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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0001/'09

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the 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 Rajapakshe on the 12th January, 2007?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the action taken on the report dated 20th July, 2006, submitted by Mr. Mayadunne, the former Auditor-General and the report No. PS12 submitted by Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Chairman PAC on 29th 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?

0002/'09

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) when was the Lankaputhra Bank incorporated and its capital;
 - (ii) whether it has been invested by Non-banking Institutions;

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- (iii) if so, the ordinary shares, preference shares and the debentures separately;
 - (iv) the accounts to date from the inception;
 - (v) the names of the staff members working there at present; and
 - (vi) the names of the top 05 staff members along with their emoluments and total perks given to them on per month basis?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the interest rates prevailing at this time; and
 - (ii) the percentages of loans given along with the interest rates?
- (c) If not, why?

0003/'09

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?

0076/'09

4.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,—To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Is he aware that Olupattawa tank which had been a private tank with an extent of 16 acres, at Siyambalagoda, in Homagama was acquired in the year 1968 on the survey order issued by the then Government Agent of Colombo on the requests made by the farmers' organization?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) according to the section 880 of the preliminary plan, the acquired portion has been mapped as an area with an extent of 12 acres 00 roods 38.6 perches;
 - (ii) the farmers' organizations have informed the relevant institutions on various occasions that it would change the existing conditions and cause pollution of the tank if construction of houses or other development work was allowed within the 4 acres that had not been acquired; and
 - (iii) there is a need for a tank reservation?
- (c) Will he, therefore, inform this House of the steps that will be taken to protect the tank reservation?
- (d) If not, why?

0077/'09

5.

Hon. Lakshman Nipunaarachchi,— To ask the Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
 - (i) the date on which the Independence Memorial Museum at Colombo was opened; and
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent for the construction of it?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether there have been instances in which the power supply provided to it was disconnected after it was opened;
 - (ii) the dates on which the aforesaid museum was closed as a result of disconnecting the power supply; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the failure to settle the electricity bill as scheduled?
- (c) If not, why?

0078/'09

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which the new traffic lights system was installed in Kottawa town; and
 - (ii) the reasons as to why the above mentioned traffic lights system does not function properly and only the light with the amber coloured bulb is working?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total amount of money spent on installing the aforesaid traffic lights system;
 - (ii) the name of the construction company that constructed it; and
 - (iii) whether all the payments have been completed?
- (c) If not, why?

0091/'09

7.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Malwanegama Farm at Talawa, which belonged to the Department of Agriculture has been handed over to a private company?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) if it has been handed over, the basis on which it was handed over and the name of the institution or the person that has been vested with it;
 - (ii) the amount of money obtained per acre annually in handing over the relevant farm;
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been obtained as rent since the date on which it was leased out up to the year 2007; and
 - (iv) if a fixed amount has been obtained the amount of money so obtained?
- (c) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the value of the immovable and movable property owned by the farm at the time the aforesaid farm was leased out; and

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- (ii) the purpose for which the said property was utilized?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) the purpose for which the aforesaid farm was established; and
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid farm is being used for the above mentioned purpose by the current administration?
- (e) If not, why?

0092/09

8.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) of the number of kilometers repaired from Thalawa town towards Eppawala on the Anuradhapura - Kekirawa, road via Thalawa; and
 - (ii) the amount of money estimated for this repair?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of tenders received for the repair of the above mentioned road; and
 - (ii) the institution to which the relevant tender was awarded?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of culverts repaired when the above road was repaired;
 - (ii) the amount of money estimated for repairing those culverts;
 - (iii) the length which was estimated to be constructed with ABC in the repairing of these roads; and
 - (iv) the length of roads that were constructed according to the above mentioned method, out of the estimated length?
- (d) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the construction of the above mentioned road has been done according to the proper standard; and
 - (ii) the course of action to be taken, if it has not been constructed according to the proper standard?
- (e) Will he admit that certain places on this repaired road have caved in?
- (f) If not, why?

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the date on which construction of the 'Ranawiru Gammanaya' at Ipalogama in Kekirawa was started?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the total extent of land area of the aforesaid village;
 - (ii) the number of houses that are to be constructed there;
 - (iii) the amount of money expected to be spent on the construction of a single house;
 - (iv) the estimated amount of money for the construction of the main access road to this village; and
 - (v) the amount of money that has been spent?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money that has been spent to construct the by roads and the drainage system in the aforesaid village;
 - (ii) out of the total square area, the extent of land that has been used to construct the houses and the road system;
 - (iii) out of the total extent of land, the extent of open area in the aforesaid village;
 - (iv) the basis on which the aforesaid houses are given to war heroes; and
 - (v) the amount of money expected to be charged for a single house?
- (d) If not, why?

10.

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

- (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

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- (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 form each litre of petrol and each litre of diesel;
 - (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 form the Road Maintenance Trust Fund to the Ministry of Highways and Road Development in the years specified above?
- (c) If not, why?

