recipients?
- (c) If not, why?

0031/'08

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 number of Samurdhi recipients as at 30<sup>th</sup> June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Ratmalana electorate in Colombo District; and

- (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
  - (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2007 when discount the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
  - (iii) whether it shows that the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients has been reduced; and
  - (iv) as a result whether the poverty has been increased among such recipients?
- (c) If not, why?

0341/08

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) according to the internal notice issued on 28.03.2005 for the posts of Personal Manager Grade A2-3 of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Mr. Samantha Pushpalal, the Assistant Personal Manager faced the interviews held for the recruitment of suitable persons for the aforesaid post; and
  - (ii) the management of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation has acted in an illegal manner by appointing a person called Amara Ranasinha who has not completed the relevant qualifications stipulated in the Section “B” of the notice that was issued calling applications for the aforesaid post, to the post of Personnel Manager?
- (b) Will he admit the right of every citizen to get the equal protection of the law, which has been guaranteed according to the Article 12 of the Constitution, has been violated by this act?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to cancel the appointment given to the unqualified persons and offer the aforesaid post to the persons who obtained the highest marks out of the rest the persons who faced the interview?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) Mr. W.K.A. Kumarawansa of school Lane, Diyasenpura served as the Staff Intelligence Officer of the Naval Base in the Manner Island in the year 2004;
  - (ii) he was transferred to the Gotaimbara Naval Base in the Pungudutivu Island in the same year; and
  - (iii) the request made in the year 2005 to resign from the Navy was recommended in the year 2006 and directed to the Secretary of the Ministry of Defence?
- (b) Will he admit that—
  - (i) the letter of resignation was withdrawn on the instructions of the then commanding officer due to the conflict situation prevailed during that period; and
  - (ii) he was subsequently transferred to the Trincomalee Naval Base?
- (c) Will he inform this House as to why a common decree has been issued notifying that he has been removed from the Navy from 08<sup>th</sup> October 2006?
- (d) Will he take the necessary steps to reinstate him with salary arrears?
- (e) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the relevant Minister visited since being appointed to the post up to now;
  - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits separately, out of the aforesaid foreign visits?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
  - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied him;
  - (ii) if any officers of his personal staff accompanied him their names and designations;

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- (iii) the names of the airline and the class in which the Minister and the other officials travelled; and
  - (iv) the amount of money spent by the state on the Minister and the officials for the aforesaid visits to foreign countries?
  - (c) Will he state separately, in respect of each visit, the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
  - (d) If not, why?
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**Thursday, July 24, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0032/'08

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 Samurdhi recipients as at 30<sup>th</sup> June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Dehiwela electorate in Colombo District; and
  - (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
  - (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2007 when discount the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
  - (iii) whether it shows that the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients has been reduced; and
  - (iv) as a result whether the poverty has been increased among such recipients?
- (c) If not, why?

0033/'08

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 number of families received the Samurdhi subsistence dole from the Government as at 30<sup>th</sup> June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Gampaha District; and
  - (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
  - (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2007 when discounting the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
  - (iii) whether there is a drastic drop in the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients owing to the mishandling of the economy resulting a high inflation?
- (c) If not, why?

0034/'08

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 number of families received the Samurdhi subsistence dole from the Government as at 30<sup>th</sup> June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Kalutara District; and
  - (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?
- (b) Will he state—

- (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
  - (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2007 when discounting the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
  - (iii) whether there is a drastic drop in the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients owing to the mishandling of the economy resulting a high inflation?
- (c) If not, why?

0345/'08

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the Deputy Minister of the Ministry concerned visited since the new Government came to power in year 2004 up to now; and
  - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits made by the Minister and the Deputy Minister separately?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
  - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied him;
  - (ii) if any officers of his personal staff accompanied him their names and designations; and
  - (iii) the name of the airline and the class in which the Minister and the officers of his personal travelled?
- (c) Will he state separately, in respect of each visit, the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?



