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**Monday, April 20, 2009**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0099/'08

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the 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?

0752/'08

2.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of Samurdhi recipients in each of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Gampaha District as at 30<sup>th</sup> June in each year from the year 2004 to the year 2007;
  - (ii) the amounts of money paid for them along with their names and addresses; and
  - (iii) the amount of money paid for the Samurdhi Recipients in the years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of persons who were Samurdhi recipients during the aforesaid four years but whose names were removed from the list of Samurdhi recipients subsequently and their names and addresses;
  - (ii) the basis on which they were removed from the list of Samurdhi recipients as mentioned above; and
  - (iii) if there are new Samurdhi recipients, the amount of money paid for them and their addresses?
- (c) If not, why?

0993/'08

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Kirinda Fisheries harbour gets filled up from time to time?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the amount of money that was spent in the years 2007 and 2008 to remove the sand that gets collected in the aforesaid harbour;
  - (ii) whether that sand is sold; and
  - (iii) if so, the price per cube of sand?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the number of cubes of sand that have been sold up to now and the income received through that sale; and

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(ii) the names and addresses of buyers?

(d) If not, why?

1053/08

4.

Hon. M. D. Namal Karunaratne,—To ask the Minister of Land and Land Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that people have been living for more than 40 years in the colony by the name of “Irudeniya Highland Development Scheme” situated within Pallekale land in Kahagalla which comes under Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kurunegala District?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the extent of the aforesaid land and the number of families who are residing there;
  - (ii) whether their names have been included in the electoral register;
  - (iii) if there are Grama Niladharis, Samurdhi Officers and Agricultural Productivity and Research Officers who are serving there on Government appointments, the names of such officers;
  - (iv) if there are Government schools, the number of schools and the names of those schools;
  - (v) if there are a Co-operative shop and a Clinic, the names of them; and
  - (vi) if the Government has constructed bridges, culverts and roads, the number of those bridges, culverts and roads so constructed and their names?
- (c) Will he admit that—
- (i) the buses of the Sri Lanka Central Transport Board and private buses are operating in the above mentioned colony; and
  - (ii) the state banks have provided farmer loans and cultivation loans to the residents of the above mentioned colony?
- (d) Is he aware that—
- (i) a former President has developed and declared open the “Irudeniya Highland Development Scheme’ on 23.03.1994; and
  - (ii) following the advice of a former Deputy Minister of Environment a survey has been conducted in the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division with regard to the distribution of the aforesaid land?
- (e) Will he take necessary steps to release these lands to the people who are residing in the aforesaid land?
- (f) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House the names of the country and the institution from which the financial allocations are provided to the “Nila Sevana” project for public servants which is being constructed at Habaraduwa Town and Wakunagoda in Galle District and Kundasale in Kandy?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the agreement that was signed for the aforesaid project?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the aforesaid financial allocations are provided as a loan or a grant;
  - (ii) if it is given as a loan, the interest rate, the time period within which it should be paid back and the conditions of the loan;
  - (iii) whether the country / institution which provides the aforesaid allocations has put forward conditions to the Government of Sri Lanka with regard to the aforesaid project;
  - (iv) if so, what those conditions are;
  - (v) of the date on which the project was started and the scheduled date for the completion of it;
  - (vi) if the construction work was not completed on the scheduled date, the reasons for it; and
  - (vii) of the date on which the projects are expected to be completed under the new conditions?
- (d) Will he state—
  - (i) the names of the company/ companies that obtained the contract of this housing project and the name of the institution that provide consultation services;
  - (ii) separately, the number of houses in these three projects and the number of square feet of a house;
  - (iii) the basis and the methodology on which the houses are given to the public servants; and
  - (iv) the amount of money that should be paid for a house and the method of payment?
- (e) If not, why?

1067/'08

6.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,—To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information and Minister of Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd., has been unable to recover any advance payments that have been made to foreign companies for the purchase of goods;
  - (ii) if so, the reason for it;
  - (iii) of the names of the countries and the names of the companies to which the advance payments have been made; and
  - (iv) of the courses of action that have been followed to recover the aforesaid monies?
- (b) If not, why?

1086/'08

7.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the extent of crown land in the Mahiyangana town; and
  - (ii) separately, the extent of those plots of land?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) whether measures have been taken by now to provide plots of land in the Mahiyangana town to the private sector; and
  - (ii) if so, the procedure that was followed to provide those plots of land?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the details of the persons who obtained the aforesaid lands?
- (d) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether measures will be taken to provide the aforesaid lands to the private sector in future;
  - (ii) the plots of land in Mahiyangana town that have been reserved for the constructions of the public sector in future; and
  - (iii) the extent of those plots of land and the names of the relevant institutions?
- (e) Will he state—
  - (i) if lands have not been reserved for the construction of Government offices and official residences, the reason for it; and

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- (ii) the area in which required lands will be reserved?
- (f) If not, why?

1122/'08

8.

Hon. Y. M. Navaratne Banda,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the total number of teachers who had been serving in this country as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008;
  - (ii) separately, of the number of such teachers in each Province;
  - (iii) whether there is an excess of teachers at Provincial Council level;
  - (iv) if so, the subject streams for which there is an excess of teachers;
  - (v) whether there is a shortage of teachers at Provincial Council level; and
  - (vi) if there is such a shortage, the subject streams for which there is a shortage?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the shortage and excess of teachers in respect of each Provincial Council; and
  - (ii) the remedies that have been adopted by the relevant Ministry to solve the issue of the aforesaid shortage and excess of teachers?
- (c) If not, why?

1124/'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 of—
  - (i) the date on which the Road Maintenance Trust Fund was established;
  - (ii) the legal basis of it;
  - (iii) the manner in which this Fund is managed; and
  - (iv) the method in which money is obtained for this Fund?
- (b) Will he state separately—
  - (i) the amount of money that was agreed upon to be deposited in the Road Maintenance Trust Fund from each litre of petrol and each litre of diesel;

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- (ii) the amount of income collected to be deposited in the Fund for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 accordingly;
  - (iii) the amounts of money that were allocated from the Budget annually for the years specified above for road maintenance; and
  - (iv) the amounts of money that were released annually from the Road Maintenance Trust Fund to the Ministry of Highways and Road Development in the years specified above?
- (c) If not, why?

1125/'08

10.

Hon. Dimuthu Bandara Abayakoon,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of hectares of tea smallholdings that have been brought under cultivation at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately—
  - (i) of the number of hectares of such tea smallholdings in each district;
  - (ii) out of the number of hectares mentioned in the answer for b (i) above, the number of hectares of seed tea and the number of hectares of sapling tea; and
  - (iii) the gross yield per hectare of seed tea and sapling tea in kilograms?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the measures taken at present for increasing the productivity in the tea smallholdings?
- (d) If not, why?

0718/'08

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the names of the members of the President's Fund;
  - (ii) the date it was constituted; and
  - (iii) the names of the members of the Fund immediately prior to the term of present members?
- (b) Will he state —
  - (i) the expenditure incurred through the President's Fund along with the names of each item of expenditure for the last five years;
  - (ii) all the costs over Rs. 100,000/- for the last 05 years on yearly basis;

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- (iii) the revenue source for the President's Fund; and
- (iv) the revenue earned for the last five years to-date on yearly basis?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the last date that the accounts were audited along with the audit reports?
- (d) Will he also state —
  - (i) the amount paid to the politicians over the last 05 years to-date on yearly basis along with the reason for each item;
  - (ii) the number of requests from politicians that have been rejected form the last year to-date; and
  - (iii) their names and the reason?
- (e) If not, why?

1072/'08

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the amount of money due to the Telecommunication Regulation Commission as at 31.12.2007 as a result of default in payments; and
  - (ii) out of the aforesaid amount, the amount of money due from Government institutions?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the amount of money due from other institutions who obtain regular services, other individuals and the fishing community who have obtained radios under various programmes implemented by the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources as at the aforesaid date, in addition to the monies due from Government institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

1126/'08

13.

Hon. Dimuthu Bandara Abayakoon,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately, of the number of employees presently attached to Tea Smallholdings Development Authority on the basis of each post?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether measures were taken for rightsizing the Tea Smallholdings Development Authority;
  - (ii) if so, what those measures are;



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- (iii) whether the employees who had completed 57 years of age were sent on retirement without paying any compensation in order to achieve the objective of rightsizing;
  - (iv) the number of persons who were sent on retirement as mentioned above; and
  - (v) if employees were sent on retirement with their consent and on a payment of compensation, the number of such employees?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the total amount of money that was paid as compensation for the purpose mentioned above; and
  - (ii) the sources from which the aforesaid amount of money was obtained?
- (d) If not, why?