0132/09

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of unauthorized settlers living in the reservation of the Suriyawewa tank which provides drinking water to the Suriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division and comes under the area of the Mahaweli Development Authority?
- (b) Will he admit that the reservoir which provides drinking water gets polluted by the waste dumped in to it by these unauthorized settlers?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately and in relation to each family the name, address, and the number of family members of those unauthorized settlers living in reservation of the aforesaid tank and the period of unauthorized settlement by each of them up to now;
 - (ii) whether the plots of land of the Mahaweli Authority which were to be given to those who were to lose their lands owing to the construction of the Weerawila Airport, are given to the unauthorized settlers on the reservation of the tank, since the relevant Airport is not constructed in that venue; and
 - (iii) if not so, the place where irrigated land and lands for settlement are to be given and the extents of the relevant land for settlement and the irrigated land?
- (d) Will he sate whether arrangements will be made to pay these unauthorized settlers with compensation based on the current commercial value in relation to the properties they have acquired during a long period, since they will lose them with their removal?
- (e) If not, why?

0133/09

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Tissamaharama;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0180/09

13.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum and Petroleum Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House whether the price of a barrel of crude oil in the World Market is coming down?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the current price of a barrel of crude-oil in the World Market;
 - (ii) the price of which the diesel is sold to foreign ships and foreign fishing vessels; and
 - (iii) the price at which the diesel and petrol are provided to local fishermen?
- (c) If not, why?

0181/09

14.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the price at which a bag of cement is issued from the factory;
 - (ii) of the quantity of cement issued per day from each cement factory separately; and
 - (iii) whether that quantity is sufficient for the market?
- (b) Will he state the courses of action that have been taken to increase the production of cement in our country?
- (c) If not, why?

0183/09

15.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Industrial Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that there is a mineral sand deposit in Pulmudei area?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the kinds of minerals in the aforesaid mineral sand deposit;
 - (ii) whether a cabinet paper has been submitted to sign an agreement with a foreign company with regard to the aforesaid mineral sand deposit;
 - (iii) of the date of submission of the aforesaid cabinet paper, if it has been submitted; and
 - (iv) whether the relevant approval has been granted for the aforesaid cabinet paper?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the name and the address of the foreign company with which the aforesaid agreement is expected to be signed; and
 - (ii) whether the agreement has already been signed with the aforesaid company?
- (d) If not, why? _____

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Resolution under Customs Ordinance (No.1),—That the Resolution made under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235), relating to import duties which was presented on 26.05.2009, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1595/11 of 30th March, 2009 as corrected by the Gazette Extraordinary No.1599/29 of 30th April, 2009)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*2.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Resolution under Customs Ordinance (No.2),—That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235), relating to import duties which was presented on 26.05.2009, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 1596/7 of 6th April, 2009)

(Cabinet approval signified)

*3.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2(3) 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.1595/9 of 30th March, 2009, which was presented on 26.05.2009 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*4.

The Prime Minister, Minister of Internal Administration, and Deputy Minister of Defence, Public Security, Law and Order,—Order under Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by 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.1595/10 of 30th March, 2009, which was presented on 26.05.2009 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*5.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,—Supplementary Sum—Head 293—Programme 2,— †That a supplementary sum not exceeding Rupees Four Hundred and Fifty million (Rs. 450,000,000) be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or any other fund or monies of, or at the disposal of, the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka or from the proceeds of any loans obtained by the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the services of the Financial year beginning on 1st January, 2009 and ending on 31st December, 2009 and that the said sum may be expended as specified in the schedule hereto:

Schedule

Head 293 — Rubber Development Department
Programme 2 — Development Programme

Recurrent Expenditure = Rs. 450,000,000
Rs. 450,000,000

(Cabinet approval signified)

†Vide Supplementary Estimate No.1 of 2009 presented on 26th May,2009

- *6.
Board of Investment of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *7.
National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Bill — Second Reading.
- *8.
Regulation of Asset Backed Securitization Bill — Second Reading.
- *9.
Secured Transactions Bill — Second Reading.
- *10.
Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
- *11.
Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
- *12.
Road Development Authority (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- *13.
Housing Development Finance Corporation Bank of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill—
Second Reading.
- *14.
Public Enterprises Reform Commission of Sri Lanka (Repeal) Bill—Second
Reading.
- *15.
Civil Aviation Bill— Second Reading.
- *16.
Assistance and Protection to Victims of Crime and Witnesses Bill,— Adjourned
debate on question (17th June, 2008) [1].
- *17.
Governors' Pension Bill—Second Reading.
- *18.
Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties Bill — Adjourned Debate on question —
(04th April, 2006) [1]
- *19.
Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Adjourned
Debate on question — (18th July, 2006) [1]
- *20.
Non-performing Assets (Recovery) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question —
(18th July, 2006) [1]
- *21.
Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill — Adjourned Debate on question —
(18th July, 2006) [1]
- *22.
Safeguard Measures Bill — Adjourned Debate on question — (04th April, 2006) [1]

*23.

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)

*24.

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 17th, 1998, relating to the personal allowances payable to the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*25.

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:

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)

*26.

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)

*27.

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

*28.

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

*29.

The Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—Regulations under the Medical Ordinance,— 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.1590/13 of 25th February, 2009 which were presented on 21.04.2009, be approved.

30.

Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution Bill — Second Reading.

31.

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

32. Adam's Peak Kalpawaruksha Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
33. Premadasa Hegoda Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
34. Samoda Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
35. Karuna Samadhi Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
36. Sri Kalyanodaya Society - Kandy (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
37. Sammanthurai Thableegul Islam Arabic College (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
38. Future World Organization (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.
39. Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill — Consideration.
40. Society of Structural Engineers of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* Indicates Government Business

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

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, June 09, 2009)

0134/09

1. Hon. Vijitha Ranaweera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—
 - (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Lunugamwehere;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
 - (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;

- (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
- (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0135/'09

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Sooriyawewa;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0136/'09

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Hambantota;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and

- (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0137/'09

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Ambalantota;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0138/'09

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Angunakolapelessa;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0139/'09

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Weeraketiya;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and

- (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0140/'09

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Katuwana;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0141/'09

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Walasmulla;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0142/09

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Okewela;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0143/09

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Beliatta;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and

- (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
- (c) Will he state the total amount borne as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0144/09

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the approved cadre for the Divisional Secretariat of Tangalle;
 - (ii) of the name of each post and the list of duties relevant to the post; and
 - (iii) of the names of those holding the said posts and the date on which appointment to the relevant post was made?
 - (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the posts that are vacant at present at the said Divisional Secretariat and the date from which each post has fallen vacant;
 - (ii) as to how the duties of the said posts are carried out at present; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which the vacancies will be filled?
 - (c) Will he state the total amount borne as expenditure on overtime, telephone, electricity, water, fuel and other expenses for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, separately?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Wednesday, June 10, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0004/'09

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the corroborative evidence for the action that has been taken on COPE report presented on 12th January, 2007;
 - (ii) the date that the previous COPE report presented to Parliament; and
 - (iii) the corroborative evidence for the action that has been taken against the State owned entities referred therein?
- (b) Will he state the reason for not taken actions against persons referred in the presented COPE reports?
- (c) If not, why?

0005/'09

2.

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

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

- (ii) the supplementary expenditure provided for such trips?
- (d) If not, why?

0006/'09

3.

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

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

0094/'09

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) of the number of motor vehicles registered in Sri Lanka as at 31st December, 2008;
 - (ii) of the number of diesel vehicles and the number of petrol vehicles, separately, out of them; and
 - (iii) of the number of motor bicycles, three wheelers and other vehicles separately, out of the total number of registered petrol vehicles?
- (b) Will he state separately, the percentage of the sale of petrol for motor bicycles and three wheelers, out of the total sale of petrol?

- (c) Will he admit that passengers using three wheelers and motor bicycles are immensely inconvenienced as a result of the price of petrol remaining continuously higher than the price of diesel?
- (d) If not, why?

0095/'09

5.

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

- (a) Is he aware that pre –election propaganda advertisements were telecast by the Independent Television Network in the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, the amount of money earned by the above establishment from each political party, institution and person in each of the aforesaid years by engaging in pre – election propaganda activities?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money to be recovered from them for engaging in the above mentioned pre election activities; and
 - (ii) the name of the political party, or the institution from which money to be so recovered and the name of the person on whose propaganda activities that amount of money is due?
- (d) If not, why?

0098/'09

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Tamil medium teachers serving in all the schools of the island;
 - (ii) the number of students who receive their education in the Tamil medium;
 - (iii) the number of graduate teachers serving in Tamil medium schools;
 - (iv) separately, the number of Arts, Commerce, Science and other graduates out of the aforesaid graduate teachers;
 - (v) the number of teachers who have offered Tamil as a subject for their degree; and

- (vi) out of those teachers, the number of teachers who have either obtained their degree in English medium or offered English as a subject for the degree?
- (b) Will he admit that a sufficient number of graduate teachers do not serve in these schools?
- (c) If not, why?

0145/09

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the approved cadre for the Urban Council of Tangalle;
 - (ii) the posts that have fallen vacant and the date from which each vacancy has existed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which those vacancies will be filled?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of posts created outside the approved cadre, to meet public requirements and under special projects;
 - (ii) separately, the names of persons who were recruited to perform the aforesaid tasks, the posts to which they have been appointed, the date of recruitment to the relevant post and the basis on which they were recruited; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which those who have been recruited will be confirmed?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of posts abolished after Management Circular No.16 was issued; and
 - (ii) separately, the total amount spent by the relevant local Government institution annually on overtime, in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (d) If not, why?

0184/09

8.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a manifesto named 'Mahinda Chinthanaya' has been issued?

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the number of proposals that have been included in the printed publication named 'Mahinda Chinthana';
 - (ii) the number of proposals that have been implemented up to now, out of the proposals mentioned in the aforesaid publication; and
 - (iii) how long it will take to implement the remaining proposals?
- (c) If not, why?

0185/09

9.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that a road is being constructed in Trincomalee across Nilaweli?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the length and the width of the above road;
 - (ii) of the amount estimated in respect of the aforesaid road;
 - (iii) as to how the financial assistance is received in this regard;
 - (iv) of the name given to the aforesaid road?
- (c) If not, why?

