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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0086/08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money, the Central Government had to give to the Colombo Municipal Council for 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) the reason for not paying them; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid allocated money was spent on salaries?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money spent for garbage collection;
 - (ii) whether the tenders had been called for properly and the appointed tenderer was fully compliance with the tender requirements; and
 - (iii) whether the experienced criteria was willfully omitted?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the garbage dump site being used by the Janitorial Services Company; and
 - (ii) whether it is legally approved?
- (d) If not, why?

0087/'08

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the main functions of the Central Bank?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Central Bank is a politically free institution;
 - (ii) the total local and foreign debt of the country as of today, separately; and
 - (iii) the capital and interest component separately, and the total payable for 1948, 1955, 1956, 1977, 2001, 2004 and 2007?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the amount of money been printed by the Central Bank and put into the market to meet the Government outstanding; and
 - (ii) the Treasury account outstanding with People's Bank and Bank of Ceylon from 1995 to-date as at 30th September of each year?
- (d) If not, why?

0088/'08

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money, the Central Government had to give to the Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte Municipal Council for 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) the reason for not paying them; and
 - (iii) whether the aforesaid allocated money was spent on salaries?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money spent for garbage collection;
 - (ii) whether the tenders had been called for properly and the appointed tenderer was fully compliance with the tender requirements; and
 - (iii) whether the experienced criteria was willfully omitted?

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- (c) Will he also state—
- (i) the garbage dump site being used by the Janitorial Services Company; and
 - (ii) whether it is legally approved?
- (d) If not, why?

0204/'08

4.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Vocational and Technical Training,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Vocational and Technical Training (Cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0205/'08

5.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Constitutional Affairs and National Integration,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Constitutional Affairs and National Integration (Cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0206/'08

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Community Development and Social Inequity Eradication (Cabinet);

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- (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0378/08

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the Name, Date of Birth and Age of the person who has been recruited to the post of Finance Supervisor in the Central Environment Authority;
 - (ii) of the qualifications he possessed to be recruited to this post;
 - (iii) whether his educational and professional qualifications are sufficient to hold this position; and
 - (iv) of his monthly salary and other allowances?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) of the basis on which the Deputy Supervisor who was appointed to Badulla Regional office has been employed in Anuradhapura and Kandy offices; and

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- (ii) of her monthly allowances?
- (c) If not, why?

0379/'08

8.

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) illegal gem mining is taking place on the bank of the Halangoda tank bordering the Polo ground belonging to the Diyatalawa Army Camp; and
 - (ii) a complaint has been received to the effect that the soil containing gem gravel is removed from the aforesaid place and panned, close to the tank bund at the border of Nariyakanda with the use of water pumps?
- (b) will he admit the fact that as a result of this illegal gem mining the farmers in the villages below the tank are facing a severe shortage of water and the world famous Polo ground too, has been damaged?
- (c) Will he state whether he will look into this and take steps to stop this massive damage?
- (d) If not, why?

0413/'08

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the year in which the service of school dental therapists was started in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the name of the institution by which the dental therapists are being trained;
 - (iii) when female school dental therapists were trained for the last time;
 - (iv) the number of female school dental therapists in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (v) the number of school dental clinics where vacancies exist; and

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- (vi) how those clinics where vacancies exist, provide services to the children who come to the clinics?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for recruiting female school dental therapist for children;
 - (ii) the number of dentists who have completed their training by now, but have not been recruited by the relevant department; and
 - (iii) the way in which their service would be obtained for the country?
- (c) If not, why?

0478/08

10.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been spent on each electricity development work in the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division under the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project in Hambantota District in the year 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been estimated for the year 2008 and the amount of money that will be spent for each scheme under the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the total number of electricity connections that had been provided at the end of the year 2006 and the number of electricity connections that were provided during the year 2007;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money that have been provided by the Parliament, Provincial Councils, Ministries, Government agencies and other organizations for the purpose of providing electricity within the relevant division in the year 2007; and
 - (iii) the number of electricity connections that have been provided by using the above mentioned amounts of money?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses which have not obtained electricity as the facilities for obtaining electricity connections have not been provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned;

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- (ii) whether the plans and targets of the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project for the year 2007 have been achieved in respect of the aforesaid division; and
- (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) If not, why?

0479/08

11.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been spent on each electricity development work in the Angunakolapelessa Divisional Secretariat Division under the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project in Hambantota District in the year 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been estimated for the year 2008 and the amount of money that will be spent for each scheme under the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the total number of electricity connections that had been provided at the end of the year 2006 and the number of electricity connections that were provided during the year 2007;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money that have been provided by the Parliament, Provincial Councils, Ministries, Government agencies and other organizations for the purpose of providing electricity within the relevant division in the year 2007; and
 - (iii) the number of electricity connections that have been provided by using the above mentioned amounts of money?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses which have not obtained electricity as the facilities for obtaining electricity connections have not been provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned;
 - (ii) whether the plans and targets of the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project for the year 2007 have been achieved in respect of the aforesaid division; and
 - (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been spent on each electricity development work in the Sooriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division under the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project in Hambantota District in the year 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been estimated for the year 2008 and the amount of money that will be spent for each scheme under the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the total number of electricity connections that had been provided at the end of the year 2006 and the number of electricity connections that were provided during the year 2007;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money that have been provided by the Parliament, Provincial Councils, Ministries, Government agencies and other organizations for the purpose of providing electricity within the relevant division in the year 2007; and
 - (iii) the number of electricity connections that have been provided by using the above mentioned amounts of money?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of houses which have not obtained electricity as the facilities for obtaining electricity connections have not been provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned;
 - (ii) whether the plans and targets of the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project for the year 2007 have been achieved in respect of the aforesaid division; and
 - (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that Mr. Y.M.W.H.M.R.R. Bandara served as the Deputy Principal in Iddamalpana Maha Vidyalaya, Galigamuwa, Kegalle, from 27.09.2005 to 12.01.2007 and as the Acting Principal in the same school from 12.01.2007 to 13.02.2007?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the basis on which Mrs. E. Wimalawathi, an Assistant Teacher in the aforesaid school was appointed as the Principal of the same school on a log entry made by the Zonal Director of Education;
 - (ii) the basis on which the order given by the Zonal Director of Education in Kegalle on the letter bearing No. P.M.A.D. 07/04/03 (II) and dated 27.02.2007 which was issued by the Chief Secretary of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council that the post of Principal should be handed over to Mr. Bandara again, was rejected by Mrs. Wimalawathi and the course of action that was followed with regard to her rejection;
 - (iii) the reasons for not implementing the decision taken by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration on this matter, through the Zonal Director of Education in Kegalle; and
 - (iv) the reason for not implementing the order given by the Provincial Director of Education in Sabaragamuwa by the letter dated 17.12.2007 and issued by the Chief Secretary of Sabaragamuwa giving an impartial decision regarding this matter that the Principal of K/Gali/Arandara School be transferred to Iddamalpana Maha Vidyalaya?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) as to how Mrs. Wimalawathi got the power to remain in the Principal's post in this manner; and
 - (ii) the date on which the decision was given to solve the problem will be implemented?
- (d) If not, why?

0500/08

14.

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the gazette notification regarding the recruitment of the persons for the post of Assistant Librarian in the National Library was issued;
 - (ii) the number of persons who applied for the aforesaid post and their qualifications;
 - (iii) the date on which the interviews were held; and
 - (iv) the number of applicants who appeared for the interview and their maximum and minimum qualifications?

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- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of graduates in Library Information Science and Documentation, who have applied for the aforesaid post;
 - (ii) the number of appointments given up to now after holding the interviews;
 - (iii) their educational qualifications; and
 - (iv) the number of Library Information Science and Documentation graduates who have been recruited for the aforesaid post?
- (c) If not, why?

0546/'08

15.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) salary pertaining to the post of Curator of the Department of National Museums, which is considered as a position on par with Class I of Office Workers Service, has so far been paid according to the scale TBI 4 under Public Administration Circular No. 09/2004;
 - (ii) under the new salary revision, salaries have been determined to both positions above by positioning them on the salary step 22 of the scale PLI 2006?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) the salary pertaining to the Curators of the Department of National Museums has been down-graded to step 18 on the salary scale PLI 2006 on recommendations made by the Salaries and Cadre Commission despite having paid them the salaries for 10 months at step 22 on the salary scale PLI 2006 under Circular 6/2001 and in spite of the recommendation by the Director of the Department of Museums to continue to pay it;
 - (ii) due to the down-grading of the salaries of the Curators of the Department of National Museums, they are now paid a salary that is Rs. 450/- less than the salary which they had been drawing prior to the issuing of Circular No.6/2006; and
 - (iii) the Curators of the Department of National Museums made a complaint to the Human Rights Commission under reference MRC 16747/06/L-13 regarding the injustice caused to them and the Commission in turn decided on 21.11.2007 that the fundamental rights provided in Article 12 (1) of the Constitution have been violated?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether he will take steps to rectify the salary anomaly which has occurred in respect of Curators of the Department of National Museums; and
 - (ii) if so, the date from which this will be effected?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

- *1.
Appropriation Bill (2009)—Second Reading.
- *2
Pradeshya Sanwardana Bank Bill—Second Reading.
- *3
Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill—
Second Reading.
- *4
Fauna and Flora Protection (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- *5.
Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) Bill—Second
Reading.
- *6.
National Thoroughfares Bill—Second Reading.
- *7.
National Institute of Textile and Clothing Bill— Second Reading.
- *8.
Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.
- *9.
Assistance and Protection to Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill,— Adjourned
debate on question (17th June, 2008) [1].
- *10.
Sri Lanka Electricity Bill—Second Reading.
- *11.
Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.
- *12.
Grant of Citizenship to Persons of Indian Origin (Amendment) Bill— Second
Reading.