0720/'08

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the amount of the loans given to Hotel Developers (Lanka) Ltd. (Hilton Hotel) by the Treasury?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the following information for each loan by tabling copies of the Treasury letters separately—
  - (i) the date and the amount of the loan;
  - (ii) interest rates and repayment terms;
  - (iii) repayment terms of the capital;
  - (iv) interest accrued as of to-date; and
  - (v) total interest outstanding and the total capital outstanding as of to-date?
- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) whether the loans stated above reflect the defaulted loans as well;
  - (ii) the date, amount and the terms of loans given in 2008;
  - (iii) as to how the above loans and interests be recovered by the Treasury;
  - (iv) the original planned cost and the subsequent actual cost of building the Hotel;
  - (v) the net value of the Hotel as of today; and
  - (vi) the total land extent of the Hotel?
- (d) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,—To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of the officers in the grades of General Manager, Deputy General Manager and Assistant General Manager in the Ceylon Electricity Board who have been found guilty of not adhering to tender procedures during the last 05 years and who are still in the service after being recommended to be expelled from the service;
  - (ii) of the name of the person who has the authority to terminate their service; and
  - (iii) of the reason for keeping them still in service by the aforesaid authorities who are in charge of discipline?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether action will be taken to expel the aforesaid officers who have been accused of the above charges following the decision of the disciplinary inquiry; and
  - (ii) whether disciplinary action will be taken against the authorities who are keeping the officers who have been accused of the above charges, in service?
- (c) If not, why?

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

\*1.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*2.

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Bill — Second Reading.

\*3.

Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill—  
Second Reading.

\*4.

Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) Bill—Second  
Reading.

\*5.

Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.

\*6.

Assistance and Protection to Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill,— Adjourned  
debate on question (17<sup>th</sup> June, 2008) [1].

\*7.

Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.

\*8.

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

\*9.

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

\*10.

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

\*11.

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

\*12.

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

\*13.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Resolution under the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance,—That this Parliament resolves that a sum not exceeding Rupees One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Million (Rs. 150,000 million) may in addition to sums authorized by the resolution in that behalf, be borrowed by the issue in Sri Lanka of Sri Lanka Government Treasury Bills and that, for such purpose, the Minister of Finance and Planning be granted all requisite authority under Section 2(1) of the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance (Chapter 417).

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*14.

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 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.61 of 2007 and specified in the Order No.12 hereto, be approved.

### **ORDER**

#### **Appropriation Act. No.61 of 2007**

#### **Order No. 12 under Section 8**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.61 of 2007, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No: 21302 "Printing, publicity and Sales of Books Advance Account - Department of Educational Publications" of the Second Schedule to that Act.

(i) Maximum limit of expenditure

specified in Column II of the	From	Rs.	—	2,250,000,000
Second Schedule to that Act.	To	Rs.	—	3,736,000,000

(12)

(ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	2,250,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	2,500,000,000
(iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	4,000,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	6,000,000,000
(iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the Second Schedule to that Act.	From	Rs.	—	100,000,000
	To	Rs.	—	250,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2008 only)

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

13.02.2009  
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*15.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Resolution under the Customs Ordinance,—That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235), relating to import duties which was presented on 20.03.2009, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1587/9 of February 03, 2009)

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*16.

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. 1585/10 of January 20, 2009, which was presented on 20.03.2009, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*17.

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. 1587/10 of February 03, 2009, which was presented on 20.03.2009, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*18.

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.3),—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. 1590/17 of February 26, 2009, which was presented on 20.03.2009, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*19.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.1),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly salaries payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal, with effect from 01.01.2006, shall subject to the provisions of the Public Administration Circular No.6/2006 dated 25.04.2006, be as follows:

Hon. Chief Justice	Rs. 70,000.00
	Rs. 1,500.00
Judges of the Supreme Court and the President of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 65,000.00
Judges of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 63,500.00

And this Parliament further resolves that the salaries determined by this resolution, replace the salaries determined by the resolution moved in Parliament on September 09, 2004, relating to the salaries payable to the judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*20.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.2),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly personal allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal shall be an amount equivalent to 25% of their respective salaries, with effect from 01.07.2008.

And this Parliament further resolves that the personal allowance determined by this resolution, replaces the personal allowances determined by resolution moved in Parliament on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1998, relating to the personal allowances payable to the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*21.

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 under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the monthly rent allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice, Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and the Judges of the Court of Appeal with effect from 01.08.2007, be as follows:

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Hon. Chief Justice	Rs. 27,500.00
Judges of the Supreme Court and the President of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 25,000.00
Judges of the Court of Appeal	Rs. 22,500.00

And this Parliament further resolves that the rent allowances determined by this resolution, replaces the rent allowances determined by Parliament on September 09, 2004, as payable to the judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*22.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Determination under the Constitution (No.4),— That this Parliament hereby determines under Article 108(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the Hon. Chief Justice shall be paid a monthly allowance of Rs. 3,500/- as an entertainment allowance with effect from 01.07.2008.

And this Parliament further resolves that the entertainment allowance determined by this resolution, replaces the entertainment allowance determined earlier by the resolution moved in Parliament, relating to the entertainment allowance payable to the Hon. Chief Justice.

(Cabinet approval signified)

\*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 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 which were presented on 19.06.2008, be approved.

\*24.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Regulations under the Import and Export (Control) Act (No.1),—That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Section 4(3) and Section 14 of the Import and Export (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969 and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1592/9 of 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2009, which were presented on 07.04.2009, be approved.

\*25.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Regulations under the Import and Export (Control) Act (No.2),—That the Regulations made by the President under Section 20 read with Section 4(3) and Section 14 of the Import and Export (Control) Act, No.1 of 1969 and paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1592/10 of 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2009, which were presented on 07.04.2009, be approved.

\*26.

Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

\*27.

Nation Building Tax (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

\*28.

Sri Lanka Institute of Landscape Architects Bill — Second Reading.

\*29.

The Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—Orders under the Soil Conservation Act,— That the Orders made by the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services under Section 4 (Chapter 450) of the Soil Conservation Act, for publication in the Gazette Extraordinary in terms of Section 9(1) of the said Act, which were presented to the Parliament on 07.04.2009, be approved.

\*30.

The Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—Order under the Soil Conservation Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services under Section 3 (Chapter 450) of the Soil Conservation Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1550/9 of 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2008, which was presented on 07.04.2009, be approved.

\*31.

The Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—Regulations under the Plant Protection Act,—That the Regulations made by the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services under paragraphs (h) and (i) of Sub Section (2) of Section 12 of the Plant Protection Act, No.35 of 1999 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No.1588/6 of 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2009, which were presented on 07.04.2009, be approved.

\*32.

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

\*33.

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 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007 which was presented on 17.07.2007, be approved.

34.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

35.

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

36.

Adam's Peak Kalpawaruksha Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

37.

Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.

38.

Kosala Dullewa Foundation for Children with Special Needs (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

\* Indicates Government Business

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

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### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Monday, April 20, 2009)

0952/08

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,—To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of Chief Post Masters, Control Assistants, Post Office Investigation Inspectors, Post Office Audit Inspectors of segment “B” of Grade III of Group “A” of the Unified Postal Service, who were summoned to the Postal Headquarters from 12.10.2005 to 14.10.2005 for the interview held for promoting officers to the posts of segment “A” of Grade III of Group “A” of the Unified Postal Service by the letter of the Post Master General, bearing No 10/10/2525/2004 (05) and dated 30.09.2005?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the names, designations and official addresses of the aforesaid officers;
  - (ii) the number of officers who obtained promotions to the segment “A” of the Grade III of Group “A” of the Unified Postal Service by 31.07.2007, out of the persons who faced the above mentioned interview; and
  - (iii) the names, designations, the dates of promotion and the official addresses of these officers?
- (c) If not, why?

1169/08

2.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of officers recruited to cover the duties of the vacant posts in the Group “A” grade III segment “A” of the Unified postal service, on permanent basis with effect from 01.03.2006 and in terms of the letter of the Postmaster General bearing number 10/10/AHIA/03/06 and dated 27.02.2006 under the covering approval of the Public Service Commission and on the approval of the Secretary to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunication?



- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the names, designations and the official addresses of the above officers;
  - (ii) out of the aforesaid officers, the number of officers who have been sent on retirement upon reaching 60 years of age as at 31.03.2007; and
  - (iii) their names, personal addressees and positions held at the time of retirement?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to confirm Mr. G. Godage, Mr. K.G. Gamage, and Mr. R.A Kottahachchi, who count a period of service not less than four decades and who were appointed to cover duties of posts of Superintendents of Posts on full time basis in Puttalam, Badulla and Hambantota districts respectively in terms of the “(a)” above, in those positions, as they were sent on retirement on 22.08.2006, 21.12.2006 and 09.02.2007 respectively upon reaching 60 years?
- (d) If not, why?

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**Tuesday, April 21, 2009**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0048/08

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) over 7 acres of land on which the Hilton Hotel of Hotel Developers (Lanka) Limited (HDL) is situated, stands vested in the Government as per surrender of special grants Nos. 673 and 674 of July 1999; and
  - (ii) this land was re-vested in the Government?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the amount paid by HDL for using this land since July, 1999;
  - (ii) if not paid, whether the same concession will be given to others;
  - (iii) whether an application has been filed to wind-up the HDL since it is bankrupt;
  - (iv) whether the Cabinet of Ministers has opposed to wind-up the HDL after 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2007; and
  - (v) if so, in accordance with the Companies Act, No.7 of 2007 whether the Cabinet of Ministers will take the personal responsibility to repay the Government the shortfall on Government loans?
- (c) If not, why?

0919/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held, in July 2006 (Hansard copy No.165/3)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
  - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
  - (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0925/'08

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in January 2007 (Hansard copy No.168/2)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
  - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?

- (c) Will he state separately —
- (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0931/'08

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in January 2008 (Hansard copy No.174/6)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
  - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
- (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0939/'08

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in July 2007 (Hansard copy No.170/7)?

- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
  - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
- (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

1100/08

6.

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

- (a) Is he aware that there is a company by the name of “Bron Bridge” , which engages in fishing?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a court decision has been given with relevance to the aforesaid fishing company;
  - (ii) of the given decision , if such a decision has been given; and
  - (iii) the amount of money that the aforesaid fishing company has defaulted on the Government?
- (c) Will he state the amount of fish that has been exported by the aforesaid shipping company within the past five years?
- (d) If not, why?

1103/08

7.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— To ask the Minister of Urban Development and Sacred Area Development,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the estimated amount for the Lunawa Environmental and Community Development Project;
  - (ii) the number of stages in which that project was due to be completed;

- (iii) the number of stages of that project that has been completed by Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation; and
- (iv) whether the remaining stages have been taken over by the relevant Ministry?
- (b) If so, will he state the reason for this taking over despite the Corporation which is under the purview of the relevant Ministry itself has all the qualifications and capability to complete this project?
- (c) If not, why?

1127/'08

8.

Hon. Dimuthu Bandara Abayakoon,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of employees required for each of the posts of the Tea Smallholdings Development Authority in order to operate the Authority at the optimum level?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether the number of employees came to the target level following the sending of employees on retirement with or without the payment of compensation;
  - (ii) whether the employees were recruited again after the above mentioned retirement process; and
  - (iii) if so, the number of employees so recruited?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) whether action was taken to extend the retirement age beyond 57 years in spite of the fact that the retirement age for the employees of the institution was fixed as 57 years; and
  - (ii) If so, the reasons for it?
- (d) If not, why?

1131/'08

9.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,—To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of Special Road Projects that come under the Ministry of Highways and Road Development or the Road Development Authority; and
  - (ii) whether the aforesaid Special Road Project come under the Ministry of Highways and Road Development or the Road Development Authority?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the consolidated fund of the Government is the only source that provides funds to the people who get displaced and people who undergo hardships due to the loss of property as a result of the acquisition of lands for these Special Road Projects; and
  - (ii) if not, whether there are any other sources that provide the required funds?
- (c) If not, why?

0057/'08

10.

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

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

0986/'08

11.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Customs Reward Fund and Custom Officers' Management and Compensation Fund are in operation;

- (ii) if so, the amount paid from the Customs Reward Fund to Custom Officers for the Financial years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 separately;
  - (iii) the names of the Custom Officers along with the amount received from the Customs Reward Fund for the above each year and to-date; and
  - (iv) the amounts credited to the Custom Officers' Management and Compensation Fund for the Financial years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and to date, separately?
- (b) Will he state whether the accounts of the Custom Officers' Management and Compensation Fund and Customs Reward Fund were audited by the Auditor General?
- (c) If not, why?

1128/08

12.

Hon, Dimuthu Bandara Abayakoon,—To ask the Minister of Trade, Marketing Development, Co-operatives and Consumer Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the number of Co-operative Inspectors enrolled annually for the Diploma Courses at the National Institute of Co-operative Development (NICD);
  - (ii) whether that number shows an annual increase; and
  - (iii) if there is a decrease in that number, the reason for it?
- (b) Will he submit to his House separately—
- (i) the qualifications required of the lecturers who are recruited to conduct lectures at the aforesaid institute;
  - (ii) whether the lecturers who have been recruited have fulfilled those required qualifications; and
  - (iii) the maximum number of lecture hours allocated to lecturers per week and whether that number has been distributed properly among the lecturers?
- (c) Will he also submit to this House separately—
- (i) the number of lecturers employed on permanent basis for teaching in Co-operative Development Diploma Courses;
  - (ii) their permanent monthly salary; and
  - (iii) the total expenditure on lectures on the year 2005/2006?
- (d) If not, why?

1132/'08

13.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,—To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the programme of the Ministry of Highways and Road Development for monitoring activities connected to the acquisition of lands for the special road projects to ascertain whether those activities are carried out properly, legally and within a definite time frame?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the programme of the Ministry for monitoring the activities pertaining to the payment of compensation to the persons who are displaced and affected by the acquisition of lands for these special road projects, to ascertain that the payment of compensation is done properly and according to the laws without any corruption?
- (c) If not, why?

0721/'08

14.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House separately, all the expenditure incurred under 'Department of National Budget' Head 801 and 240, after the Budget relevant to the year 2008 was passed?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the date and how these transfers were informed to Parliament; and
  - (ii) all the expenditure incurred as per (a) above of which has cumulatively exceeded Rs. 150 million?
- (c) If not, why?

1133/'08

15.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the amount of money that was obtained by the Ministry of Highways and Road Development from the Consolidated Fund and other financial sources in each of the past eleven years for the sole purpose of making payments for land acquisition activities pertaining to special road projects?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the Ministry of Highways and Road Development has a special investigation unit comprising experienced officers to ascertain whether the money so obtained in large sums is given to displaced or affected persons without any corruption or fraud and for the purpose of reviewing the progress of acquisition activities;



- (ii) if so, their service experience in years;
  - (iii) if not, the reasons for not taking action to establish such a special investigation unit; and
  - (iv) whether any follow up activities are done in respect of the persons displaced or affected?
- (c) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, April 21, 2009)

0920/'08

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in August 2006 (Hansard copy No.165/9)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
  - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
  - (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0921/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in September 2006 (Hansard copy No.165/15)?

- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
  - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
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- (d) If not, why?

0922/08

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in October 2006 (Hansard copy No.165/20)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
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  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0923/'08

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in November 2006 (Hansard copy No.166/15)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
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- (d) If not, why?

0924/'08

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in December 2006 (Hansard copy No.167/1)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;

- (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
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  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0926/'08

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in February 2007 (Hansard copy No.168/10)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
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- (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0927/'08

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in March 2007 (Hansard copy No.168/19)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
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  - (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0928/'08

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in April 2007 (Hansard copy No.168/21)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;

- (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
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- (d) If not, why?

0929/08

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in May 2007 (Hansard copy No.169/6)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
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10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in June 2007 (Hansard copy No.169/15)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
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- (d) If not, why?

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of persons in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died and injured in military operations in the North and East on each day of the month of February 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;

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- (d) If not, why?

0933/'08

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of persons in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died and injured in military operations in the North and East on each day of the month of March 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
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- (d) If not, why?



13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day of the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in April 2008 (Hansard copy No.175/1)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
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14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day of the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in May 2008 (Hansard copy No.176/1)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;

- (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
  - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
- (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0936/'08

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day of the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in June 2008 (Hansard copy No.176/6)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
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- (d) If not, why?