0186/09

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the loss or the profit made by the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation from the year 2000 up to now; and
 - (ii) the reasons for the loss, if a loss has been incurred ?
- (b) Will he state the measures taken by now to turn the aforesaid loss into a profit?
- (c) If not, why?

0248/09

11.

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?

0250/09

12.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the amount of money allocated for each district in which 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' project was in progress in the years 2007 and 2008 and the amount of money spent, out of that allocation?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately and in detail the amount of money spent on the functions at national level which were held in relation to 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' project?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether new officers or staffs have been recruited in relation to 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' project; and
 - (ii) of their names, addresses, designations, salaries and privileges provided to them if such officers or staffs have been recruited?
- (d) Will he state separately and in detail—
 - (i) whether allocations were made from the 'Api Wawamu - Rata Nagamu' project or the Ministry of Agriculture Development and Agrarian Services for the 'Galun Samaya' programme that was implemented within Galle town; and

- (ii) if so, the amount so allocated and the purpose for which it was spent?
- (e) If not, why?

0251/'09

13.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) of the local price and the price in the world market for kilogram of cinnamon obtained in the last 10 years with regard to each kind of cinnamon separately;
 - (ii) of the methodology that determines the price of cinnamon when they are purchased locally;
 - (iii) whether the Government of Sri Lanka purchases the local cinnamon produce and exports; and
 - (iv) of the quality so exported and the name of the institution that exported that quantity, if cinnamon has been exported as mentioned in (iii) above?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately—
 - (i) the countries to which cinnamon was exported in the last 10 years;
 - (ii) the quantity exported; and
 - (iii) the names of the persons or companies that exported cinnamon?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) as to what the concessions granted to the cinnamon exporters and other businessmen engaged in the cinnamon business field;
 - (ii) the steps taken by the Government with regard to cinnamon related value added products and what those products are;
 - (iii) the revenue generated through them and the subsidies granted by the Government for them; and
 - (iv) the amount of subsidies so granted?
- (d) If not, why?

0259/'09

14.

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?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Wednesday, June 10, 2009)

0146/09

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the approved cadre for the Urban Council of Hambantota;
 - (ii) the posts that have fallen vacant and the date from which each vacancy has existed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which those vacancies will be filled?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of posts created outside the approved cadre, to meet public requirements and under special projects;
 - (ii) separately, the names of persons who were recruited to perform the aforesaid tasks, the posts to which they have been appointed, the date of recruitment to the relevant post and the basis on which they were recruited; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which those who have been recruited will be confirmed?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of posts abolished after Management Circular No.16 was issued; and
 - (ii) separately, the total amount spent by the relevant local Government institution annually on overtime, in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (d) If not, why?

0147/09

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the approved cadre for the Pradeshiya Sabha of Tissamaharama;
 - (ii) the posts that have fallen vacant and the date from which each vacancy has existed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which those vacancies will be filled?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of posts created outside the approved cadre, to meet public requirements and under special projects;
 - (ii) separately, the names of persons who were recruited to perform the aforesaid tasks, the posts to which they have been appointed, the date of recruitment to the relevant post and the basis on which they were recruited; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which those who have been recruited will be confirmed?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of posts abolished after Management Circular No.16 was issued; and
 - (ii) separately, the total amount spent by the relevant local Government institution annually on overtime, in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (d) If not, why?

0148/09

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the approved cadre for the Pradeshiya Sabha of Lunugamwehera;
 - (ii) the posts that have fallen vacant and the date from which each vacancy has existed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which those vacancies will be filled?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of posts created outside the approved cadre, to meet public requirements and under special projects;

- (ii) separately, the names of persons who were recruited to perform the aforesaid tasks, the posts to which they have been appointed, the date of recruitment to the relevant post and the basis on which they were recruited; and
- (iii) the time frame within which those who have been recruited will be confirmed?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of posts abolished after Management Circular No.16 was issued; and
 - (ii) separately, the total amount spent by the relevant local Government institution annually on overtime, in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (d) If not, why?

0149/09

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the approved cadre for the Pradeshiya Sabha of Sooriyawewa;
 - (ii) the posts that have fallen vacant and the date from which each vacancy has existed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which those vacancies will be filled?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of posts created outside the approved cadre, to meet public requirements and under special projects;
 - (ii) separately, the names of persons who were recruited to perform the aforesaid tasks, the posts to which they have been appointed, the date of recruitment to the relevant post and the basis on which they were recruited; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which those who have been recruited will be confirmed?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of posts abolished after Management Circular No.16 was issued; and
 - (ii) separately, the total amount spent by the relevant local Government institution annually on overtime, in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (d) If not, why?