*13.

Grant of Citizenship to Stateless Persons (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill—
Second Reading.

*14.

Land Development Ordinance (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.

*15

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

*16.

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

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

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

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

*20.

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

*21.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of
Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act,—
That this Parliament resolves that the Order made by the Minister of Finance and
Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in him by
Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.47 of 2006 and specified in the Order No.37
hereto, be approved.

ORDER

Appropriation Act. No.47 of 2006

Order No. 37 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: 30602 “Railway Stores Advance Account” Department of Sri Lanka Railway of the
Second schedule to that Act.

- (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 From Rs. — 1,000,000,000
Schedule to that Act. To Rs. — 680,000,000

(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	3,800,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	3,900,000,000

(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	400,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	550,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2007 only)

Sgd. MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA
Minister of Finance and Planning.

28.08.2008
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*22.

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 10th January, 2008 which were presented on 09.04.2008, be approved.

*23.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Rules under Excise Ordinance,—That the Rules made by His Excellency President under Section 32 of Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), relating to Excise Tax and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1544/17 of 10th April, 2008 which were presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

*24.

Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— Adjourned Debate on Question (3rd October, 2006),— Motion made and question proposed,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition under Section 19 read with Section 72 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) in consultation with the Sri Lanka Medical Council and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1458/16 of 17th August, 2006 which were presented on 05.09.2006, be approved.

*25.

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

*26.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Determination under the Constitution (No.1),— That Mr. Dayananda Dissanayake, Commissioner of Elections 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 Minutes 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)

*27.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Determination under the Constitution (No.2),— Mr. S. Swarnajothi was appointed to the post of Auditor-General with effect from 04.01.2008 in terms of Article 153 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. Subsequently it was decided that he be placed on the salary step of Rs. 58,915/- of the salary scale SL - 4 - Rs.47,515 - 12 × 1,425 - 64,615/- attached to the post. It was decided by the Cabinet of Ministers on 06.08.2008 that Mr. Swarnajothi be paid annual increments of salary so long as he holds the post of Auditor-General. This Parliament, therefore, determines that Mr. S. Swarnajothi, Auditor-General shall be paid a monthly salary of Rs. 58,915/- with effect from 04.01.2008. And that he shall be paid the annual increments of salary attached to the post so long as he holds the post of Auditor-General.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*28.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.3),— 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 1/3rd 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)

*29.

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

Chairman (Full time)

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

Members

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

(Cabinet approval signified)

*30.

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)

*31.

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 salaries 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)

*32.

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, shall 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 determined by this resolution should be substituted for the salaries and allowances previously determined by Parliament.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*33.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Supplementary Sum— Head 117 — Programme 02,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees 9.792 Billion (Rs. 9,792,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies 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 1st January, 2008 and ending on 31st December 2008 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 117 — Ministry of Highways and Road Development
Programme 02 — Development Activities

Project	Rs. Million
3. Expressway Development	= Rs. 3,195
4. Highways Development	= Rs. 2,030
5. Widening and Improvement of Roads	= Rs. 1,160
6. Construction of Bridges and Fly overs	= Rs. 2,485
7. Tsunami Affected Roads Rehabilitation	= Rs. 422
8. Institutional Support	= Rs. <u>500</u>
Total Expenditure	= Rs. <u>9,792</u>

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.07 of 2008 presented on 07th October,2008. Total of Supplementary Estimates Nos.1-6 Rs. 15,511,980,332/-

*34.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— 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.1547/19 of 30th April, 2008, which was presented on 07.10.2008, be approved.

*35.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— 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.1564/3 of 26th August, 2008, which was presented on 07.10.2008, be approved.

*36.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,— Regulations under the Financial Transactions Reporting Act,— That the Regulations made by the President, under paragraph (b) of Section 6 of the Financial Transactions Reporting Act, No.6 of 2006, read with Section 29 of the aforesaid Act, and with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution prescribing the minimum limit of the electronic fund transfer to be reported to the FIU made at a request of a customer, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1555/9 of 25th June, 2008, which were presented on 07.10.2008, be approved.

*37.

Motor Traffic (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading

38.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading

39.

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

* Indicates Government Business

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

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0089/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, the amount of foreign currency in the Government Institutions that have not been en-cashed owing to the lack of proper directions from the Government?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, a full list of above information for Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, People's Bank and Bank of Ceylon?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the action going to be taken to rectify this error; and
 - (ii) the reason for not been taken this contingent liability into National accounts?
- (d) If not, why?

0090/'08

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date that Sri Lankan Government borrowed from external agencies and countries for the first time after the independence;
 - (ii) names of the then Prime Minister, the then President and the respective year;
 - (iii) the date that the first US Dollar Treasury Bond was issued;
 - (iv) names of the then President, Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance;
 - (v) the date of the first commercial borrowing in US Dollars was resorted to by a Government; and
 - (vi) names of the then President, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total debt, and the local and foreign debt separately as of today; and
 - (ii) the per capita debt as of today?
- (c) If not, why?

0091/'08

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House from 1994 on yearly basis—
 - (i) the total quantity of gold held as a reserve for the country at the Central Bank;
 - (ii) the quantity of gold held by the Central Bank from fines, confiscation and from penalties imposed on persons or entities;
 - (iii) the quantity of the gold been sold along with their value; and
 - (iv) the reason for selling of gold been adopted by the Central Bank?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether competitive bids are called for the sale of gold; and

- (ii) if so, the activities from January 2006 onwards?
- (c) If not, why?

0207/'08

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Plantation Industries (Cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0208/'08

5.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment,—

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment (Cabinet);

- (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will she submit to this House separately—
- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will she state—
- (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0209/08

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils (Cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;

- (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0380/'08

7.

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

- (a) Is she aware that presenting the budget for year 2007, His Excellency the President submitted a proposal to waive off the housing loans of the low income earners?
- (b) Will she inform this House of the period for which the aforesaid waiving off will be effective and the date from which that period will commence?
- (c) Will she admit the fact that the loan installments are recovered monthly from low income families residing in houses constructed under the Buttala Gam Udava (Village re-awakening programme)?
- (d) Will she state whether action will be taken to waive off the housing loans of these people?
- (e) If not, why?

0414/'08

8.

Hon. Piyasiri Wijenayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a person can hold the office of Member of Provincial Council while being in Public service, when a public servant is elected as a Member of a Provincial Council;

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- (ii) whether the aforesaid person should obtain no pay leave or whether that person should be sent on retirement, according to Public Administration Circular No.1189(1); and
 - (iii) if not, whether it is possible for that person to be employed as a public servant and hold the office of Member of Provincial Council at the same time?
- (b) Is he aware that Mr. A.A.H. Fernando, an employee of Bank of Ceylon, has worked as a Member of the Central Provincial Council, while he was working at Bank of Ceylon on payment of a salary?
- (c) if so, will he admit that the aforesaid person has defrauded public funds?
- (d) Will he state—
- (i) the years in which the aforesaid person has drawn both those salaries; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that would be taken against that person?
- (e) If not, why?

0481/'08

9.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
- (i) the amount of money that has been spent on each electricity development work in the Weeraketiya Divisional Secretariat Division under the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project in Hambantota District in the year 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been estimated for the year 2008 and the amount of money that will be spent for each scheme under the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the total number of electricity connections that had been provided at the end of the year 2006 and the number of electricity connections that were provided during the year 2007;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money that have been provided by the Parliament, Provincial Councils, Ministries, Government agencies and other organizations for the purpose of providing electricity within the relevant division in the year 2007; and
 - (iii) the number of electricity connections that have been provided by using the above mentioned amounts of money?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of houses which have not obtained electricity as the facilities for obtaining electricity connections have not been provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned;
 - (ii) whether the plans and targets of the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project for the year 2007 have been achieved in respect of the aforesaid division; and
 - (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) If not, why?

0482/08

10.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
- (i) the amount of money that has been spent on each electricity development work in the Katuwana Divisional Secretariat Division under the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project in Hambantota District in the year 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been estimated for the year 2008 and the amount of money that will be spent for each scheme under the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the total number of electricity connections that had been provided at the end of the year 2006 and the number of electricity connections that were provided during the year 2007;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money that have been provided by the Parliament, Provincial Councils, Ministries, Government agencies and other organizations for the purpose of providing electricity within the relevant division in the year 2007; and
 - (iii) the number of electricity connections that have been provided by using the above mentioned amounts of money?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of houses which have not obtained electricity as the facilities for obtaining electricity connections have not been provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned;
 - (ii) whether the plans and targets of the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project for the year 2007 have been achieved in respect of the aforesaid division; and

(iii) if so, what they are?

(d) If not, why?