16.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day of the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in July 2008 (Hansard copy No.176/15)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
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  - (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

17.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of persons in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died and injured in military operations in the North and East on each day of the month of September 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and

- (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
  - (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0940/08

18.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in August 2007 (Hansard copy No.170/13)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
  - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
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  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0941/08

19.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in September 2007 (Hansard copy No.171/5)?

- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
  - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
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  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0942/08

20.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in October 2007 (Hansard copy No.171/12)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
  - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
- (c) Will he state separately —
- (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0943/08

21.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of persons in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died and injured in military operations in the North and East during the month of November 2007?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
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  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0944/08

22.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East during the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held in December 2007 (Hansard copy No.174/1)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
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  - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?

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  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0947/08

23.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day of the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held, in February 2006 (Hansard copy No.163/9)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
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  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0948/08

24.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day of the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held, in March 2006 (Hansard copy No.163/13)?

- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
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- (d) If not, why?

0949/'08

25.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day of the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held, in April 2006 (Hansard copy No.164/1)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
- (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
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- (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?



0950/'08

26.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day of the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held, in May 2006 (Hansard copy No.164/9)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and
  - (iv) the names of their dependants and the allowances that have been given to them?
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  - (i) if salaries and pensions are paid on behalf of the above mentioned personnel the names of the persons who receive them; and
  - (ii) the names of the Divisional Secretariats or the District Secretariats from which the above mentioned payments are received?
- (d) If not, why?

0951/'08

27.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of personnel in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Police who died in military operations in the North and East on each day of the relevant period according to the facts submitted in the Emergency debate held, in June 2006 (Hansard copy No.164/18)?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
  - (i) the name of the camp or the place of duty to which the above mentioned personnel were attached;
  - (ii) the military operations in which they were involved at the time of their death or injury and the dates on which they died;
  - (iii) the names and the private addresses of the aforesaid personnel; and

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- (d) If not, why?

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**Tuesday, May 05, 2009**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0080/'08

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, from 25<sup>th</sup> April 1994 to-date—
  - (i) the per capita debt;
  - (ii) total debt along with interest payable;
  - (iii) SLR to US DLR equivalent;
  - (iv) reserves against imports ratio;
  - (v) poverty level;
  - (vi) families earning less than Rs. 1000/= per month;
  - (vii) balance of payment; and
  - (viii) number of families receiving subsidies?
- (b) Will he state with proof whether the country has progressed or retarded according to the above (i) - (viii)?
- (c) If not, why?

0081/'08

2.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a sovereign guarantee was given and 500 million Dollar bond was taken on or about 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007, through the mediation of the HSBC?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total money taken;
  - (ii) the interest rate tabled, conditions agreed to and the date that the guarantee is over;
  - (iii) the cost for borrowing of this 500 million US Dollar; and
  - (iv) whether it is a fixed or flexed rate?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether a sinking fund has been set up to provide for 60 months;
  - (ii) if so the amount allocated per month;
  - (iii) the London Inter-Bank Rate (LIBOR) and Federal Reserve (FedEx) rate in United State of America as of today;
  - (iv) the above rates at the time that the loan was given; and
  - (v) how the money was utilized?
- (d) If not, why?

0082/'08

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total outstanding from one Government institution to another as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007;
  - (ii) the institutions where the outstanding creates a huge problem for the survival of the institution such as Ceylon Electricity Board, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and Colombo Municipal Council; and
  - (iii) a five year age analysis breakdown for the above?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the reasons for the outstanding of Ceylon Electricity Board, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Colombo Municipal Council, Department of Health, Mihin Air Limited, Department of Education and Fertilizer Corporation separately; and
  - (ii) the dates that will be paid?
- (c) If not, why?

1134/'08

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,—To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House of the details of the structure of the land acquisition and relocation units established for each special road development project?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) separately, of the number of employees in this organizational structure under the categories of casual, contract basis and permanent; and
  - (ii) whether a basic plan of the Surveyor General, the final village plan or a Tracing is used as the base with regard to matters pertaining to acquisition of lands in these Special Road Projects?
- (c) Will he submit to this House a comprehensive report of incidents of payment of compensation for land based on Tracing by the relevant Ministry in these special road projects?
- (d) Will he state whether—
  - (i) the relevant Minister approves the payment of compensation for lands based on tracings, in the acquisition of the above lands;
  - (ii) an assurance can be given to the fact that compensation is not paid for the same land physically located in the same place twice, when compensation is paid based on tracings; and
  - (iii) there are instances of payments being made the above way?
- (e) If not, why?

1135/'08

5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,—To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House a comprehensive report of lands for which compensation has been paid, prior to the ruling of the Minister of Lands under clause 5 of the Land Acquisition Act and the By Law 38 (a) being published in the Gazette, with regard to the land acquisition activities in the special road projects?
- (b) Will he state in this House the provisions under which compensation was paid with regard to lands which were acquired prior to ruling under the Article 5 of the Land Acquisition Act or the By Law 38(a) were published by the Gazette?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money obtained from the Government to make payments in the above mentioned manner;
  - (ii) of the legal provisions which enable the relevant Minister to make the above mentioned payments; and
  - (iii) whether the payments are in conformity with the Land Acquisition Act in all respects and are legal?
- (d) Will he state whether the decision taken to construct a highway by removing people without the Article 5 of the above Act and the By law 38 (a) being published in the Gazette and without taking over the Quiet possession of these lands, has challenged both the Executive and the Legislature?
- (e) Will he make a clarification in this regard in this House?
- (f) If not, why?

1136/08

6.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a registration is done under clause 44 of the Land Acquisition Act after paying compensation for the lands of the Special Road Projects;
  - (ii) whether the relevant transfer certificates have been duly obtained;
  - (iii) the details of plots which have not been registered and for which transfer certificates too have not been obtained under clause 44 of the relevant Act, despite the payment of compensation; and
  - (iv) whether a transfer certificate is obtained under clause 44 for the payments based on tracings?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the reason for the permission of the Minister of Land not being required for the Land Acquisition Officers of the Ministry of Highways and Road Development for land acquisition activities; and
  - (ii) the powers vested in the above mentioned officers to supersede an Act of Parliament?
- (c) If not, why?

0895/'08

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
  - (i) the total extent of the land that was called “Simondale Estate” in Wewala, Thumbowila, which had been under the Public Trustee;
  - (ii) out of the aforesaid extent of land, the extent that had been given to any person for any purpose on any basis;
  - (iii) the person to whom it has been given, the purpose for which it has been given and the basis on which it was done;
  - (iv) the date on which it was given and the period for which it has been given; and
  - (v) the remaining extent of land after the above mentioned extent of land was given?
- (b) Will he state whether it is possible for any party to sell these crown lands held under the Public Trustee?
- (c) If not, why?

0347/'08

8.

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

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

9.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) 90 persons have been selected for the distribution of land for a “Diyawara Gammanaya” project at Hewagamwatta, Meepe, Padukka;
  - (ii) a meeting of the recipients of land was convened by the Divisional Secretary of Padukka on 22.08.2003; and
  - (iii) a meeting of the recipients of land headed by the officials of institutions and people’s representatives was convened again on 18.06.2005 at the Divisional Secretariat of Padukka?
- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) a title certificate with the Government seal which states “Transfer of an allotment of land for the purpose of housing”, without making any reference to the number of the allotment or the extent of land, has been provided to the recipients of lands as a document pertaining to the grant made by the Land Reform Commission;
  - (ii) a letter to the effect that Rs. 50,000/= would be provided by the relevant Ministry for the construction of a house, was awarded to the recipients of land at the function held to mark the launch of a “Diyawara Gammanaya”; at the Divisional Secretariat of Padukka on 20.10.2005;
  - (iii) applications for the selection of allottees have been accepted in the year 2000 and the land Kachcheri has been held at the Community Centre of Padukka on 09.08.2001; and
  - (iv) Rs. 1500/= as surveying fees, Rs. 100/= as charges for the Land Reform Commission application form and Rs. 10,000/= as charges for clearing of land on different occasions have been levied from each of the selected allottees?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the reasons as to why the aforesaid persons have not received land up to now?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

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

- (a) Is he aware that in addition to canned fish and dried fish, raw fish is also imported into this country?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the varieties of fish so imported;
  - (ii) the amount of fish imported during the past 05 years; and
  - (iii) whether taxes are levied on the amount of fish so imported?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the names of the persons or firms engaged in importing fish;
  - (ii) whether selling of fish so imported is done through the sales outlets of Ceylon Fisheries Corporation;
  - (iii) if so, the number of such sales outlets; and
  - (iv) the total amount of fish that was supplied to these outlets during the above mentioned period?
- (d) If not, why?