5.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
  - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the Minister and the non-cabinet Minister of Enterprise Development and non-cabinet Minister of Investment Promotion visited since the relevant Minister was appointed to the aforesaid office up to now; and
  - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits separately, out of the aforesaid foreign visits?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
  - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied them;
  - (ii) if any officers of the personal staff accompanied, names and designations of them;
  - (iii) the names of the airline and the class in which the Ministers and the other officials travelled; and
  - (iv) the amount of money spent by the state on the Ministers and the officials for the aforesaid visits to foreign countries?
- (c) Will he state separately, in respect of each visit, the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the names of the foreign countries which the Deputy Minister of the Ministry concerned visited since the new Government came to power in year 2004 up to now; and
  - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits made by the Minister and the Deputy Minister separately?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
  - (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied them;

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- (ii) if any officers of their personal staff accompanied them, their names and designations; and
  - (iii) the name of the airline and the class in which the Ministers and the officers of his personal staff travelled?
- (c) Will he state separately in respect of each visit the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?

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**Friday, July 25, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0035/'08

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 families received the Samurdhi subsistence dole from the Government as at 30<sup>th</sup> June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Matara District; and
  - (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
  - (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2007 when discounting the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
  - (iii) whether there is a drastic drop in the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients owing to the mishandling of the economy resulting a high inflation?
- (c) If not, why?

0036/'08

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 number of families received the Samurdhi subsistence dole from the Government as at 30<sup>th</sup> June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Polonnaruwa District; and
  - (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
  - (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2007 when discounting the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
  - (iii) whether there is a drastic drop in the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients owing to the mishandling of the economy resulting a high inflation?
- (c) If not, why?

0037/'08

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 number of families received the Samurdhi subsistence dole from the Government as at 30<sup>th</sup> June of every year from 2004 to 2007 in the Nuwara-Eliya District; and
  - (ii) the categories of the above families according to the amount they received?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the value of inflation for the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007;
  - (ii) the value in real terms they received in the subsequent years up to 2007 when discounting the inflation taking 2004 as a base year;
  - (iii) whether there is a drastic drop in the purchasing power of the Samurdhi recipients owing to the mishandling of the economy resulting a high inflation?
- (c) If not, why?

0348/08

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the names of the foreign countries which the Minister visited since the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage was appointed to the aforesaid office up to now; and
  - (ii) the official and personal foreign visits separately, out of the aforesaid foreign visits?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately in respect of each visit—
- (i) the names and designations of the officials who accompanied him;
  - (ii) if any officers of his personal staff accompanied him their names and designations;
  - (iii) the names of the airline and the class in which the Minister and the other officials travelled; and
  - (iv) the amount of money spent by the state on the Minister and the officials for the aforesaid visits to foreign countries?
- (c) Will he state separately, in respect of each visit, the foreign aid, foreign loans, projects or other benefits received by the country as a result of these visits?
- (d) If not, why?

0353/'08

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the basic qualifications that the Samurdhi animators had to possess when they were recruited in 1995; and
  - (ii) the number of Samurdhi animators that were recruited?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether a creation group of offices were absorbed to the Department of Agriculture out of the officers recruited as mentioned above;
  - (ii) if so, the number of persons who were absorbed in the above mentioned manner; and
  - (iii) the reason for the aforesaid absorption?
- (c) If not, why?

0359/'08

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that an interview was conducted on 27.05.2006 for the purpose of recruiting persons for the post of Trainee Bank Assistant of the Uva Development Bank?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a list of the names of candidates who appeared for the aforesaid interview in the order of the marks that they scored at it?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the names of candidates who have been selected for the aforesaid post?
- (d) Will he state the reason for not selecting Miss. Azmiya Zarook residing at No.37/8c, Hospital Road, Bandara Wevatenna, who appeared for the aforesaid interview as a candidate?
- (e) If not, why?

**Tuesday, August 05, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0038/'08

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 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?

0039/'08

2.

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 Second 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?

0040/'08

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total 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 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2006 to 30<sup>th</sup> 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?

0365/'08

4.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House in detail with names—
- (i) the Samurdhi recipients in the Kekulandala North Division of the Agalawatta Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kalutara district; and
  - (ii) out of the aforesaid recipients, the persons who received aids for wells and aids for lavatories in the years 2005, 2006 and 2007?
- (b) If not, why?