0483/08

11.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

(a) Will he inform this House, separately—

(i) the amount of money that has been spent on each electricity development work in the Okewela Divisional Secretariat Division under the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project in Hambantota District in the year 2007; and

(ii) the amount of money that has been estimated for the year 2008 and the amount of money that will be spent for each scheme under the aforesaid project?

(b) Will he submit to this House—

(i) the total number of electricity connections that had been provided at the end of the year 2006 and the number of electricity connections that were provided during the year 2007;

(ii) separately, the amounts of money that have been provided by the Parliament, Provincial Councils, Ministries, Government agencies and other organizations for the purpose of providing electricity within the relevant division in the year 2007; and

(iii) the number of electricity connections that have been provided by using the above mentioned amounts of money?

(c) Will he state—

(i) the number of houses which have not obtained electricity as the facilities for obtaining electricity connections have not been provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned;

(ii) whether the plans and targets of the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project for the year 2007 have been achieved in respect of the aforesaid division; and

(iii) if so, what they are?

(d) If not, why?

0501/'08

12.

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake,— 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 soldiers and other officers who were sent to Haiti by the Sri Lankan Government to serve in the United Nations Peacekeeping Force;
 - (ii) the date on which they were sent from the island to carry out their duties in the Peacekeeping Force in Haiti;
 - (iii) the period of time in which they served in the Peacekeeping Force in Haiti; and
 - (iv) the date on which they were sent back to the island?
- (b) Is he aware that, the soldiers who were sent back to the island have hitherto not been paid the due salaries for their six months service in the United Nations Peacekeeping Force?
- (c) Will he inform this House the date on which they will be paid the arrears of salaries due to them?
- (d) If not, why?

0502/'08

13.

Hon. R.M. Gamini Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Sri Lankans selected by the Ministry of Labour and Private Foreign Employment Companies to be sent to Italy for the post of Nursing Assistant after undergoing training in year 2004 ;
 - (ii) separately, the names, addresses and the educational qualifications of the selected persons mentioned above;
 - (iii) out of the selected persons mentioned above, the number of persons who have been sent to Italy for the aforesaid post by now; and
 - (iv) separately, their names, addresses, numbers of the Passports, and the date and time of their departure?
- (b) Is he aware that other persons have been sent to Italy in this manner in place of the selected persons with qualifications and training?

- (c) if so, will he inform this House of the course of action that will be taken with regard to this matter?
- (d) Will he admit that the Italian Government has inquired about the nature of the job profile and the income level of the persons who were selected for the post of Private Healthcare Nursing Assistant in Italy?
- (e) If not, why?

0505/'08

14.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Rest Houses of which the responsibility of management has been taken over by the Urban Development Authority;
 - (ii) the number of Rest Houses which belonged to the Local Authorities earlier and came under the management of the Ministry of Urban Development subsequently; and
 - (iii) the names of the aforesaid Rest Houses and the date on which the management was taken over as mentioned above?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the percentage of the relevant tax money given to the aforesaid local authorities by the Urban Development Authority for their ownership;
 - (ii) whether the relevant percentage of money due on behalf of the aforesaid Rest Houses has been given from the date on which the Rest Houses belonging to Local Authorities were taken over, up to 31.12.2007; and
 - (iii) separately, if the money has not been given, the names of the Rest Houses for which the aforesaid percentage of money has to be given and the amount of money due on behalf of them?
- (c) If not, why?

0506/'08

15.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the monthly rental paid by the Urban Development Authority for the Rest House which belongs to the Matale Municipal Council; and

(29)

- (ii) the number of employees who are working in the aforesaid Rest House?
 - (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Matale Rest House was sealed on 05.09.2007; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid Rest House could not be rented out till March 2008?
 - (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether necessary steps will be taken regarding the employees who lost their jobs during the period between the above mentioned dates; and
 - (ii) if it is the Urban Development Authority that is responsible for the loss caused to the Matale Municipal Council during the period concerned, will the necessary steps be taken to compensate that loss?
 - (d) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of applications received when the tenders were called for the Matale Rest House;
 - (ii) separately, the names of the relevant applicants and their financial status; and
 - (iii) the financial capability and the professional expertise of the selected person?
 - (e) If not, why?
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Thursday, October 23, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0092/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the all foreign currency loans taken by the Government from 1st January 2007 to-date;
 - (ii) whether a sovereign guarantee been given; and

- (iii) the conditions of borrowing interest rate, grace period and pay back period?
- (b) Will he state the total local and foreign debt amortization (capital and interest) to-date per year basis for the next 10 years?
- (c) If not, why?

0093/'08

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date that the Sathosa Retail Limited stopped functioning after commercializing to the private sector;
 - (ii) the names of the private sector consortiums involved; and
 - (iii) whether the above consortium made up of Arpico, Carsons and Ceylon Biscuits Private Limited?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the canned fish, sprats, sugar and big onions were imported or purchased locally during 2005 to 2007;
 - (ii) whether the tenders were called;
 - (iii) if not the reason;
 - (iv) all the items bought without calling tenders where the value is over 3 million; and
 - (v) the profit or loss of Sathosa Retail Limited and Co-operative Wholesale Establishment Limited (CWE) for 2005, 2006 and 2007, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

0094/'08

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date that the Lanka Sathosa commenced business;

- (ii) the objectives of this concept;
- (iii) the number of outlets as of today;
- (iv) the ownership of the Lanka Sathosa;
- (v) the accounts of the Lanka Sathosa to-date; and
- (vi) the profit or loss from the date of inception to date per month basis, separately?

(b) If not, why?

0210/08

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development (Cabinet);
- (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
- (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?

(b) Will he submit to this House separately—

- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
- (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
- (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
- (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
- (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?

(d) If not, why?

0211/'08

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Plan Implementation (Cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0212/'08

6.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition (Cabinet);

- (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0484/08

7.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
- (i) the amount of money that has been spent on each electricity development work in the Walasmulla Divisional Secretariat Division under the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project in Hambantota District in the year 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been estimated for the year 2008 and the amount of money that will be spent for each scheme under the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the total number of electricity connections that had been provided at the end of the year 2006 and the number of electricity connections that were provided during the year 2007;

- (ii) separately , the amounts of money that have been provided by the Parliament, Provincial Councils, Ministries, Government agencies and other organizations for the purpose of providing electricity within the relevant division in the year 2007; and
 - (iii) the number of electricity connections that have been provided by using the above mentioned amounts of money?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of houses which have not obtained electricity as the facilities for obtaining electricity connections have not been provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned;
 - (ii) whether the plans and targets of the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project for the year 2007 have been achieved in respect of the aforesaid division; and
 - (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) If not, why?

0485/'08

8.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
- (i) the amount of money that has been spent on each electricity development work in the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division under the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project in Hambantota District in the year 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been estimated for the year 2008 and the amount of money that will be spent for each scheme under the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the total number of electricity connections that had been provided at the end of the year 2006 and the number of electricity connections that were provided during the year 2007;
 - (ii) separately , the amounts of money that have been provided by the Parliament, Provincial Councils, Ministries, Government agencies and other organizations for the purpose of providing electricity within the relevant division in the year 2007; and
 - (iii) the number of electricity connections that have been provided by using the above mentioned amounts of money?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of houses which have not obtained electricity as the facilities for obtaining electricity connections have not been provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned;
 - (ii) whether the plans and targets of the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project for the year 2007 have been achieved in respect of the aforesaid division; and
 - (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) If not, why?

0486/08

9.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately—
- (i) the amount of money that has been spent on each electricity development work in the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat Division under the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project in Hambantota District in the year 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been estimated for the year 2008 and the amount of money that will be spent for each scheme under the aforesaid project?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the total number of electricity connections that had been provided at the end of the year 2006 and the number of electricity connections that were provided during the year 2007;
 - (ii) separately, the amounts of money that have been provided by the Parliament, Provincial Councils, Ministries, Government agencies and other organizations for the purpose of providing electricity within the relevant division in the year 2007; and
 - (iii) the number of electricity connections that have been provided by using the above mentioned amounts of money?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of houses which have not obtained electricity as the facilities for obtaining electricity connections have not been provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board within the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned;
 - (ii) whether the plans and targets of the Ran Eliveta Electricity Project for the year 2007 have been achieved in respect of the aforesaid division; and

- (iii) if so, what they are?
- (d) If not, why?

0519/'08

10.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—

- (a) Is he aware that an 800 year old canoe was found during the restoration of the Rantheliya tank in Kurunegala?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this canoe is in the safe custody of the Department of Archeology at present; and
 - (ii) if not, whether it is in the custody of another institution?
- (c) Will he state whether action will be taken to exhibit this canoe in Kurunegala more securely under the supervision of the Department of Archeology for the knowledge of the future generations?
- (d) If not, why?

0679/'08

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the total number of tanks that belong to the categories of minor irrigations and major irrigations in the Mahawewa Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of reservations of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) the year in which the surveys have been carried out for the last time for the purpose of identifying the aforesaid reservations;
 - (iv) whether there are occupants in the aforesaid reservations;
 - (v) if there are occupants, whether they occupy the aforesaid reservations on any legal basis; and
 - (vi) the relevant year, the basis and the duration of their occupation?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the names and addresses of the persons occupying the aforesaid reservations in respect of minor irrigations and major irrigations;

- (ii) whether alternative lands have been identified for the distribution to the aforesaid occupants of the reservations of tanks;
 - (iii) if so, the locations of those lands; and
 - (iv) if alternative lands have not been identified, the date on which action will be taken to grant them?
- (c) If not, why?