1006/08

11.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Land Reform Commission has vested a land named Weliwaththa, in Pilagoda, Baddegama in Galle with the State Plantation Corporation through the gazette bearing No. 195/6 and dated 31.05.1982 which was issued under the section 27 a (1) of the Land Reforms (Special Provisions) Act No. 39 of 1981?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) on what grounds the then Minister of Lands gave his approval on 16.05.2002 for the Lease Requisition letter dated 16.03.2002 of the Berns Trading Company of 811/1 Sirimavo Bandaranaike Mawatha, Colombo 14; and
  - (ii) on what legal grounds the above land was given to the aforesaid company on lease for a period of 50 years for a compost project through the Lease Agreement bearing No. 260 and dated 26 February 2003?
- (c) Will he admit that the aforesaid Lease Agreement becomes void as the relevant project was not started within a period of 06 months in compliance with the section 11 of the aforesaid Lease Agreement?
- (d) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of money that has been paid from the date on which the aforesaid land was leased out, up to now; and



- (ii) the period of time within which the relevant Lease agreement will be cancelled and the aforesaid land will be vested with the State Plantation Corporation, as the Land Reform Commission has leased out a property which does not belong to it?
- (e) If not, why?

1056/'08

12.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the amount of loans exceeding Rs. 50 million that has been provided by the Bank of Ceylon to an individual or an institution from November 2005 up to now;
  - (ii) the names of the institutions and persons that have been provided with the aforesaid loans;
  - (iii) whether they / those institutions had obtained loans from other banks or Bank of Ceylon and defaulted the payment of loans, prior to the issue of the aforesaid loans; and
  - (iv) separately, the bank from which the defaulted loan had been obtained and the outstanding amount by now, if they have defaulted the payment of loans as mentioned in (iii) above?
- (b) Will he state the securities deposited by the persons / institutions that obtained loans exceeding Rs. 50 million after November 2005 and the rate of interest relevant to the loans provided to those persons / institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, May 05, 2009)

0824/'08

1.

Hon. Thilakarathne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) of the number of roads that belong to the Balapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha in Galle;
  - (ii) the name of the each of the aforesaid roads and the length of each of them in kilometers;
  - (iii) separately the number of kilometers on the above mentioned roads which had been tarred or laid with concrete when the relevant Pradeshiya Sabha was elected in the year 2006;

- (iv) separately, the number of kilometers on roads that have been tarred or laid with concrete after the relevant Pradeshiya Sabha came into power;
  - (v) of the fund out of which each road was constructed;
  - (vi) out of the aforesaid roads, the number of roads that are being renovated at present or will be left for construction by the end of the year 2008 as scheduled; and
  - (vii) whether steps will be taken to construct all remaining roads by laying tar or concrete by the end of the tenure of the present Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (b) If not, why?

0829/08

2.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of roads that belong to the Hikkaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha in Galle;
  - (ii) the name of the each of the aforesaid roads and the length of each of them in kilometers;
  - (iii) separately the number of kilometers on the above mentioned roads which had been tarred or laid with concrete when the relevant Pradeshiya Sabha was elected in the year 2006;
  - (iv) separately, the number of kilometers on roads that have been tarred or laid with concrete after the relevant Pradeshiya Sabha came into power;
  - (v) of the fund out of which each road was constructed;
  - (vi) out of the aforesaid roads, the number of roads that are being renovated at present or will be left for construction by the end of the year 2008 as scheduled; and
  - (vii) whether steps will be taken to construct all remaining roads by laying tar or concrete by the end of the tenure of the present Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (b) If not, why?

**Wednesday, May 06, 2009**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0052/'08

1.

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

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

0559/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total amount of aid, grants and pledges given to Sri Lanka by Iran along with the interest rates applicable, from the year 2004 to-date on yearly basis;
  - (ii) whether there is any other specific assistance given for Sri Lanka; and
  - (iii) if so, the date and the amount?
- (b) Will he state what Sri Lanka has offered to Iran in return from the year 2004 to-date on yearly basis?
- (c) Will he state whether we have sold any item to Iran which are against the United Nations resolutions imposed on them?

- (d) Will he also state the balance of payments between Iran and Sri Lanka at the end of each year from the year 2001 to-date?
- (e) If not, why?

1137/08

3.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,—To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the roads of which the land acquisition activities have not been fully completed in respect of the uncompleted roads belonging to the special road projects under the Ministry of Highways and Road Development?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, the number and the date of the advance tracing of the Surveyor General, the date on which the order of clause 2 of the Land Acquisition Act was declared along with the relevant documents in respect of the above roads?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the numbers and the date of the preliminary plans drawn by the Surveyor General in respect of the above roads;
  - (ii) the date on which issue order 38 (a) of the above Act was published in the gazette notification in respect of the aforesaid roads and the number of the aforesaid gazette notification and the plots for which the issue order was not published;
  - (iii) the date on which the clause 5 of the relevant Act was gazetted, the number of the aforesaid gazette notification and the plots for which clause 5 was not declared in respect of the above roads; and
  - (iv) the date on which clause 7 of the relevant Act was gazetted and the number of that gazette notification?
- (d) If not, why?

1138/08

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,—To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Will he admit that even though the relevant Minister has instructed the officials that land acquisition for Special Road Projects should be done very expeditiously, the speed in which those activities are done is slower than the speed adopted for ordinary acquisition?

- (b) Will he therefore , submit to this House the steps that will be taken with regard to the state of being burdened with an unnecessary and additional cost on consultants who have been recruited on contract basis for land acquisition;
- (c) Will he state whether the field experience of Mr. Jayawathi Kudaligama, Land Acquisition and Relocation Officer, to deal with the relevant subject was examined before recruiting her to the relevant post?
- (d) If so, will he submit to this House the details of the previous field experience of the aforesaid person?
- (e) If not, why?

1139/'08

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether a distribution of lands with providing deeds for them was done recently for a group of unauthorized occupants of the land belonging to Urban Development Authority on Parakum Mawatha (Outer dam road), at Mirihana?
- (b) Will he submit to this House a list of names of the persons who received ownership to lands under the aforesaid distribution of lands?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the basis on which the above mentioned persons were selected;
  - (ii) the procedure followed by the aforesaid selection; and
  - (iii) the reason for not selecting the residents of the houses bearing Numbers 28/c, 28/2T, 28/2G at (Outer Dam Road, Mirihana), for providing the aforesaid deeds?
- (d) Will he state—
  - (i) whether Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka has inquired into the complaint bearing No. H.R.C. / 6848/07/, 6849/07, 6850/07 and acknowledged that the fundamental rights of the residents of the aforesaid houses have been violated;
  - (ii) whether a letter dated 20.10.2008, bearing the signature of the Director (Inquiries and Investigations) of the Human Rights Commission has been received in this regard; and
  - (iii) whether the relevant recommendation of the Human Rights Commission will be implemented?
- (e) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— 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 the action is being taken again by the Government to take over certain Government institutions that were privatized;
  - (ii) if so, the names of those institutions; and
  - (iii) the purpose of the above mentioned taking over?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) whether the above mentioned institutions will be taken over with the payment of a compensation; and
  - (ii) if so, the name of the institution that assesses the compensation that should be paid for the aforesaid institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

**(Wednesday, May 06, 2009)**

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total of aid, grants and pledges given to Sri Lanka by India along with the interest rates applicable, from the year 2004 to-date, on yearly basis;
  - (ii) any other specific assistance given for Sri Lanka; and
  - (iii) if so, the date and the amount?
- (b) Will he state what Sri Lanka has offered to India in return from the year 2004 to-date, on yearly basis?
- (c) Will he also state the balance of payments between India and Sri Lanka at the end of each year from the year 2001 to-date?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the cost of aid, grants and pledges given to Sri Lanka by China along with the interest rates applicable, from the year 2004 to-date, on yearly basis;
  - (ii) any other specific assistance given for Sri Lanka; and
  - (iii) if so, the date and the amount?
- (b) Will he state what Sri Lanka has offered to China in return from the year 2004 to-date, on yearly basis?
- (c) Will he also state the balance of payments between China and Sri Lanka at the end of each year from the year 2001 to-date?
- (d) If not, why?