0150/'09

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the approved cadre for the Pradeshiya Sabha of Hambantota;
 - (ii) the posts that have fallen vacant and the date from which each vacancy has existed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which those vacancies will be filled?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of posts created outside the approved cadre, to meet public requirements and under special projects;
 - (ii) separately, the names of persons who were recruited to perform the aforesaid tasks, the posts to which they have been appointed, the date of recruitment to the relevant post and the basis on which they were recruited; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which those who have been recruited will be confirmed?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of posts abolished after Management Circular No.16 was issued; and
 - (ii) separately, the total amount spent by the relevant local Government institution annually on overtime, in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (d) If not, why?

0151/'09

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the approved cadre for the Pradeshiya Sabha of Ambalantota;
 - (ii) the posts that have fallen vacant and the date from which each vacancy has existed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which those vacancies will be filled?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of posts created outside the approved cadre, to meet public requirements and under special projects;

- (ii) separately, the names of persons who were recruited to perform the aforesaid tasks, the posts to which they have been appointed, the date of recruitment to the relevant post and the basis on which they were recruited; and
- (iii) the time frame within which those who have been recruited will be confirmed?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of posts abolished after Management Circular No.16 was issued; and
 - (ii) separately, the total amount spent by the relevant local Government institution annually on overtime, in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (d) If not, why?

0152/09

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the approved cadre for the Pradeshiya Sabha of Tangalle;
 - (ii) the posts that have fallen vacant and the date from which each vacancy has existed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which those vacancies will be filled?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of posts created outside the approved cadre, to meet public requirements and under special projects;
 - (ii) separately, the names of persons who were recruited to perform the aforesaid tasks, the posts to which they have been appointed, the date of recruitment to the relevant post and the basis on which they were recruited; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which those who have been recruited will be confirmed?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of posts abolished after Management Circular No.16 was issued; and
 - (ii) separately, the total amount spent by the relevant local Government institution annually on overtime, in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (d) If not, why?

0153/'09

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the approved cadre for the Pradeshiya Sabha of Angunakolapelessa;
 - (ii) the posts that have fallen vacant and the date from which each vacancy has existed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which those vacancies will be filled?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of posts created outside the approved cadre, to meet public requirements and under special projects;
 - (ii) separately, the names of persons who were recruited to perform the aforesaid tasks, the posts to which they have been appointed, the date of recruitment to the relevant post and the basis on which they were recruited; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which those who have been recruited will be confirmed?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of posts abolished after Management Circular No.16 was issued; and
 - (ii) separately, the total amount spent by the relevant local Government institution annually on overtime, in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (d) If not, why?

0154/'09

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the approved cadre for the Pradeshiya Sabha of Weeraketiya;
 - (ii) the posts that have fallen vacant and the date from which each vacancy has existed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which those vacancies will be filled?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of posts created outside the approved cadre, to meet public requirements and under special projects;

- (ii) separately, the names of persons who were recruited to perform the aforesaid tasks, the posts to which they have been appointed, the date of recruitment to the relevant post and the basis on which they were recruited; and
- (iii) the time frame within which those who have been recruited will be confirmed?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of posts abolished after Management Circular No.16 was issued; and
 - (ii) separately, the total amount spent by the relevant local Government institution annually on overtime, in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (d) If not, why?

0155/09

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the approved cadre for the Pradeshiya Sabha of Katuwana;
 - (ii) the posts that have fallen vacant and the date from which each vacancy has existed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which those vacancies will be filled?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of posts created outside the approved cadre, to meet public requirements and under special projects;
 - (ii) separately, the names of persons who were recruited to perform the aforesaid tasks, the posts to which they have been appointed, the date of recruitment to the relevant post and the basis on which they were recruited; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which those who have been recruited will be confirmed?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of posts abolished after Management Circular No.16 was issued; and
 - (ii) separately, the total amount spent by the relevant local Government institution annually on overtime, in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (d) If not, why?

0156/'09

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the approved cadre for the Pradeshiya Sabha of Beliatta;
 - (ii) the posts that have fallen vacant and the date from which each vacancy has existed; and
 - (iii) the timeframe within which those vacancies will be filled?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) the number of posts created outside the approved cadre, to meet public requirements and under special projects;
 - (ii) separately, the names of persons who were recruited to perform the aforesaid tasks, the posts to which they have been appointed, the date of recruitment to the relevant post and the basis on which they were recruited; and
 - (iii) the time frame within which those who have been recruited will be confirmed?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of posts abolished after Management Circular No.16 was issued; and
 - (ii) separately, the total amount spent by the relevant local Government institution annually on overtime, in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008?
- (d) If not, why?

0157/'09

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of houses constructed at the district level in the Southern Province under the Local Government Housing Act, No.14 of 1964 as amended by Act, No.63 of 1979; and
 - (ii) separately, of the number of houses / housing schemes in respect of the relevant Local Government body?

- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the names and the addresses of the heads of the households who have been residing in the above mentioned houses on rent basis for a period of over 20 years and the monthly housing rentals paid by them?
 - (c) Will he state the timeframe within which the legal provisions will be formulated in keeping with the proposal submitted to the meeting of the consultative committee on Local Government and Provisional Councils held on 12.10.2007 to transfer the ownership of those houses to the relevant residents who have been residing in those houses on a rent basis for a period of over 20 years paying a monthly rental exceeding Rs. 25.00?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Thursday, June 11, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0007/'09

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?