0537/08

12.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Vocational and Technical Training,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether approval has been granted to Mr. S.M. Bimal Rohitha who serves as a Technical Advisor of the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (National Apprentice Board) to run a workshop for manufacturing moulds as a private venture?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a sum of Rs. 120,000 has been obtained from a person called Vithanage Don Chandrasoma for manufacturing two moulds that have been made by fixing parts manufactured on the sly at the factory of the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority; and
 - (ii) the Technical Instructor of the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (National Apprentice Board) has misused his institutional power in this regard?
- (c) Will he state as to what steps have been taken regarding the complaints lodged with the relevant institutions and the police by the person who gave money?
- (d) If not, why?

0507/08

13.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the proposed project for the Sigiriya Archeological Development Activities (World Heritage Town) was started;

- (ii) the date on which the first phase of the aforesaid project was completed; and
- (iii) the types of work completed during the first phase?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of extraordinary gazette notifications issued to acquire lands for the second phase; and
 - (ii) the years in which the aforesaid gazette notifications were issued?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which the people were informed to evacuate their lands; and
 - (ii) whether the Government will dispossess the people of these lands under the section 39(A) of the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act, No.8 of 1979 even though the compensation money or alternative lands have not yet been given?
- (d) If not, why?

0538/08

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the post of Principal of the Thurston College, Colombo has fallen vacant from October 2006?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the former Principal of the aforesaid school was promoted to a post of Senior Assistant Secretary of the Ministry;
 - (ii) whether he had fulfilled the necessary qualifications for the aforesaid post;
 - (iii) if so, what those qualifications are;
 - (iv) if the Deputy Principal who covered the duties of the Principal went on retirement, the date on which he went on retirement;
 - (v) the name of the person who is holding the post of Principal at present;
 - (vi) whether he admits that the appointment of a permanent Principal has been delayed; and
 - (vii) if so, the reason for that delay?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratne,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, the extent of the Badagamuwa forest reserve which is situated close to the Kurunegala town and the special environmental features of it?
- (b) Is he aware—
 - (i) that this forest is a very important place when its environmental impact and the location are taken into consideration; and
 - (ii) that a certain group of persons have acted in a manner that has caused damages to the undergrowth, the freedom of animals, and the natural set up of the forest reserve?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) roads, bridges, huts on trees, wells and toilets and other buildings are being built in the aforesaid forest at present; and
 - (ii) such activities will damage the identity of the forest reserve?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the institute that is responsible for implementing this project;
 - (ii) the nature and objectives of the project; and
 - (iii) whether the relevant Parliamentary Consultative Committee and the District Co-ordinating Committee of the Kurunegala District have been made aware of this project?
- (e) If not, why?

Friday, October 24, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the Indian Government has given a credit line to develop the transportation of this country; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount and the date?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether a credit line of US\$ 150 million has been given by Rites Limited in India to the Railway Department;
 - (ii) whether it has been received or negotiated;
 - (iii) the names of the local agents; and
 - (iv) the reasons for taking 2 years to negotiate this offer?
- (c) If not, why?

0096/'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 cost of His Excellency the President's trip to Japan in December, 2007;
 - (ii) the number of people accompanied;
 - (iii) the benefits received to the country;
 - (iv) the name and the quantity of them;
 - (v) the quantity received to date;
 - (vi) the date and the quantity to be received; and
 - (vii) the areas that the benefits are relevant to?
- (b) Will he state what we have offered Japan in return?
- (c) If not, why?

0064/'08

3.

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 number of dry lease and wet lease aircrafts been used by Mihin Air;
 - (ii) whether they were selected through a tender process;

- (iii) if so, names of the companies quoted and the selection process; and
 - (iv) the person who decided that?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the cost been charged per month from dry or wet lease basis;
 - (ii) whether the interviews been held;
 - (iii) the Panel and their recommendation for the final selection approved by the auditors;
 - (iv) the number of staff members, working;
 - (v) their salary scales and the impact to the company, per month basis;
 - (vi) the accounts of the Mihin Air to-date;
 - (vii) the date and the amount transferred to Mihin Air from the Government;
 - (viii) the Head that the money transferred from and the date that the Parliament approved the payment; and
 - (xi) the Head under which, the Mihin Air got the allocation of funds in 2006 and 2007 through the Appropriation Bills?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the names of the key officers of the Treasury and Mihin Air, who are involved in Mihin Air Limited financial transactions?
- (d) Will he admit that the money has not been legally allocated and therefore all the officers are subjected to misuse of public funds?
- (e) If not, why?

0168/08

4.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Re-settlement and Disaster Relief Services,—

- (a) Is he aware of the fact that Miss. U.D. Mahinsa Pradeepanie died of the bomb that exploded opposite a garment shop in Nugegoda?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) only Rs. 25,000/= has been given to her parents residing at No.14/1, Hill Crest Watta, Niwungama, Piliyandala, as compensation;
 - (ii) publicity was given through media that a compensation of Rs. 100,000/= would be made to the family of the victims of the bomb explosion;

- (iii) however, by limiting the compensation paid by the Government to Rs. 25,000/= for a victim below 18 years of age, there is a difference between the actual payment of compensation and the publicity given to it; and
 - (iv) the parents whose child was killed in the bomb blast are put into a difficult position as a result of this situation?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to pay the compensation to those parents as publicized?
- (d) If not, why?

0169/08

5.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) the construction work was started to expand and develop Kottawa-Mount Lavinia road bearing route No.255 and Piliyandala-Moratuwa road bearing route No.158;
 - (ii) the development work has been stopped halfway for several years; and
 - (iii) this situation is an obstruction for the flow of traffic and a cause for accidents?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the development work of the aforesaid roads was stopped halfway;
 - (ii) the reasons for stopping work in that manner;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to develop these roads again; and
 - (iv) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

0213/08

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Social Services and Social Welfare (Cabinet);

(43)

- (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0214/08

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Justice and Law Reforms (Cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;

(44)

- (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0215/08

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Supplementary Plantation Crops Development (Cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and

- (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?

(d) If not, why?

0487/'08

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of Cabinet Ministers, Non-Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers who are granted the Rupees One Hundred Thousand allowance (Rs.100,000) for obtaining houses on rent basis;
- (ii) the names of Ministers to whom the said allowance is granted and their posts according to the order of Cabinet Minister, Non-Cabinet Minister and Deputy Minister; and
- (iii) the date on which the facility of obtaining houses on rent basis was granted to the Minister for the first time?

(b) Will he state the total amount of money spent from 01.06.2004 to 31.12.2007 for obtaining houses for the ministers on rent basis?

(c) If not, why?

0539/'08

10.

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether there is a group of buyers registered with the Industrial Development Board to buy scrap materials from the aforesaid Board;
- (ii) whether the persons other than the aforesaid buyers have been provided with the opportunity of buying scrap materials;
- (iii) the quantity of scrap materials that have been provided to the registered buyers during the year 2007;
- (iv) the quantity of scrap materials that have been provided to buyers other than the registered buyers during the year 2007;
- (v) whether there have been any instances of issuing more than 1000 kilograms of various scrap materials on one occasion, within the year 2007; and

(vi) if so, the names of the persons to whom such quantities of scrap materials were issued as mentioned in (v) above?

(b) If not, why?

0545/'08

11.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

(a) Is he aware that the production and sale for local use and the use of polythene with a thickness of 20 Microns or less have been prohibited by the order issued under Section 23 of the National Environment Act, No.47 of 1980 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka bearing No.1466/5 and dated 10.10.2006?

(b) Will he accept that polythene is still produced according to the old system of production and issued to the market for use?

(c) Will he inform this House of the measures which have been taken so far and the measures which will be adopted in due course to enforce the laws according to the aforesaid Gazette Notification?

(d) If not, why?

0650/'08

12.

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratne,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he inform this House the nature of the 'Jathika Govijana Pola' (National Agrarian Fair) and Exhibition which was held as a project to upgrade the farming community?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) the places where the aforesaid 'Jathika Govijana Pola' and Exhibition were held;

(ii) the amount of money spent on holding each Govijana Pola and Exhibition; and;

(iii) the profit or loss made from each Govijana Pola and Exhibition?

(c) Will he state—

(i) whether a lottery under the name of 'Govijana Wasana' was printed and sold concurrently with the aforesaid Govijana Pola and Exhibition;

(ii) the income received from the sale of the aforesaid lotteries;

(47)

- (iii) separately, the value of the prizes that were offered by the aforesaid lottery with their corresponding places in the order in which, they were offered;
 - (iv) whether these prizes or prize money have been given to the relevant winners; and
 - (v) if they have not been given, the steps that will be taken to give the aforesaid prizes or prize money?
- (d) If not, why?