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**Thursday, May 07, 2009**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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

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

0084/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the date that the Mihin Air was incorporated;
  - (ii) the date it had the first commercial flight; and
  - (iii) names of the Directors of Mihin Air from the inception to date?
- (b) Will he state per person and per year basis the emoluments, tickets used on Mihin Airline, tickets paid for on the other air lines and any other perks given to each person?
- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) any other benefits given and has to be given; and
  - (ii) the total Net Profit and Gross Profit per month from the date it was operated?
- (d) If not, why?

0874/'08

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, the number of electorates in Kurunegala District?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of new wine stores, foreign liquor stores, restaurants and hotels licenses issued and opened in the Kurunegala District from 01<sup>st</sup> April, 2004, to date;
  - (ii) names of them on electoral basis along with revenue earned from these new outlets as at the end of each year from 2004 to 2007 and to – date; and
  - (iii) the information in (i) above as at 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year from 1998 to 2003 and the total revenue for the Kurunegala district?
- (c) If not, why?



4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) Whether the Principal of Sirimavo Bandaranayaka Balika Vidyalaya, Colombo 07 has been informed by the letter of the Secretary to the Ministry of Education bearing No. ED/1/12/10/30/1 and dated 24.04.2008 to admit the student named Adithya Vinuri Ihara Wijerathna whose serial number is 5 S 508 to the aforesaid school under “Operational duty” category;
  - (ii) whether a letter dated 29.02.2008 has been sent to the Director of Education of the Western Province in this regard by Mr. Hettiarachchi, the Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Defence; and
  - (iii) whether the request with relevance to the aforesaid matter, made by the child’s father Mr. I. A. Wijerathna seeking the admission of this child to Sirimavo Bandaranayaka Balika Vidyalaya along with your endorsement on it has been referred to the Principal?
- (b) Is he aware that the said child has not been allocated a school up to now, either under priority given to war heroes or on any other basis?
- (c) Will he inform this House why it is not possible for this child to be admitted to the aforesaid Sirimavo Bandaranayaka Balika Vidyalaya?
- (d) Will he admit her right for school education?
- (e) If so, will he take the necessary steps to allocate her a school?
- (f) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, May 07, 2009)

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, the number of electorates in Galle District?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of new wine stores, foreign liquor stores, restaurants and hotels, licenses issued and opened in the Galle District from 01<sup>st</sup> April, 2004, to date;
  - (ii) the names of them on electoral basis along with revenue earned from these new outlets as at the end of each year from 2004 to 2007 and to – date; and

(iii) the information in (i) above as at 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year from 1998 to 2003 and the total revenue for the Galle district?

(c) If not, why?

0876/'08

2.

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

(a) Will he inform this House, the number of electorates in Matara District?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the number of new wine stores, foreign liquor stores, restaurants and hotels, licenses issued and opened in the Matara District from 01<sup>st</sup> April, 2004, to date;

(ii) the names of them on electoral basis along with revenue earned from these new outlets as at the end of each year from 2004 to 2007 and to – date; and

(iii) the information in (i) above as at 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year from 1998 to 2003 and the total revenue for the Matara district?

(c) If not, why?

0877/'08

3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House the number of electorates in Hambantota District?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the number of new wine stores, foreign liquor stores, restaurants and hotels, licenses issued and opened in the Hambantota District from 01<sup>st</sup> April, 2004, to date;

(ii) the names of them on electoral basis along with revenue earned from these new outlets as at the end of each year from 2004 to 2007 and to – date; and

(iii) the information in (i) above as at 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year from 1998 to 2003 and the total revenue for the Hambantota district?

(c) If not, why?

0878/'08

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House, the number of electorates in Polonnaruwa District?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of new wine stores, foreign liquor stores, restaurants and hotels, licenses issued and opened in the Polonnaruwa District form 01<sup>st</sup> April, 2004, to date;
  - (ii) the names of them on electoral basis along with revenue earned from these new outlets as at the end of each year form 2004 to 2007 and to – date; and
  - (iii) the information in (i) above as at 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year from 1998 to 2003 and the total revenue for the Polonnaruwa district?
- (c) If not, why?

0879/'08

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, the number of electorates in Anuradhapura District?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of new wine stores, foreign liquor stores, restaurants and hotels, licenses issued and opened in the Anuradhapura District form 01<sup>st</sup> April, 2004, to date;
  - (ii) the names of them on electoral basis along with revenue earned from these new outlets as at the end of each year form 2004 to 2007 and to – date; and
  - (iii) the information in (i) above as at 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year from 1998 to 2003 and the total revenue for the Anuradhapura district?
- (c) If not, why?

0880/'08

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, the number of electorates in Kalutara District?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of new wine stores, foreign liquor stores, restaurants and hotels, licenses issued and opened in the Kalutara District form 01<sup>st</sup> April, 2004, to date;

- (ii) the names of them on electoral basis along with revenue earned from these new outlets as at the end of each year from 2004 to 2007 and to – date; and
  - (iii) the information in (i) above as at 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year from 1998 to 2003 and the total revenue for the Kalutara district?
- (c) If not, why?

0881/'08

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, the number of electorates in Gampaha District?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of new wine stores, foreign liquor stores, restaurants and hotels, licenses issued and opened in the Gampaha District from 01<sup>st</sup> April, 2004, to date;
  - (ii) the names of them on electoral basis along with revenue earned from these new outlets as at the end of each year from 2004 to 2007 and to – date; and
  - (iii) the information in (i) above as at 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year from 1998 to 2003 and the total revenue for the Gampaha district?
- (c) If not, why?

0882/'08

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, the number of electorates in Colombo District?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of new wine stores, foreign liquor stores, restaurants and hotels, licenses issued and opened in the Colombo District from 01<sup>st</sup> April, 2004, to date;
  - (ii) the names of them on electoral basis along with revenue earned from these new outlets as at the end of each year from 2004 to 2007 and to – date; and
  - (iii) the information in (i) above as at 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year from 1998 to 2003 and the total revenue for the Colombo district?
- (c) If not, why?

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0064/08

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of dry lease and wet lease aircrafts being 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 being charged per month from dry or wet lease basis;
  - (ii) whether the interviews were 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
  - (ix) the Head under which, the Mihin Air got the allocation of funds in the years 2006 and 2007 through the Appropriation Acts?
- (c) Will he submit to this House the names of the key officers of the Treasury and Mihin Air, who were 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?

0071/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of 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?

0097/'08

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total cost 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 dates 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?

0410/'08

4.

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?

0798/'08

5.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and

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- (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
  - (b) Will he submit to this House—
    - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
    - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
  - (c) Will he state—
    - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
    - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
    - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
  - (d) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, May 19, 2009)

0780/'08

1.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Weliwitiya-Divithura Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
  - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and



- (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
  - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
  - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0781/'08

2.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Karadeniya Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
  - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
  - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
  - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
  - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Balapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
  - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
  - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
  - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
  - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

4.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Gonapeenuwala Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and

- (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
  - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
  - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
  - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0786/08

5.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Ambalangoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
  - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
  - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;

- (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
- (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0787/'08

6.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Hikkaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
  - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
  - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
  - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
  - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Kadawathsathara Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
  - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
  - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
  - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
  - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Akmeemana Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and

- (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
  - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
  - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
  - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0790/08

9.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Bope-Poddala Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
  - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
  - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;

- (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
- (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0791/08

10.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Habaraduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
  - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
  - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
  - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
  - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0792/08

11.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Imaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;

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- (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
  - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
  - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
  - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
  - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0793/'08

12.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
  - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and



- (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
  - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
  - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0794/08

13.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Yakkalamulla Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
  - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
  - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
  - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
  - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0795/'08

14.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Niyagama Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
  - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
  - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
  - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
  - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0796/'08

15.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Thawalama Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;

- (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
  - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
  - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
  - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
  - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0797/'08

16.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of post offices and sub post offices located in the Neluwa Divisional Secretariat Division in Galle;
  - (ii) the number of casual or permanent officials serving in each of the aforesaid offices;
  - (iii) whether boundaries and limits for the distribution of mail, which have been there at the inception of these offices have been extended; and
  - (iv) the periods during which such extensions were done and the post offices of which boundaries have been so extended?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) whether the current mail distribution limits have been revised by now as a result of the extension of villages with the establishment of new villages; and
  - (ii) accordingly, the specified number of houses and the limit of the relevant distance of each postman in each post office?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of vacancies existed in the above post offices by the year 2008;
  - (ii) whether proposals have been made to set up new sub post offices in this division; and
  - (iii) if so, the timeframes within which they will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

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**Wednesday, May 20, 2009**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0653/'08

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date, the total cost of each hired vehicles to the Ministry and for any company, owned by the Ministry and the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?
- (b) Will he state for the above period—
  - (i) the cost of fuel of the above usage and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
  - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
- (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
- (d) If not, why?