0008/'09

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?

0009/'09

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of dry lease and wet lease aircrafts 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?

0100/09

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which the I.O.C. company commenced the sale of petroleum in this country;
 - (ii) the quantity of petrol and diesel purchased by this company from the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in the years 2007 and 2008;
 - (iii) the amount of money received by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation from the above mentioned sale of petrol and diesel;
 - (iv) whether petrol and diesel have been imported to the country by the I. O. C. company;
 - (v) if so, the quantity of oil imported in the years 2007 and 2008;
 - (vi) whether taxes were levied from oil so imported;
 - (vii) if taxes were so levied, the taxes levied up to the point at which oil was purchased by the consumer; and
 - (viii) the amount of tax money levied for a litre of diesel and petrol?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of tax money levied from the above company in the years 2007 and 2008; and
 - (ii) the percentage of the sale of oil done by this company against the total sale of oil in the island?
- (c) If not, why?

0101/'09

5.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the value of medicines and equipment purchased for the use of Government hospitals in the years 2007 and 2008;
 - (ii) out of those medicines and equipment, the quantity that was deemed expired and disposed of;
 - (iii) separately, the value of them, with relevance to each year;
 - (iv) out of the medicines and equipment purchased in the years 2007 and 2008, the amount disposed of in view of their non-compliance with the relevant standards;
 - (v) the names of the medicines disposed of in the aforesaid manner; and
 - (vi) the quantity and value of the aforesaid medicines?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) out of the above mentioned amount of medicines and equipment, the amount that had been used at the time of their disposal; and
 - (ii) the measures that have been taken to control the use and purchase of medicines which are of substandard?
- (c) If not, why?

0102/'09

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the amount of money that was allocated for the Anuradhapura district under the 'Maganeguma' project in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008; and
 - (ii) the amount of money that was spent out of the amount allocated, within each of the aforesaid years;

- (b) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the length of the roads that come under each Pradeshiya Sabha or Municipal Council in Anuradhapura district;
 - (ii) separately, the length of the roads tarred, concreted or graveled under this project, in each of the aforesaid Local Authority area; and
 - (iii) the length of the roads tarred or concreted under this project as a percentage of the total length of roads?
- (c) If not, why?

0187/'09

7.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Management and Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money that was allocated for the “Mihin Lanka” airline through the Budgets in the years 2008 and 2009;
 - (ii) whether there is another airline which comes under the Government other than Mihin Lanka; and
 - (iii) of the name of that airline, if there is such airline?
- (b) Will he submit to this House,—
- (i) the number of airliners owned by Mihin Lanka; and
 - (ii) the registration number of those airliners?
- (c) Will he state the amount of the Profit earned or the loss suffered by Mihin Lanka during the last year?
- (d) If not, why?

0188/'09

8.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money allocated under the Expenditure Head of His Excellency the President from the Budget for the year 2009?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money allocated under the Expenditure Head “Fisheries” from the Budget for the year 2009?

- (c) Does he admit that the amount allocated from the Budget under the Expenditure Head “Fisheries” is not adequate?
- (d) If not, why?

0192/’09

9.

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

- (a) Is he aware that Indian fishermen are engaged in fishing in the territorial waters of our country?
- (b) Will he admit that Indian fishermen do not have a right to engage in fishing in the territorial waters of our country?
- (c) Will he state,—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to stop the Indian fishermen engage in fishing in the territorial waters of our country; and
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are?
- (d) If not, why?

0252/’09

10.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, separately, of—
 - (i) the amounts of cinnamon and other minor export crops that were produced in this country in the period from the year 2004 to year 2008;
 - (ii) the amount that was exported, out of the above mentioned production; and
 - (iii) the export income received from it?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, separately—
 - (i) whether fertilizer subsidies were given during the period concerned ;
 - (ii) if so, the amount so given;
 - (iii) if subsidies were not given, the reasons for it;
 - (iv) the types of relief provided by the Government to re-cultivate cinnamon and start new cinnamon cultivation;

- (v) the amount of money spent for it; and
 - (vi) other types of relief that were provided for cinnamon products during the period concerned and the amount of money spent for it?
- (c) Will he state separately—
- (i) the types of relief that are to be given for cinnamon under the Government's relief package for the year 2009;
 - (ii) whether the above mentioned relief has been provided by now; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been allocated for that purpose?
- (d) If not, why?

0253/09

11.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of district offices belonging to the Department of Export Agriculture;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of extension offices under each of the aforesaid district offices;
 - (iii) of the main crops come under the Department of Export Agriculture;
 - (iv) of the number of Extension Officers at the district level for the crop extension activities;
 - (v) of the number of Extension Officers for the extension of the cinnamon cultivation out of them;
 - (vi) separately, of the number of vacancies in the cadre of Extension Officers;
 - (vii) whether a gazette notice was published in the year 2008 to recruit the relevant Extension Officers; and
 - (viii) whether action has been taken to hold examinations for that recruitment?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of additional extension officers recruited to the above Department;
 - (ii) separately, their names and the period of service;
 - (iii) how long it will take to absorb them into the permanent cadre; and

- (iv) whether there are a specific responsibility and a duty list for the graduates recruited to the Department of Export Agriculture in the year 2005?
- (c) If not, why?