0680/'08

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the total number of tanks that belong to the categories of minor irrigations and major irrigations in the Naththandiya Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of reservations of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) the year in which the surveys have been carried out for the last time for the purpose of identifying the aforesaid reservations;
 - (iv) whether there are occupants in the aforesaid reservations;
 - (v) if there are occupants, whether they occupy the aforesaid reservations on any legal basis; and
 - (vi) the relevant year, the basis and the duration of their occupation?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the names and addresses of the persons occupying the aforesaid reservations in respect of minor irrigations and major irrigations;
 - (ii) whether alternative lands have been identified for the distribution to the aforesaid occupants of the reservations of tanks;
 - (iii) if so, the locations of those lands; and
 - (iv) if alternative lands have not been identified, the date on which action will be taken to grant them?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the total number of tanks that belong to the categories of minor irrigations and major irrigations in the Wanathawilluwa Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of reservations of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) the year in which the surveys have been carried out for the last time for the purpose of identifying the aforesaid reservations;
 - (iv) whether there are occupants in the aforesaid reservations;
 - (v) if there are occupants, whether they occupy the aforesaid reservations on any legal basis; and
 - (vi) the relevant year, the basis and the duration of their occupation?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the names and addresses of the persons occupying the aforesaid reservations in respect of minor irrigations and major irrigations;
 - (ii) whether alternative lands have been identified for the distribution to the aforesaid occupants of the reservations of tanks;
 - (iii) if so, the locations of those lands; and
 - (iv) if alternative lands have not been identified, the date on which action will be taken to grant them?
- (c) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of minor irrigation tanks and major irrigation tanks which have been reconstructed during the period from year 2000 up to year 2007, in the Arachchikattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the places that was reconstructed and the amount of money allocated for such reconstructions in respect of each of the aforesaid tanks;

(49)

- (ii) the names and addresses of the institutions that carried out the relevant contracts; and
 - (iii) the names of the tanks which have been abandoned by now, due to the inability of obtaining water from those tanks for agricultural purposes?
 - (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to restore the aforesaid tanks?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Tuesday, November 04, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0097/'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 total cost of His Excellency the President's trip to Iran in November, 2007;
 - (ii) the number of people accompanied;
 - (iii) the benefits received to the country;
 - (iv) the names and the quantity of them;
 - (v) the quantity received to date;
 - (vi) the date and the quantity to be received; and
 - (vii) the areas that the benefits are relevant to?
- (b) Will he state what we have offered Iran in return?
- (c) If not, why?

0098/'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 date that the 'Api Wenuwen Api' Fund was legislated;

- (ii) the collected amount of money from the date it was legislated to date, per month basis; and
 - (iii) the names of the people who have donated more than Rs. 100,000/-?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) on what the collected money used for;
 - (ii) the number of houses built for the forces personnel; and
 - (iii) the future plans and what is expected to be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0099/'08

3.

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 number of Air Crafts leased out, bought or hired for Mihin Air from the inception to-date;
 - (ii) the amount being paid or amount paid per month basis;
 - (iii) the load factor required to break even;
 - (iv) the load factor from the origin of the airline per month basis; and
 - (v) the total cargo lift capacity and data capacity lifted to-date per month basis?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the total outstanding as of today with age analysis for fuel, airport aviation, office space and warehouse space, taxes, aircraft dues, bank loans and any other obligation of significance;
 - (ii) the total staff recruited along with the total remittance payable per month basis with perks included for all staff drawing over Rs. 200,000/- in total per month; and
 - (iii) the additional cost that they pay for Aircraft Crew Maintenance Insurance (ACMI) even though the agreements cover the same?
- (c) If not, why?

0170/'08

4.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are betting enterprises which use live telecasting facilities and conduct their business activities under the Betting and Gaming Levy (Amendment) Act, No.14 of 2006; and
 - (ii) taxes amounting to three hundred thousand rupees per year should be paid by those institutions for each of their business premises?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the names of business institutions which use live telecasting facilities for betting enterprises; and
 - (ii) the number of branches of the aforesaid institutions that pay taxes?
- (c) Will he admit that a large number of branches that come under the aforesaid institutions have not paid taxes?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of business premises under the aforesaid institutions, that have not paid taxes;
 - (ii) the amount of tax money that the Government has lost annually; and
 - (iii) the steps that will be taken with regard to the business enterprises that have evaded the payment of taxes?
- (e) If not, why?

0171/'08

5.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Religious Affairs and Moral Upliftment,—

- (a) Is he aware that a land situated near the Aththidiya Bridge at Dehiwala has been given to the Public Trustee Fund by Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, the extent of the aforesaid land;
 - (ii) the date on which it was given;
 - (iii) whether a payment was made by the Public Trustee Fund to the above mentioned Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation;

- (iv) if so, the amount paid; and
- (v) of the purpose for which the land can be used according to the condition pertaining to the granting of the aforesaid land?
- (c) Will he admit that the aforesaid land has been sold to a private company by now?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) if so, the price at which it was sold;
 - (ii) the name of the company to which it was sold;
 - (iii) the date on which it was sold; and
 - (iv) the name of the person who has given the approval for the sale?
- (e) If not, why?

0216/'08

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Rural Industries and Self Employment Promotion (cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and

- (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?

(d) If not, why?

0591/'08

7.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available; and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available

Which had been in the Mannar district before the present Government came to power in 2004?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available:

which are in the Mannar district at present, after the present Government came to power in 2004?

(c) Accordingly, will he submit to this House the number of foreign liquor shops, holiday resorts and tourist resorts for which liquor licenses were issued after the present Government came to the office, along with the names and addresses of their owners, separately?

(d) If not, why?

0218/'08

8.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Cabinet);

- (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0410/'08

9.

Hon. Achala Jagodage,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the properties owned by the River Valleys Development Board as at 01.01.1982 when Walawe - Embilipitiya future development process which was under River Valleys Development Board was taken over by the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid properties the names of properties which were taken over and the names of properties which were not taken over including the immovable properties and vehicles;
 - (iii) out of the said properties the number of houses / plots of land belonging to the River Valleys Development Board;
 - (iv) the properties that have been transferred and the basis on which it was done;
 - (v) out of the properties that have been transferred, the number of houses and lands belonging to River Valleys Development Board;

- (vi) the number of employees of River Valleys Development Board to whom properties have been transferred in this manner; and
 - (vii) the number of houses/lands which remain with the River Valleys Development Board at present?
- (b) Will he state the number of houses, lands, and vehicles that had been in possession of River Valleys Development Board (presently Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority (Walawe)) during the period from 01.01.1982 to 31.12.2007?
- (c) If not, why?

0547/08

10.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the number of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Physicians and Cardiologists in the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital at present; and
 - (ii) separately, the required number of specialists in a Teaching Hospital for one particular branch of Medicine?
- (b) Will he admit that there are three vacancies for specialists in the Kurunegala Teaching Hospital?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether he will take action to fill the aforesaid vacancies?
- (d) Will he admit that by employing a physician at the OPD of the Kurunegala hospital daily, the patients can be given the relevant treatments and sent home without admitting them to the hospital?
- (e) Will he state—
- (i) the programme prepared by the Ministry for the development of the aforesaid hospital which covers a large number of districts like Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Matale and Kegalle; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to implement the plan which was prepared by the Government that was in power during the period from 2001—2004, for the development of the Kurunegala hospital?
- (f) If not, why?

0651/'08

11.

Hon. M.D. Namal Karunaratne,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, the special features of the “Halmilla Demada” forest reserve situated on both sides of the Kurunegala and Matale District borders?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the aforesaid reserve is very important when its environmental impact and the location are considered?
- (c) Is he aware that—
 - (i) with the intention of claiming ownership to the land which belongs to the plots Nos. 153/154/155/156 situated in the 431/A, Hombawa Grama Niladhari Division, that has been published in the Government Gazette dated 26.10.1973, a person by the name of P.D. Kanthi Meegoda is destroying the forest by selling the valuable timber in it;
 - (ii) soil in the areas with steeply slopes has been eroded due to this reason;
 - (iii) the existence of the fauna and flora in the aforesaid forest has been threatened as a result of setting fire to it; and
 - (iv) the vicinity has gone dry due to the over-consumption of water from the fountains of the aforesaid reserve and the villages namely Dummeeya and Imihaminnegama have come under the threat of wild elephants as a result of the destruction of the aforesaid forest reserve?
- (d) If not, why?

0565/'08

12.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of the customs import tax levied by the Government when importing a litre of petrol;
 - (ii) the total amount of taxes including the aforesaid customs import tax that are levied by the Government when it provides a litre of petrol to the consumer; and

- (iii) the percentage of the amount of taxes levied by the Government on a litre of petrol against the price charged from the consumer for a litre of petrol?
- (b) Will he admit that the increase of the price of petrol has an impact on the increase of the prices of goods and services purchased by the consumer?
- (c) Will he admit the fact that the prices of goods and services can be decreased if the amount of taxes levied by the Government on a litre of petrol is decreased?
- (d) If not, why?

0683/'08

13.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of minor irrigation tanks and major irrigation tanks which have been reconstructed during the period from year 2000 up to year 2007, in the Madampe Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the places that were reconstructed and the amount of money allocated for such reconstructions in respect of each of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the institutions that carried out the relevant contracts; and
 - (iii) the names of the tanks which have been abandoned by now, due to the inability of obtaining water from those tanks for agricultural purposes?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to restore the aforesaid tanks?
- (d) If not, why?