0005/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the action taken on COPE reports presented by former Chairmen Hon. John Amaratunga, Hon. Jeyaraj Fernandopulle, Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama and the report presented by Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakse on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2007?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the action taken on the report dated 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2006, submitted by Mr. Mayadunne, the former Auditor-General and the report No. PS12 submitted by Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Chairman PAC on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2007;

- (ii) the Institutions investigated as per above; and
  - (iii) the action that has been initiated with the directions of the Committee Report?
- (c) If not, why?

0013/'08

3.

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

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

1165/'08

4.

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare,—To ask the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Socio Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) of the number of times he has gone abroad after assuming duties in this Ministry and the names of the countries he has visited;
  - (ii) of the reasons for going abroad and the relevant periods;

- (iii) of the numbers of days he spent abroad;
  - (iv) of the names of the officials who joined him in those tours;
  - (v) as to what their posts are;
  - (vi) as to whether all officials who had gone abroad with him have returned to the country;
  - (vii) of the names of the officials who have not returned, if any officers have not returned to the country;
  - (viii) of the reason for it;
  - (ix) of the amount of expenditure incurred with respect to each of those foreign trips; and
  - (x) of any external institution that sponsored these tours, if the expenses were not made by the allocations of the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, May 20, 2009)

0656/'08

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date, the total cost of each hired vehicles to the Ministry and for any company, owned by the Ministry and the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?
- (b) Will he state for the above period—
  - (i) the cost for fuel of the above usage and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
  - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
- (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
- (d) If not, why?

0657/'08

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date, the total cost of each hired vehicles to the Ministry and for any company, owned by the Ministry and the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?

- (b) Will he state for the above period—
  - (i) the cost for fuel of the above usage and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
  - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
- (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
- (d) If not, why?

0658/'08

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources,—

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date, the total cost of each hired vehicles to the Ministry and for any company, owned by the Ministry and the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?
- (b) Will he state for the above period—
  - (i) the cost for fuel of the above usage and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
  - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
- (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
- (d) If not, why?

0659/'08

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date, the total cost of each hired vehicles to the Ministry and for any company, owned by the Ministry and the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?
- (b) Will he state for the above period—
  - (i) the cost for fuel of the above usage and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
  - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
- (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
- (d) If not, why?

0661/'08

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date, the total cost of each hired vehicles to the Ministry and for any company, owned by the Ministry and the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?
- (b) Will he state for the above period—
  - (i) the cost for fuel of the above usage and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
  - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
- (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
- (d) If not, why?

0662/'08

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date, the total cost of each hired vehicles to the Ministry and for any company, owned by the Ministry and the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?
- (b) Will he state for the above period—
  - (i) the cost for fuel of the above usage and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
  - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
- (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
- (d) If not, why?

0663/'08

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date, the total cost of each hired vehicles to the Ministry and for any company, owned by the Ministry and the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?



- (b) Will he state for the above period—
    - (i) the cost for fuel of the above usage and the same as a percentage of the total recurrent cost of the Ministry; and
    - (ii) the cost per square foot for the above rented office space?
  - (c) Will he inform this House the period that the building has been taken for on lease along with the advance paid as a deposit?
  - (d) If not, why?
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**Thursday, May 21, 2009**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1031/08

1.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Nagoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
  - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
  - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
  - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

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

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

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the total cost 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?

0121/'08

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
  - (i) the number of Embassies we have got throughout the world;
  - (ii) the names of the Ambassadors along with their professional and career experience; and
  - (iii) whether each of them is a career diplomat or a political appointee separately?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the number of staff members in each Embassy;
  - (ii) their names separately, along with the salaries and all other emoluments being paid to them; and
  - (iii) the total cost of running the each Embassy separately, for the last four years?
- (c) Will he also state—
  - (i) the number of Sri Lanka friendship organizations, societies, caucuses or special interest groups which have been formed in overseas; and
  - (ii) the countries they have been formed in?
- (d) If not, why?

0494/'08

5.

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the number of vehicles of the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority, that have been released to the outside parties;
  - (ii) the makes and the registration numbers of the aforesaid vehicles and the date on which they were released;
  - (iii) the names of the institutions or persons to whom the aforesaid vehicles have been released and the basis on which it was done;
  - (iv) if any attachment has been made, the names and the designations of the relevant persons; and
  - (v) whether proper approval was obtained to release the aforesaid vehicles?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the buildings that belong to the Sri Lanka Mahaweli Authority have been given to outside parties on the basis of rent or lease;
  - (ii) the addresses of the places where the aforesaid buildings are situated and the basis adopted for giving them on rent or lease; and
  - (iii) the names and the addresses of the institutions or persons to whom these buildings have been given?
- (c) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, May 21, 2009)

1016/08

1.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Habaraduwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
  - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
  - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;

- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
  - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1017/08

2.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Imaduva Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
  - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
  - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
  - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1018/'08

3.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Bope - Poddala Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
  - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
  - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
  - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1019/'08

4.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Akmeemana Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;

- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
  - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
  - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1020/'08

5.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
  - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
  - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

1021/’08

6.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Yakkalamulla Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?



1022/'08

7.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Hikkaduwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
  - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
  - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
  - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1023/'08

8.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Goonapinuwala Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
  - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and

- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
  - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1024/'08

9.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Ambalangoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
  - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
  - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
  - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1025/'08

10.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Balapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
  - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
  - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
  - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1026/'08

11.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Karandeniya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
  - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and

- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
  - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1027/'08

12.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Welivitiya - Divitura Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
  - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
  - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
  - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1028/'08

13.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Bentara Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
  - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
  - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
  - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1029/'08

14.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
  - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and

- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
  - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

1030/'08

15.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
  - (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Thawalama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
  - (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
  - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and

(iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

1032/'08

16.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Niyagama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;
- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
- (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
- (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
- (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

1033/'08

17.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the number of acres of paddy land that had been cultivated in the Neluwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle district in each year during the period from the year 2000 to 2008;

- (ii) out of the recorded number of acres of paddy land by the year 2008, the number of acres of paddy land that had not been brought under cultivation;
  - (iii) the amount of fertilizer that has been given in each year within this Divisional Secretariat Division, at the subsidized price of Rs. 350.00; and
  - (iv) separately, the amount allocated from the year 2004 to 2008 for the reconstruction of canals, dams and anicuts within this Division, with relevance to each project?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amount that has been spent each year, to construct the canals, dams and anicuts within the said Division to encourage the farmers to cultivate the paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation, subsequent to initiating the ‘Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu’ programme;
  - (ii) the percentage of paddy lands that had not been brought under cultivation during the period from the year 2004 to 2008; and
  - (iii) the period of time within which steps would be taken to bring all the paddy lands under cultivation?
- (c) If not, why?

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**Friday, May 22, 2009**

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0956/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the requirement to receive Samurdhi benefits;
  - (ii) the number of families that have been receiving Samurdhi benefits in the country from 1995 to-date on yearly basis;
  - (iii) the financial hand out and percentage given to the Samurdhi recipients during that period;
  - (iv) whether the Samurdhi beneficiaries have got the increase given to them after 2005; and
  - (v) if so, the date and the amount?



- (b) Will he state from the year 2004 to 2008 separately for Colombo District taking 2004 as a base year—
- (i) the amount that the Samurdhi recipients received in rupee value;
  - (ii) the inflation for each year; and
  - (iii) the real purchasing power after deflating the inflation for each year?
- (c) If not, why?

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QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

**(Friday, May 22, 2009)**

0957/'08

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Nation Building and Estate Infrastructure Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House from the year 2004 to 2008 separately for each District except Colombo taking 2004 as a base year—
- (i) the amount that the Samurdhi recipients received in rupee value;
  - (ii) the inflation for each year; and
  - (iii) the real purchasing power after deflating the inflation for each year?
- (b) If not, why?