0254/'09

12.

Hon. Ajith Kumara— To ask the Minister of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Services,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) of the extent of land on which Cinnamon has been cultivated and the number of Cinnamon cultivators in Sri Lanka on the basis of each district;
 - (ii) of the extent of land cultivated by the cultivators who cultivate in extents of less than 2 acres, more than 2 acres, more than 5 acres, more than 10 acres and more than 50 acres, out of the above mentioned number of cinnamon cultivators; and
 - (iii) the number of Cinnamon Peelers and Cinnamon traders in Sri Lanka on the basis of each district?
- (b) Will he submit to this House,—
 - (i) the number of cinnamon exporters and the names of those persons or institutions; and
 - (ii) the amount of cinnamon exported by those exporters during the last 5 years?
- (c) If not, why?

0262/'09

13.

Hon. Jinadasa Kitulagoda,— 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 ownership of the lands belonging to the Land Reforms Commission has been transferred to various persons in an unlawful manner without entering into agreements?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the basis on which the aforesaid lands have been transferred, the names of the transferees and the extent of the lands that have been given; and

- (ii) whether action will be taken to initiate disciplinary action against the officers who transferred those lands in this manner without following the legal procedure?
- (c) If not, why?

0284/'09

14.

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 30th 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?

0285/'09

15.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs and Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Is he aware that Mrs. Dolphin Esther Vensulous Ferdinand's, a pensioner who resided at No.265, Kandana, Hapugoda passed away on 24.12.2004?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a disabled person by the name of P.A. Rapiel Ferdinands was entitled to the pension of the aforesaid widow;

(45)

- (ii) while being entitled to the aforesaid pension as mentioned above, the payment of pension was stopped from the month of April in the year 2003;
 - (iii) the arrears of the pension due to Mrs. Ferdinands for the month of January, February and March under Widows and Orphans No. 38917 has been sent back to the Ja-Ela Divisional Secretariat by the Kandana post office under voucher nos. 3522, 9524 and 4624 and on 03.01.2003, 22.02.2003 and 24.03.2003 respectively; and
 - (iv) an investigation has been conducted by the Divisional Secretary of Ja-Ela and following the report of the aforesaid investigation the file bearing No. 82/110443 and consisting of pages from 1-52 which includes necessary details has been sent to the Director and the Accountant of the Department of Pensions with the recommendation that Mrs. Berna Elisabeth Ferdinandz is the person who is entitled to the pension?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether necessary steps will be taken to investigate the aforesaid matter and calculate the arrears in pension from 01.02.2003 to 01.10.2004 and pay the pension to the relevant person who is entitled to the aforesaid pensions without any delay; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the pension will be paid?
- (d) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS
(Thursday, June 11, 2009)

0096/09

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that vehicles have been obtained on rent or lease for the use of the Ministers and their staffs?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if vehicles were so obtained on rent or lease, the number of vehicles so obtained and the number of Ministers for whose use the vehicles were obtained for the year 2008;
 - (ii) the number of vehicles obtained on rent or lease for the staffs of Ministers;
 - (iii) the amount of money paid for those vehicles in the year 2008; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent on the Ministers and the staffs in the year 2008?

- (c) In view of this, will he admit that a huge amount of money has to be paid as rent?
- (d) If not, why?

Friday, June 12, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0010/09

1.

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

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

0018/09

2.

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

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

0021/'09

3.

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?

0103/'09

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of patients who have received treatment from hospitals for rabies during the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008;
 - (ii) the number of rabies vaccines imported for providing treatment to the aforesaid persons; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent annually for it?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken to control rabies;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated and the amount of money spent annually for that purpose; and

- (iii) the number of patients died of rabies during the period from the year 2005 to year 2008?
- (c) If not, why?

0104/'09

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the year in which the Ranawiru Lottery was started; and
 - (ii) the amount of money earned annually through the sale of the lottery from the year in which it started up to the end of the year 2008?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money provided for the welfare of the war heroes in each year out of the income generated through the sale of 'Ranaviru' lottery tickets;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for each activity as a percentage of the income earned in each of the aforesaid years; and
 - (iii) the percentage allocated for the welfare of war heroes?
- (c) If not, why?

0106/'09

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the year in which the construction work of the Moragahakanda reservoir was started;
 - (ii) the estimated amount for it;
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated on annual basis for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, if the work of this project has been started;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent in each year out of the annually allocated provisions; and
 - (v) the amount of money that has not been received out of the estimated amount in each of the above years for the relevant project?
- (b) Will he state as to when he expects to complete the work of this project?
- (c) If not, why?

0193/'09

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money allocated from the 2009 budget for the fisheries sector?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated for the inland fisheries industry; and
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for prawn farming?
- (c) Will he admit that the amount of money allocated for the fisheries sector is not sufficient against the backdrop of Rs. 6000 million being allocated from the 2009 budget for 'Mihin Lanka' airline?
- (d) If not, why?