0684/'08

14.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of minor irrigation tanks and major irrigation tanks which have been reconstructed during the period from year 2000 up to year 2007, in the Chillaw Divisional Secretariat Division?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the places that were reconstructed and the amount of money allocated for such reconstructions in respect of each of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the institutions that carried out the relevant contracts; and
 - (iii) the names of the tanks which have been abandoned by now, due to the inability of obtaining water from those tanks for agricultural purposes?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to restore the aforesaid tanks?
- (d) If not, why?

0685/'08

15.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of minor irrigation tanks and major irrigation tanks which have been reconstructed during the period from year 2000 up to year 2007, in the Pallama Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the places that were reconstructed and the amount of money allocated for such reconstructions in respect of each of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the institutions that carried out the relevant contracts; and
 - (iii) the names of the tanks which have been abandoned by now, due to the inability of obtaining water from those tanks for agricultural purposes?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to restore the aforesaid tanks?
- (d) If not, why?
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Friday, November 07, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0071/'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 times that His Excellency the President has gone overseas;
 - (ii) the names of the countries;
 - (iii) the number of people accompanied; and
 - (iv) the reason for accompaniment?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the cost incurred on these overseas trips; and;
 - (ii) the significant gains from the trips for the country?
- (c) If not, why?

0072/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House as at 25th April 1994 and as of today—
 - (i) the profit of Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB); and
 - (ii) the total liability of Ceylon Electricity Board?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there has been a major improvement or augmentation of power in the power sector from 1994 to-date; and
 - (ii) if so, what they are and corroborative evidence?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the amount that the consumer was being charged as at 25th April 1994 and as of today separately; and

(ii) the per capita debt as at 25th April 1994 and to-date from Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB)?

(d) If not, why?

0074/'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) whether money had been allocated for Reconstruction and Development Agency (RADA) in 2005, and 2006 through the budget;

(ii) whether the money had been transferred to RADA through National Budget Department Head; and

(iii) if so, the amount and the date?

(b) Will he state—

(i) whether, the Government has looked into that the houses had been built from the monies given through B&K Holdings Limited;

(ii) if they could not follow up, what the reason was to give it to them; and

(iii) whether this is not a 'Daylight Robbery' openly pursued by the Government?

(c) If not, why?

0165/'08

4.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Religious Affairs and Moral Upliftment,—

(a) Is he aware that an initial investigation report was issued in the year 2006 regarding various acts of corruption with connection to public property managed by the Department of Public Trustee, including the sale of Regidalewatta, Kahapola, Piliyandala as well as the improper dealings with the Samarakoon property?

(b) Will he inform this House of the steps taken regarding the persons against whom allegations were leveled and the irregularities that have taken place according to the aforesaid report which has been referred to the Secretary to the Ministry of Religious Affairs?

(c) If not, why?

0166/'08

5.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the land named Regidalewatta in Piliyandala had been given to Ceylinco Developers Company for a Millennium City Housing Project which was to be implemented as a project approved by the Board of Investment;
- (ii) a public protest emerged claiming that it was illegal to sell the aforesaid land for the aforesaid project and it would also cause damage to the environment; and
- (iii) the aforesaid housing project has been cancelled accordingly?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the manner in which this land has been dealt with, after canceling the housing project;
- (ii) the total extent of the land; and
- (iii) the current plans regarding the land?

(c) If not, why?

0197/'08

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage (Cabinet);
- (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
- (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?

(b) Will he submit to this House separately—

- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;

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- (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0368/'08

7.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the number of vehicles that are used for propaganda activities of the Development Lotteries Board;
 - (ii) out of those vehicles, the vehicles that belong to the Development Lotteries Board;
 - (iii) the makes and the registration numbers of the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iv) the vehicles that have been obtained for this institution on the basis of monthly rent; and
 - (v) the makes, registration numbers and the monthly rentals of the aforesaid vehicles?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the names of the persons who use these vehicles;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent monthly on fuel for the aforesaid vehicles;
 - (iii) the names of the owners of the vehicles that have been obtained on the basis of rent; and
 - (iv) the relationship that exist between the owner of these vehicles and the Chairman of the Development Lotteries Board?
- (c) If not, why?

0369/'08

8.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any tender procedure has been followed in purchasing televisions, Road Master motor cycles and three wheelers awarded as major prizes of the instant lotteries of the Development Lotteries Board since the year 2005 up to now;
 - (ii) if a tender procedure has been followed, the institutions from which tenders were called and the quotations submitted by them;
 - (iii) the institutions for which tenders were awarded; and
 - (iv) the names of the officials who were in the relevant tender board?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the decisions taken at the meetings of the tender board?
- (c) If not, why?

0370/'08

9.

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 parents of war heroes are disregarded when entitlements are granted to immediate relatives of families of war heroes who were killed in the war?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) all allowances and entitlements are granted only to the wife and children who are the closest relatives, when a married war hero is killed; and
 - (ii) as a result of the above mentioned situation, the parents who brought him up with immense difficulties since his childhood are left destitute?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to grant an allowance for the sustenance of the parents of the departed war hero?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Supplementary Plantation Crops Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the plantation crops that are regarded as the supplementary plantation crops by the relevant Ministry;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid crops, the crops that are exported for the generation of foreign exchange;
 - (iii) the districts identified as areas where these crops are cultivated; and
 - (iv) separately, the number of hectares in which the relevant crops are cultivated in each of the aforesaid districts?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the amount of money allocated for each district for the year 2008 to expand the cultivation of the above mentioned crops that are exported?
- (c) Will he state the steps taken by now to expand the cultivation of the varieties of crops which have been indentified as crops that can generate substantial foreign exchange?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration Home Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the places where the 54 houses that were completely destroyed by the floods of 2003 were situated in Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle have been identified as unsafe places by the Government officials; and
 - (ii) the Ministry of Lands has recommended that those people be provided with plots of lands from the estate that was taken over by the state in Thalgaswala, Nagoda?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the funds required to provide them with outstanding compensation has been provided to Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division by the Ministry of Disaster Relief Services in accordance with Parliamentary Consultative Committee resolution No.860 and 1433; and

- (ii) the aforesaid outstanding compensation monies have been reverted to the Treasury by the Divisional Secretary of Nagoda on 31st December 2007?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the time span within which steps will be taken to provide the relevant recommended land, as lands have not yet been provided by the Divisional Secretary to the group of people whose houses were destroyed, despite the repeated requests made by the people's representatives and the relevant land recipients; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken against the officials who delay the provision of recommended lands?
- (d) If not, why?

0643/08

12.

Hon. Thilakarathne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the number of the Ayurvedic Siddha and Yunani doctors who are affiliated to the indigenous medical system and who serve under the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine (including Provincial Health Service) and the hospital where they serve;
 - (ii) the number of vacancies that exists for doctors at those hospitals at present;
 - (iii) the number of unemployed doctors who have graduated from Wickramarachchi Medical College at Gampaha, Indigenous Medical College at Borella and the Indigenous Medical College at Jaffna, by now;
 - (iv) the number of doctors who have passed out as diploma holders from Wickramarachchi Medical College of Gampaha; and
 - (v) as all those who pass out from Indigenous Medical Colleges at present are graduates, whether a special programme will be formulated to provide employment to all of the aforesaid diploma holders?
- (b) Will he state the period of time within which necessary action will be taken to provide employment to all the indigenous doctors who have already obtained their degrees during the year 2008?
- (c) If not, why?

0673/'08

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the total number of tanks that belong to the categories of minor irrigations and major irrigations in the Chillaw Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of reservations of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) the year in which the surveys have been carried out for the last time for the purpose of identifying the aforesaid reservations;
 - (iv) whether there are occupants in the aforesaid reservations;
 - (v) if there are occupants, whether they occupy the aforesaid reservations on any legal basis; and
 - (vi) the relevant year, the basis and the duration of their occupation?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the names and addresses of the persons occupying the aforesaid reservations in respect of minor irrigations and major irrigations;
 - (ii) whether alternative lands have been identified for the distribution to the aforesaid occupants of the reservations of tanks;
 - (iii) if so, the locations of those lands; and
 - (iv) if alternative lands have not been identified, the date on which action will be taken to grant them?
- (c) If not, why?

0674/'08

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the total number of tanks that belong to the categories of minor irrigations and major irrigations in the Pallama Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of reservations of the aforesaid tanks;

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- (iii) the year in which the surveys have been carried out for the last time for the purpose of identifying the aforesaid reservations;
 - (iv) whether there are occupants in the aforesaid reservations;
 - (v) if there are occupants, whether they occupy the aforesaid reservations on any legal basis; and
 - (vi) the relevant year, the basis and the duration of their occupation?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the names and addresses of the persons occupying the aforesaid reservations in respect of minor irrigations and major irrigations;
 - (ii) whether alternative lands have been identified for the distribution to the aforesaid occupants of the reservations of tanks;
 - (iii) if so, the locations of those lands; and
 - (iv) if alternative lands have not been identified, the date on which action will be taken to grant them?
- (c) If not, why?