0366/'08

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) an open competitive examination was held in the year 2002 for the recruitment of Audit Superintendents of the Class 2 Grade II in the Auditor General's Department; and
  - (ii) Mr. Viraj Kahagalla of Maduru Oya junction Manampitiya has passed the above mentioned competitive examination?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the reasons for granting appointments to only 04 persons, who have passed the aforesaid competitive examination in the years 2007 and holding a competitive examination again for the remaining 15 vacancies; and



- (ii) the reason as to why Mr. Vijay Kahagalla who had fulfilled all the qualifications and also passed the competitive examination was not granted with the relevant appointment?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to grant the aforesaid appointment to Mr. Kahagalla?
- (d) If not, why?

0371/'08

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a request has been made by the Society of Persons who lost their lands in the fiefdom (Nindagam area) in Pahala Beragama, Ambalantota, to provide them with lands under the Walawa left bank development project?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether he will take necessary steps to provide these people with lands;
  - (ii) if so, when; and
  - (iii) if lands are not provided, the reason for it?
- (c) If not, why?

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**Wednesday, August 06, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0042/'08

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 accounts of the Institute of Public Accounts 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 Finance 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 public finance and Finance?
- (d) If not, why?

0043/'08

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 outstanding from Inland Revenue to VAT refundable creditors on per year basis from 2004 to-date;
  - (ii) the names of the entities that owed by the State, which is over Rs. ten million;
  - (iii) whether the amounts mentioned above have been checked and confirmed?
- (b) Will he state,—
  - (i) the reason for not been refunded;
  - (ii) whether the Government is paying interest to the creditors;
  - (iii) if so, the percentage and the date it was paid?

- (c) will he also state—
  - (i) the situation on the VAT Scam;
  - (ii) the progress of the investigation;
  - (iii) the date on which the investigation going to be concluded?
- (d) If not, why?

0044/'08

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the dates that the Daduru Oya Irrigation Project started and planned to be completed;
  - (ii) the total cost; and
  - (iii) source of funds?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) number of families and persons to be relocated in each electorate affected due to this irrigation project coming into operation;
  - (ii) when the relocation is done;
  - (iii) whether it is correct that eighty families have been relocated in Karuwalagaswewa Divisional Secretariat in Puttlam District;
  - (iv) if so, have all basic amenities and money for relocation been paid to them; and
  - (v) whether the above people are saying that they have been subjected to harassment such as shortage of water and rampaging of elephants in their lands provided so?
- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether the Government would resettle them only after the development;
  - (ii) the cost of relocation and the source of funds; and
  - (iii) whether any action has been taken against the twenty innocent protestors who were arrested when the Hon. Minister and certain other politicians visited Daduru Oya on 11th of June 2007?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of employees in the approved cadre for the Development Lottery Board?
- (b) will he state the number of persons currently employed in the Development Lottery Board and the names of the relevant posts?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the names, addresses, educational and professional qualifications of the persons holding the aforesaid posts; and
  - (ii) their monthly salaries?
- (d) If not, why?

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**Thursday, August 07, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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 total value of ETF as of today;
  - (ii) the value of the fund separately as at 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2004, 2005 and 2006;
  - (iii) the number of individual ETF member files that are maintained at this Particular moment; and
  - (iv) the interest rates paid during the last two years?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) where the money collected from ETF is being invested separately;
  - (ii) whether any investment have been made in Government Companies, Government Institutions or Government related entities; and

- (iii) whether a feasibility study has been done?
- (c) Will he table a report for the investments done within the last year?
- (d) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether any investment has been made in companies that are not quoted in the stock exchange; and
  - (ii) the dividends obtained for the investments made in institutions except the investments in Treasury Bonds and Treasury Bills?
- (e) If not, why?