1034/'08

2.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Baddegama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1035/'08

3.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Yakkalamulla Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1036/'08

4.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Imaduva Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;

- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1037/'08

5.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Habaraduva Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1038/'08

6.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
  - (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Akmeemana Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
  - (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1039/'08

7.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
  - (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Bope - Poddala Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1040/'08

8.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Kadawathsathara Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1041/'08

9.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Hikkaduva Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;

- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1042/08

10.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Goonapinuwala Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1043/'08

11.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Ambalangoda Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1044/'08

12.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Balapitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1045/'08

13.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Karadeniya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1046/'08

14.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Welivitiya - Divitura Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;



- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1047/'08

15.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Bentara Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1048/'08

16.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
- (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
- (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?

(c) If not, why?

1049/'08

17.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

(a) Will he inform this House separately—

- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Thawalama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
- (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1050/'08

18.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Niyagama Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;
  - (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

1051/'08

19.

Hon. Thilakaratne Withanachchi,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
- (i) the amount of financial allocation that has been made for the home garden cultivation projects in Neluwa Divisional Secretariat Division of Galle District from the year 2006 to 2008, under the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' programme;

- (ii) the amounts allocated for the above mentioned projects by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture, the decentralized fund and the Provincial Council Members' Fund; and
  - (iii) the number of cultivators who carried out home garden cultivations in the years 2006 and 2008 and the relevant extent of land with relevance to each year?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the programme that has been planned for the year 2009 to provide more encouragement to home garden cultivators than in the year 2008; and
  - (ii) the amount of money expected to be allocated to the aforesaid Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose?
- (c) If not, why?

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**Friday, June 12, 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 (06<sup>th</sup> July 2007)

Motion made and question proposed,—“That this Parliament is of the opinion that the President and the Prime Minister be prevented from holding any cabinet portfolio in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performances of their ministers” [P.3/05]

P.1/08

2.

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

P.2/08

3.

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

P.3/08

4.

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

P.4/'08

5.

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

P.5/'08

6.

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

P.6/'08

7.

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

P.7/'08

8.

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

P.8/08

9.

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

P.9/08

10.

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

P.10/'08

11.

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

P.11/'08

12.

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

P.12/'08

13.

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

P.13/'08

14.

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

P.14/'08

15.

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

P.15/'08

16.

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

P.16/'08

17.

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

P.17/'08

18.

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

P.18/'08

19.

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

P.19/'08

20.

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

P.20/'08

21.

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

P.21/'08

22.

Hon. R. M. Gamini Rathnayake,— Appointment of a National Policy Formulation Board to determine National Policies,— This Parliament resolves that a national policy formulation board having specific powers to function notwithstanding changes of Government and consisting of politicians and professionals in this field be appointed with a view to formulating systematic national policies and plans.

P.22/'08

23.

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

P.23/'08

24.

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

P.24/'08

25.

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

P.25/'08

26.

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

P.26/'08

27.

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

P.27/'08

28.

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



P.28/'08

29.

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

P.29/'08

30.

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

P.30/'08

31.

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

P.31/'08

32.

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

P.32/'08

33.

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

P.33/'08

34.

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

P.34/'08

35.

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

P.35/'08

36.

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

P.36/'08

37.

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

P 37/'08

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.

P38/'08

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.

P.39/'08

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.

P.40/'08

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.

P.41/'08

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.

P.44/'08

43.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Creation of a Conflict Resolution Centre,— That since Sri Lanka is a multi ethnic and multi religious country which has a national problem such as aberration of peace, this Parliament is of the opinion that a Conflict Resolution Centre which can go into problems in Sri Lanka, in the region, and the world as a whole, be created, utilizing the strengths in all religions namely Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Islam.

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**NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DAYS HAVE BEEN FIXED**

P.46/'09

1.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara

Hon. P. Harrison

Hon. Ranjith Aluvihare

Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Select Committee of Parliament to look into the Monitoring of the Performance of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka,—

Whereas Section 5 of the Monetary Law established the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for the supervision and regulation of the financial system of Sri Lanka;

And whereas Section 8 of the Monetary Law has vested the powers, duties and functions of the Central Bank with the Monetary Board of the Central Bank;

And whereas during the calendar year 2008 the financial sector in the country has been in turmoil consequent to the swindles that have come to light in several dubious financial institutions carrying on business under names such as Sakvithi House Construction, Okanda Finance, Piyadasa Ratnayake (Danduwam Mudalali), Nadini Finance, D. K. Udayasiri and Sriyaw Homees;

And whereas the institutions had been carrying on their illegal business activities in the open though none of them had been licensed by or registered with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;

And whereas these institutions were operated with the knowledge of the Central Bank and the Central Bank has failed to take any action to prevent these businesses from being carried on;

And whereas Golden Key Credit Card Company Limited, a subsidiary of the Ceylinco Group is now unable to meet its obligations to both its creditors and depositors;

And whereas the Seylan Bank Limited in which the Ceylinco Group of Companies held a substantial percentage of the shares is now being brought under the administration of the Central Bank;

And whereas it is alleged that the Ceylinco Group and the other companies and / or its officers have made financial contributions exceeding Rs. 4 billion to various projects and funds sponsored by leading members of the Government and their relatives;

And whereas in these circumstances the Central Bank did not take adequate steps to protect these contributions;

And whereas all of these acts and omissions have resulted in drastic repercussions affecting the economy as a whole;

And whereas there is an urgent need to inquire into the failure of the Central Bank to carry out its objectives under the Monetary Law,

And whereas vast numbers of people have suffered financial losses running into billions of rupees while those responsible for these swindles have got off free with their illegal gains;

And whereas the Central Bank of Sri Lanka being the main supervisory and regulatory body of all financial institutions in the country has failed to prevent these dubious financial institutions from perpetrating swindles on an unsuspecting public;

And whereas there is an urgent need to inquire into and check the extent of the fraud and ascertain the measures that are needed to prevent these and similar swindles continuing and being repeated in the future;

And whereas the Central Bank has failed to supervise and regulate the Pyramid Scheme leading to financial losses to many people;

And whereas the Central Bank has failed to manage the Dollar Rupee Parity at realistic levels;

And whereas the Hedging Scheme entered into by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation on the instructions and advice of the Central Bank has resulted in losses running to billion of rupees;

And whereas inflation has now risen to unprecedented levels;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to look into and report on :

- (i) The failure of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and the Monetary Board to regulate and supervise these financial institutions,
  - (ii) The failure of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and the Monetary Board to take action against these financial institutions.
  - (iii) Whether any of these institutions were forced to make financial contributions,
  - (iv) If and who the individuals both within and outside the several institutions who are responsible for the failure of these regulatory bodies to properly supervise the activities of these institutions,
  - (v) Whether the intervention by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka is in fact to protect individual interests rather than to protect the interests of the public at large,
  - (vi) To recommend what action should be taken against any individuals who either deliberately or through a dereliction of duty permitted these institutions to carry on their fraudulent financial activities, and
  - (vii) Steps necessary to be taken to rectify the failure of the Central Bank to regulate the Pyramid Scheme, manage the Dollar Rupee Parity, recoup the losses arising from the Hedging Scheme and to control the unprecedented inflation.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
- (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to :
- (a) fix its quorum;

(b) send for persons, papers and records, may order person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;

(c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;

(d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and

(e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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

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2.

Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe,  
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,  
Hon. A. M. M. Naoshaad ,  
Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana,  
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,  
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,

Hon. Earl Gunasekara,— No Confidence in the Government,— Whereas the Government through a highly suspicious Hedging Agreement entered into by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation with several Banks, both foreign and local, contrary to all financial regulations of the Government and thoroughly disadvantageous to Sri Lanka;

And whereas the said Hedging Agreement had been entered into on the specific advice and a subsequent presentation by the Governor of the Central Bank;

And whereas contradictory statements have been made by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, the Ministry of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development, the Ministry of Finance, the Minister of Export Development and International Trade and the Central Bank about the sequence of events that had preceded the signing of the Agreement;

And whereas Sri Lanka has incurred a massive foreign debt totaling US Dollars 25 billion to the banks;

And whereas the country has been deprived of enjoying the benefits of drastically declining oil prices in the world market;

It is resolved that the manner in which the Hedging Agreement was entered into demonstrates the inability of the Government to prudently manage the financial affairs of the country and therefore this House has no confidence in the Government.