0675/08

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, the total number of tanks that belong to the categories of minor irrigations and major irrigations in the Mundalama Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) separately, the extent of reservations of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (iii) the year in which the surveys have been carried out for the last time for the purpose of identifying the aforesaid reservations;
 - (iv) whether there are occupants in the aforesaid reservations;
 - (v) if there are occupants, whether they occupy the aforesaid reservations on any legal basis; and
 - (vi) the relevant year, the basis and the duration of their occupation?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the names and addresses of the persons occupying the aforesaid reservations in respect of minor irrigations and major irrigations;

- (ii) whether alternative lands have been identified for the distribution to the aforesaid occupants of the reservations of tanks;
 - (iii) if so, the locations of those lands; and
 - (iv) if alternative lands have not been identified, the date on which action will be taken to grant them?
- (c) If not, why?

Saturday, November 08, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0100/'08

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House from the year 2000 to-date per year basis—
- (i) the total amount of money received for the Sri Lanka Cricket Board;
 - (ii) the total expenditure;
 - (iii) the surplus in each year;
 - (iv) the interest earned by the Cricket Board;
 - (v) the amount of money earned by the Sri Lanka Cricket Board for the TV rights and to whom it was awarded;
 - (vi) whether it was done after tenders;
 - (vii) if so, the names of the Tenderers along with the value;
 - (viii) if not so, the person who authorized it; and
 - (ix) the names of the local agents of the above tender who won the award?
- (b) If not, why?

0101/'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 date that the former President signed an agreement with the LTTE relating to peace process;

- (ii) the main points of that agreement; and
 - (iii) the date that the ceasefire agreement was signed?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of civilians, armed forces and police personnel that were reported killed, separately from 2000 to-date;
 - (ii) the benefits accrued after the cancellation of the ceasefire agreement on 03rd of January, 2008 along with accurate evidence; and
 - (iii) the cost spent on military forces and police for the years from 2000 to date, per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

0102/'08

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total consumption of Gas in the country as of today;
 - (ii) the quantity locally produced and quantity imported separately;
 - (iii) the retail price of Gas over the last 20 years;
 - (iv) whether any subsidy is given to reduce the burden of the consumer; and
 - (v) if so, the amount that has been given as of today?
- (b) Will he state separately as at today, all the taxes imposed on Gas, if imported or locally produced, until it reaches the consumer?
- (c) If not, why?

0219/'08

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Public Estate Management and Development (Cabinet);

- (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0592/'08

5.

Hon. R.P.A. Ranaweera Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
 - (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available; and
 - (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available
- which had been in the Anuradhapura district before the present Government came to power in 2004?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;

- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available:
which are in the Anuradhapura district at present, after the present Government came to power in 2004?
- (c) Accordingly, will he submit to this House the number of foreign liquor shops, holiday resorts and tourist resorts for which liquor licenses were issued after the present Government came to the office, along with the names and addresses of their owners, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0221/'08

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Education (Cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and

- (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0686/'08

7.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of minor irrigation tanks and major irrigation tanks which have been reconstructed during the period from year 2000 up to year 2007, in the Mundalama Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the places that was reconstructed and the amount of money allocated for such reconstructions in respect of each of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the institutions that carried out the relevant contracts; and
 - (iii) the names of the tanks which have been abandoned by now, due to the inability of obtaining water from those tanks for agricultural purposes?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to restore the aforesaid tanks?
- (d) If not, why?

0687/'08

8.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of minor irrigation tanks and major irrigation tanks which have been reconstructed during the period from year 2000 up to year 2007, in the Puttalam Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the places that was reconstructed and the amount of money allocated for such reconstructions in respect of each of the aforesaid tanks;

- (ii) the names and addresses of the institutions that carried out the relevant contracts; and
 - (iii) the names of the tanks which have been abandoned by now, due to the inability of obtaining water from those tanks for agricultural purposes?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to restore the aforesaid tanks?
- (d) If not, why?

0688/'08

9.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of minor irrigation tanks and major irrigation tanks which have been reconstructed during the period from year 2000 up to year 2007, in the Anamaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the places that was reconstructed and the amount of money allocated for such reconstructions in respect of each of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the institutions that carried out the relevant contracts; and
 - (iii) the names of the tanks which have been abandoned by now, due to the inability of obtaining water from those tanks for agricultural purposes?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to restore the aforesaid tanks?
- (d) If not, why?

0698/'08

10.

Hon. Sarath Ranawaka,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Board of Directors attached to the Head Office of the Kalutara Bus Company were allowed to report for duty after the Parliamentary Election of 2004;

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- (ii) if they were not allowed to do so, the reason for it;
 - (iii) the names of officers and other persons who were involved in the above mentioned incident;
 - (iv) whether other persons were appointed to the Board of Directors in an improper manner;
 - (v) if such persons were appointed, the date on which it was done; and
 - (vi) whether those appointments are legal?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the list of the names of the aforesaid Board of Directors?
- (c) If a lawful Board of Directors was appointed in place of the improper Board of Directors, will he submit to this House the list of their names and their dates of appointments?
- (d) Will he state—
- (i) whether the aforesaid Board of Directors was not able to report for duty due to various influences;
 - (ii) the date on which they reported for duty; and
 - (iii) whether there are Directors, who have not yet been appointed legally?
- (e) If not, why?

0699/'08

11.

Hon. Sarath Ranawaka,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Is he aware of the circulars that were issued after the 2004 General Election, namely the one issued by the Secretary to the Ministry of Transport dated 27.04.2004, bearing No. EJ/T/204 (5) and the circular issued by the General Manager of Sri Lanka Central Transport Board dated 18.05.2004, bearing No. PA/405/12/ Cluster?
- (b) Will he admit that the appointments, promotions and transfers that were given after the 2004 General Election were to be considered as cancelled, as directed by the aforesaid circulars?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether those irregular appointments have been rectified by now; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of officials to whom it is relevant?
- (d) Will he submit to this House the list of the names of the officials whose appointments were regulated?
- (e) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Sarath Ranawaka,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Depot Manager Rathnasiri Liyanage and Finance Manager Jayasena who received appointments at Horana Depot of the Kalutara Bus Company after the Parliamentary General Election held in 2004 have been interdicted over a financial fraud;
 - (ii) the date on which the aforesaid interdiction was done; and
 - (iii) the relevant charge for the aforesaid interdiction?
- (b) Will he present to this House—
 - (i) whether there was an Additional Staff Manger post in the then approved cadre for officers of the Kalutara Bus Company; and
 - (ii) if there was not such a post in the aforesaid cadre, what type of a officer had been included?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the former finance manager, B.L. Nimal Jayasekara, had been interdicted;
 - (ii) if he had been interdicted, the relevant charge for doing so; and
 - (iii) if he has been reinstated, the post in which he has been reinstated?
- (d) Is he aware that the above mentioned person by the name of Jayasekara has served both as the Additional Staff Manager and the Staff Manager at the same time in an improper manner?
- (e) Will he admit that—
 - (i) if he was appointed to those posts in an improper manner when he had been interdicted and when there was a case pending in courts, the aforesaid posts are not legal; and
 - (ii) the measures taken by him and the appointments, promotions and transfers made under his signature during the period in which he served in those two posts are also not legal?
- (f) If not, why?

0710/'08

13.

Hon. Vijira Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that steps have been taken to amend the relevant Act enabling the officers, who married after premature retirement due to the closure of Departments or the abolishing of posts, to contribute, if they wish to, to the W & OP fund and receive pension till they reach the age of 55 years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the amended Bill has been referred to the Legal Draftsman; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to include the employees serving in the armed forces and retire before the age of 55?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to implement the regulations in this amendment Act promptly?
- (d) If not, why?

0711/'08

14.

Hon. Vijira Abeywardena,— 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. H.M.M. Maharroof of No. 264/1, Samagiwatta, Dangedara, Galle had lodged a complaint (File No. MNBD/PAC/2453) to the 'Presidential Commission to look into the grievances of the victims of the ethnic riots in 1981—1984';
 - (ii) following investigation by the said Commission and on recommendation of compensation, a cheque for the value of Rs. 20,000/-, bearing No.901329 and dated 28.09.2007 had been issued in his name by the Ministry concerned;
 - (iii) since Mr. Maharroof died on 28.04.2007, his wife Mrs. Halimath Sahdia has sent back the aforesaid cheque and the relevant documents to the relevant Ministry on 22.11.2007; and
 - (iv) the cheque has not been issued in the name of Mrs. Halimath Sahdia, who is legally entitled to the said compensation?
- (b) Will he take necessary action to issue the cheque in the name of Mrs. Haleemath Sahdia, wife of the late Mr. Maharroof?
- (c) If not, why?

0712/'08

15.

Hon. Vijira Abeywardena,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mr. Mohammad Falil Mohammad at No. 40/2, Makuluwa New Road, Galle, died in an accident while serving as a labourer in the Galle Municipal Council; and
 - (ii) Mrs. Mohammad Sahidnoor Murpida, the wife of the aforesaid person got her husband's pension (Pension No.14995) until her death in 25.10.2001?
- (b) Will he admit that Pathumma Seena and Mohammad Vaseer, the two underaged children of the above mentioned husband and wife are entitled to the Orphans' pension and Pathumma Seena, the eldest daughter has been given the pension under Orphans' pension grant (W & OP Pension No.38462 and W & OP Pension No.2575) up to 19.05.2005, but the payment of pension dues to Mohammad Vaseer who is also entitled to that has not been implemented as yet ?
- (c) Will he take necessary action to pay pension dues to Mohammad Vaseer who is also entitled to it from 14.02.2006 under the Orphans' pension grant without delay?
- (d) If not, why?
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Monday, November 10, 2008

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0103/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total consumption of cement in the country as of today;
 - (ii) the quantity locally produced and quantity imported separately;
 - (iii) the retail price of cement over the last 20 years;

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- (iv) whether any subsidy is given to reduce the burden of the consumer; and
- (v) if so, the amount that has been given as of today?
- (b) Will he state separately as at today, all the taxes imposed on cement , if imported or locally produced, until it reaches the consumer?
- (c) If not, why?