0047/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the reason for the problem that the farmers faced in Marwilaru in July 2006; and
  - (ii) the number of farmers affected along with the extent of land valued in this conflict?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the amount of money paid to the farmers;
  - (ii) whether any payments have been made to non-farmers; and
  - (iii) if so, their names?
- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether the compensation were paid to non-farmers by cheques, cash, or bank drafts; and
  - (ii) their names and addresses separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0049/'08

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, the loans given by the Treasury to the Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd. (HDL) since 1997 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2007?
- (b) Will he table the letters issued by the Treasury giving the terms and conditions of each loan given to the HDL?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the capital and interest outstanding on each loan as at 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2007;
  - (ii) the repayments made by HDL as at 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2007 on this defaulted loans; and
  - (iii) how much of loans the government will have to give HDL?
- (d) Will he also state—
- (i) the value of the Hilton Hotel of HDL without the land as valued by chief Valuer;
  - (ii) the amount of loans payable to the Government that are more than the value of Hilton Hotel;
  - (iii) whether the Cabinet of Ministers had decided that not to recover temporarily loans, defaulted by HDL since 1997;
  - (iv) whether the same concession will give to other Hotels;
  - (v) if not, the reason; and
  - (vi) the reason for not informing the correct position to the House by the Secretary to the Finance?
- (e) If not, why?
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**Friday, August 08, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0050/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of countries that the Minister and his Secretary visited since they assumed office as Minister of Foreign Affairs;

- (ii) the names and the designations of the persons they had met during their visits; and
  - (iii) the reasons for such visits?
- (b) Will he table a report on achievements of such visits?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the cost incurred for each visit;
  - (ii) the names of the persons accompanied with them;
  - (iii) the cost incurred on them along with the reasons for such accompany;
  - (iv) whether the President had ordered that the Minister and his Secretary should not be out of the country at the same time; and
  - (v) whether this had not been flouted many times over?
- (d) Will he also state—
- (i) the name of the Minister of Foreign Affairs prior to the present Minister; and
  - (ii) the date he had assumed office and the number of overseas visits he had made along with the cost related to them?
- (e) If not, why?

0052/'08

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Foreign Affairs had undertaken for the last three years;
  - (ii) the countries visited; and
  - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of persons accompanied;
  - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
  - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the budgeted allowance; and
  - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0054/08

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 number of internally displaced people (IDP) in the country for the last two years to-date on District basis separately;
  - (ii) the cost incurred by the Government for these internally displaced people on district basis;
  - (iii) the reason for being internally displaced; and
  - (iv) the date that they would be sent to their homes?
- (b) If not, why?

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**Tuesday, August 19, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0055/08

1.

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

- (a) Is he inform this House—
- (i) the amount of money that has been used out of the contingent fund in 2005, 2006, and 2007 separately;



- (ii) the main ten expenses made in 2007 from the aforesaid fund; and
- (iii) the name of the officer in-charge of this fund?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a fund flow statement for the contingent fund?
- (c) Will he also state the reason for not reporting the activities done through the contingent fund to the Parliament on yearly basis ?
- (d) If not, why?

0056/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 3 years to-date—
  - (i) the purchase price of crude oil and refined petroleum products bought by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC);
  - (ii) the country from which we are purchasing them along with the prices separately; and
  - (iii) the name of the agent that the business is routed?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether it is correct that there is only one person in the United Kingdom who acts as the broker for all purchases made by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
  - (ii) if so, the reason; and
  - (iii) if not the names of the others;
  - (iv) the benefit by going through a broker/agent; and
  - (v) the commissions paid to the broker/agent?
- (c) If not, why?

0057/'08

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services had undertaken for the last three years;

- (ii) the countries visited; and
  - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of persons accompanied;
  - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
  - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the budgeted allowance; and
  - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?
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**Wednesday, August 20, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0058/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Export Development and International Trade,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Export Development and International Trade had undertaken for the last three years;
  - (ii) the countries visited; and
  - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of persons accompanied;
  - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and

- (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) the budgeted allowance; and
  - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0059/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Tourism had undertaken for the last three years;
  - (ii) the countries visited; and
  - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of persons accompanied;
  - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
  - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) the budgeted allowance; and
  - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0060/'08

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Special Projects and Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication had undertaken for the last three years;

- (ii) the countries visited; and
  - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of persons accompanied;
  - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
  - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?
- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the budgeted allowance; and
  - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

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**Thursday, August 21, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0061/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of overseas trips that the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition had undertaken for the last three years;
  - (ii) the countries visited; and
  - (iii) the total cost of each trip along with the tickets and hotel charges separately?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of persons accompanied;
  - (ii) their names and the cost incurred on them separately; and
  - (iii) the main reason for each overseas trip?

- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) the budgeted allowance; and
  - (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0067/'08

2.

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) the profitability of all ports in Sri Lanka owned by the government on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1994 and the profitability as of today;
  - (ii) as per (i) above; the Dollar rate as at 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1994; and as if today; and
  - (iii) the Dollar equivalent as above?
- (b) Will he state, the total liability of Sri Lanka Ports Authority as at April 25, 1994 and as at today separately?
- (c) If not, why?

0073/'08

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
  - (i) the school dental officers of the Department of Health are given promotions on the basis of the date on which they passed the Efficiency-Bar examination;
  - (ii) 86 female dental officers passed this examination which was held for the first time in 1984 and obtained qualifications for promotions; and
  - (iii) promotions have been given to the persons who passed the examination conducted in 1988, without giving promotions to the aforesaid 86 persons?

- (b) Will he admit that the fact that granting of promotions to the female school dental officers should be done according to a merit list prepared on the basis of the date on which they passed this Efficiency-Bar examination has also been endorsed by the Supreme Court determination bearing S.C. APPLICATION NO.104/91?
  - (c) However, as the female officers who passed the Efficiency-Bar examination held in 1984 for the female school dental officers, as mentioned above, have hitherto not been granted with promotions due to them, by the due dates, will he take steps to rectify this situation?
  - (d) If not, why?
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**Friday, August 22, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0075/08

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that entire East and majority of the camps in the North were in the hands of the Government by 1994?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) all the military camps controlled by the Government Forces as at 25<sup>th</sup> August 1994;
  - (ii) the camps under the Government control as at 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2001;
  - (iii) the camps that were in the Government control as at 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2005;
  - (iv) the camps that are in Government control as of today; and
  - (v) with corroborative evidence as to when if any camp had captured?
- (c) If not, why?

0076/'08

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that headline of the 'Divaina' Newspaper on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2007 was "a Sinhala Kotiya is in Custody"?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the present situation of this person;
  - (ii) whether the charges are framed against him;
  - (iii) how many other "Sinhala Kotiyas" are in custody without having been charged?
- (c) If not, why?

0077/'08

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 from 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1994 to-date—
    - (i) the number of Garment and Apparel Industry Factories that have been operating along with the total employment;
    - (ii) the number of Ceramic Industry Factories that have been operating along with the total employment;
    - (iii) the number of Plantation Industry Factories for Tea, Rubber and Coconut separately;
    - (iv) the number of Estates and staff members in these industries;
    - (v) the number of Footwear Industry Companies along with the number of staff members;
    - (vi) the number of people involved in Fishing Industry;
    - (vii) the number of people involved in Agricultural Industry;
    - (viii) the number of People involved in Livestock Industry?
  - (b) If not, why?
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**Tuesday, September 09, 2008**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0078/'08

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the amount of money allocated for education in 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
  - (ii) the amount allocated for the purchase of computers?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the amount that the Government has paid to suppliers and computer software suppliers for last 05 years?
- (c) Is he aware that a number of suppliers are now bankrupt or in financial constraints owing to the fact that the Government had not paid their dues?
- (d) Will he state the date that they are going to be paid?
- (e) If not, why?

0079/'08

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) All the direct and indirect taxes in operation as of today;
  - (ii) the rupee value of the impact of the tax using rates as of today;
- (b) Will he state separately,—
  - (i) All the taxes imposed on rice, sugar, dhal, milk powder, wheat flour, petrol, diesel and kerosene oil, canned fish, onions, electricity and bank loan as of today;



(ii) a comparison of those figures as at —

1. 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1994
2. 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2001
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2004
4. 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2005
5. to-date

(c) Will he also state the resource value of the impact of the tax using rates as at today?

(d) If not, why ?

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

\*1

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2002 outlining the work it had engaged in up to that point and setting out its future program of action,

And whereas the said Select Committee of Parliament was unable to fulfill 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”.

\* Indicates Government Business.

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