0104/'08

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total consumption of milk powder in the country as of today;
 - (ii) the quantity locally produced and quantity imported separately;
 - (iii) the retail price of milk powder over the last 20 years;
 - (iv) whether any subsidy is given to reduce the burden of the consumer; and
 - (v) if so, the amount that has been given as of today?
- (b) Will he state separately as at today, all the taxes imposed on milk powder , if imported or locally produced, until it reaches the consumer?
- (c) If not, why?

0105/'08

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total consumption of onions (small and big) in the country as of today;
 - (ii) the quantity locally produced and quantity imported separately;
 - (iii) the retail price of onions over the last 20 years;
 - (iv) whether any subsidy is given to reduce the burden of the consumer; and

- (v) if so, the amount that has been given as of today?
- (b) Will he state separately as at today, all the taxes imposed on onions (small and big), if imported or locally produced, until it reaches the consumer?
- (c) If not, why?

0222/'08

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development (Cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0223/08

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services (Cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and
 - (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0224/08

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an official residence has been provided for the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Cabinet);
 - (ii) if so, whether it is a property owned by the State; and

- (iii) if it is not owned by the State, the basis on which it has been allocated?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) if an official residence has been allocated, whether it has been repaired or upgraded during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007;
 - (ii) if it has been repaired, the amount of money spent in each year for that purpose;
 - (iii) whether furniture or any other equipment for the use of the aforesaid official residence, has been purchased at Government expense during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount spent on them?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of units of electricity and water that have been used at this official residence during each month of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007; and
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the relevant Ministry for electricity and water used at the above mentioned official residence in each month of the aforesaid years?
- (d) If not, why?

0689/'08

7.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of minor irrigation tanks and major irrigation tanks which have been reconstructed during the period from year 2000 up to year 2007, in the Mahakumbukkadawala Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the places that were reconstructed and the amount of money allocated for such reconstructions in respect of each of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the institutions that carried out the relevant contracts; and

- (iii) the names of the tanks which have been abandoned by now, due to the inability of obtaining water from those tanks for agricultural purposes?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to restore the aforesaid tanks?
- (d) If not, why?

0690/'08

8.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of minor irrigation tanks and major irrigation tanks which have been reconstructed during the period from year 2000 up to year 2007, in the Mahawewa Divisional Secretariat Division?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) separately, the places that were reconstructed and the amount of money allocated for such reconstructions in respect of each of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the institutions that carried out the relevant contracts; and
 - (iii) the names of the tanks which have been abandoned by now, due to the inability of obtaining water from those tanks for agricultural purposes?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to restore the aforesaid tanks?
- (d) If not, why?

0691/'08

9.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately the number of minor irrigation tanks and major irrigation tanks which have been reconstructed during the period from year 2000 up to year 2007, in the Naththandiya Divisional Secretariat Division?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) separately, the places that were reconstructed and the amount of money allocated for such reconstructions in respect of each of the aforesaid tanks;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the institutions that carried out the relevant contracts; and
 - (iii) the names of the tanks which have been abandoned by now, due to the inability of obtaining water from those tanks for agricultural purposes?
- (c) Will he state whether he will take necessary steps to restore the aforesaid tanks?
- (d) If not, why?

0562/'08

10.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
 - (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available; and
 - (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available;
- which had been in the Colombo district before the Presidential Election held in November 2005?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
 - (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and
 - (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available:
- which are in the Colombo district at present, after the Presidential Election in November 2005?
- (c) Accordingly, will he submit to this House separately, the number of foreign liquor shops, holiday resorts and tourist resorts for which liquor licenses were issued after the Presidential Election in November 2005, along with the names and addresses of their owners, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0580/'08

11.

Hon. K.V. Samantha Vidyaratne,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available; and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available

Which had been in the Badulla district before the present Government came to power in 2004?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available:

which are in the Badulla district at present, after the present Government came to power in 2004??

(c) Accordingly, will he submit to this House the number of foreign liquor shops, holiday resorts and tourist resorts for which liquor licenses were issued after the present Government came to the office, along with the names and addresses of their owners, separately?

(d) If not, why?

0582/'08

12.

Hon. (Mrs.) Sujatha Alahakoon,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
- (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available; and
- (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available

Which had been in the Matale district before the present Government came to power in 2004?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
 - (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and
 - (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available:
which are in the Matale district at present, after the present Government came to power in 2004?
- (c) Accordingly, will he submit to this House the number of foreign liquor shops, holiday resorts and tourist resorts for which liquor licenses were issued after the present Government came to the office, along with the names and addresses of their owners, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0585/'08

13.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
 - (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available; and
 - (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available
Which had been in the Hambantota district before the present Government came to power in 2004?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
 - (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and
 - (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available:
which are in the Hambantota district at present, after the present Government came to power in 2004?
- (c) Accordingly, will he submit to this House the number of foreign liquor shops, holiday resorts and tourist resorts for which liquor licenses were issued after the present Government came to the office, along with the names and addresses of their owners, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0588/'08

14.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
 - (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available; and
 - (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available
- Which had been in the Kalutara district before the present Government came to power in 2004?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
 - (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and
 - (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available:
- which are in the Kalutara district at present, after the present Government came to power in 2004?
- (c) Accordingly, will he submit to this House the number of foreign liquor shops, holiday resorts and tourist resorts for which liquor licenses were issued after the present Government came to the office, along with the names and addresses of their owners, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0589/'08

15.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
 - (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor was available; and
 - (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor was available

which had been in the Gampaha district before the present Government came to power in 2004?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of foreign liquor shops;
 - (ii) the number of holiday resorts where foreign liquor is available; and
 - (iii) the number of tourist resorts where foreign liquor is available:
- which are in the Gampaha district at present, after the present Government came to power in 2004?
- (c) Accordingly, will he submit to this House the number of foreign liquor shops, holiday resorts and tourist resorts for which liquor licenses were issued after the present Government came to the office, along with the names and addresses of their owners, separately?
- (d) If not, why?
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Friday, January 09, 2009

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 (06th July 2007)

Motion made and question proposed,—“That this Parliament is of the opinion that the President and the Prime Minister be prevented from holding any cabinet portfolio in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performances of their ministers” [P.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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38.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— Payment of Pension Gratuity without delay,— This Parliament resolves that measures be adopted to pay Pension Gratuity without delay to the Pensioners who have not yet received the same.

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39.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— Conservation of the Ussangoda Mountain Site,— Since the Ussangoda mountain range area on the coastal belt in the south belonging to the Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat Division, popularly known as the Horton Plains of the South and identified as a site belonging to Middle Paleolithic has inherited an immense importance as an open settlement site from which twenty eight thousand years old geometrical tools and rocks have been discovered and also as a site extremely rich in marine and land bio-diversity and an ideal turtle habitat and as a wall that protected people from the Tsunami waves, this House resolves that it be declared an eco-system to be protected by immediately putting a stop to the project proposed to be launched there.

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40.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% Return for Employees in relation to Inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employee Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund which are administered by the Government Institutions should ensure that the employees get a return of 1% higher than the inflation of each year.

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41.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of Free Travelling Facilities to Senior Citizens,— That this Parliament resolves that all senior citizens be provided with free of charge traveling facilities in public transport services.

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42.

Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— Amendment to Agricultural Development Act, No.46 of 2000,— That this Parliament resolves that the Agricultural Development Act, No.46 of 2000 be amended in order to remedy the great injustice caused to the tenant cultivators, mostly engaged in cultivation since their land ownership comes under various titles and whereas the tenant cultivation was abolished by the above Act, which resulted that the tenant cultivators had been deprived of their lands and numerous disputes have arisen due to lack of legal protection.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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

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

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

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2.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— Establishment of a Standing Committee of Parliament to consider the Appropriation Bill 2009,—

Whereas 19 days have been allotted in terms of Standing Orders for the Committee Stage consideration of the financial provisions for and the performance of 50 Cabinet Ministries and 30 Non Cabinet Ministries under the Appropriation Bill 2009;

And whereas it has been allotted as merely as one fourth of the time allocated per day, for the discussion of the votes of the respective Ministries;

And whereas only 7 hours per day have been allotted for the Committee Stage, and that only approximately 2 hours are allotted to consider the Heads of very many of the Ministries and that is hardly sufficient to discuss the year's performance and the following year's programme of each Ministry comprehensively;

This Parliament resolves that a Standing Committee of Parliament be established as nearly the same as a Select Committee of Parliament, to sit continuously from the day the Estimates are presented to the Parliament till the division at the second reading and to consider the Appropriation Bill 2009.

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 selected from both the Government and Opposition.
3. The Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and produce any paper or record in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorised for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall present its Report to the Parliament on or before the day on which the Committee Stage of the Appropriation Bill commences.

* Indicates Government Business.