0194/'09

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of the amount of money earned by the Independent Television Network and the National Television from advertisements from 01st of December 2008 up to now?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the number of advertisements of the Sri Lanka Telecom and the number of advertisements that were not from the Sri Lanka Telecom which were telecast and the time spent for telecasting those advertisements?
- (c) Will he state separately the amounts of money earned through the advertisements of Sri Lanka Telecom and the advertisements which were not from the Sri Lanka Telecom?
- (d) If not, why?

0195/'09

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the full name of the incumbent Auditor General and the date on which he was appointed to that post;
 - (ii) as to when his term ends;

- (iii) as to who appointed the Auditor General to that post; and
- (iv) as to who should appoint someone to the post of Auditor General?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the appointment of the above mentioned person to the aforesaid post is illegal?
- (c) If not, why?

0286/'09

10.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,—To ask the Minister of Healthcare and Nutrition,—

- (a) Is he aware that in answering a question raised in Parliament on 03.07.2007, it was stated that the whole of the 5th finger and two phalanges of the 4th finger of Mr. H. R.M. B. P. Gambarawatta's left hand had been removed in a surgery done at Ratnapura General Hospital on 28.08.2002?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the recommendation made by the board of medical specialists on the report of the investigation done by Flying Squad Division with regard to the removal of one finger and phalanges of another finger as a result of giving wrong treatment after it has been referred to the aforesaid board of medical specialists?
- (c) Will he take necessary steps to pay the relevant patient a reasonable sum as compensation on those recommendations, if it has been a mistake made by the doctors?
- (d) If so, will he state the date on which the relevant compensation will be paid?
- (e) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

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

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

P.1/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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.7/09

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.8/09

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.9/09

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.10/09

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

P.11/09

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.12/09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

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/'09

21.

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.21/'09

22.

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.22/'09

23.

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.

P 23/'09

24.

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.

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Friday, June 12, 2009)

0019/'09

1.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the total 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?

0020/'09

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 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?

0022/'09

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House on yearly basis for the last 04 years to-date the total cost of each hired vehicle to the Ministry of Ports and Aviation and for any company owned by the Ministry along with the total cost spent on hired or rented office space?
- (b) Will he state for the above period—
 - (i) the cost of fuel for the above usage of vehicles 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?

0023/'09

4.

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?

0024/'09

5.

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?

0025/'09

6.

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?

0026/'09

7.

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?

0027/'09

8.

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?

0028/'09

9.

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?

0029/'09

10.

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?

0034/'09

11.

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?
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Tuesday, June 23, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0011/'09

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) all the direct and indirect taxes in operation as of today;
 - (ii) the rupee value of the impact of the tax using rates as of today;
- (b) Will he state separately,—
 - (i) all the taxes imposed on rice, sugar, dhal, milk powder, wheat flour, petrol, diesel and kerosene oil, canned fish, onions, electricity and bank loan as of today;
 - (ii) a comparison of those figures as at —
 - 1. 15th August, 1994
 - 2. 15th December, 2001
 - 3. 2nd April, 2004
 - 4. 1st December, 2005
 - 5. to-date
- (c) Will he also state the resource value of the impact of the tax using rates as at today?
- (d) If not, why ?

0012/'09

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?

0107/09

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether liquor is produced locally in this country;
 - (ii) of the number of litres of liquor that was produced in the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, if liquor is produced locally;
 - (iii) of the names of the companies that produce liquor and the amount of liquor produced by those companies annually; and
 - (iv) of the amount of taxes paid to the Government annually by each of those companies?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the production has increased, or decreased, during the period from the year 2005 to year 2008; and
 - (ii) the percentage of such increase or decrease as against the production for the year 2005?
- (c) If not, why?

0108/09

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether liquor is imported to the country;

(61)

- (ii) of the number of litres of liquor imported to the country in the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, if liquor is imported;
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent annually for importing liquor; and
 - (iv) separately, of the annual tax revenue generated from imported liquor?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the import of liquor has decreased or increased in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 in comparison to the year 2005; and
 - (ii) the percentage in which of the said decrease or increase has taken place?
- (c) If not, why?

0196/'09

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the full name of the incumbent Inspector General of Police and the date on which he was appointed to that post;
 - (ii) as to when his term of the aforesaid Inspector General of Police ends;
 - (iii) as to who appointed the relevant Inspector General of Police to that post; and
 - (iv) as to who should appoint someone to the post of Inspector General of Police?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that the appointment of the above Inspector General of Police is illegal?
- (c) If not, why?

0197/'09

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the name of the incumbent Commissioner of Elections and the date on which he was appointed to that post;

(62)

- (ii) as to when the term of the aforesaid Commissioner of Elections ends;
 - (iii) as to who appointed the Commissioner of Elections to that post; and
 - (iv) as to who should appoint someone to the post of Commissioner of Elections?
- (b) If not, why?

0198/'09

7.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the amount of money that has been allocated by the budget of 2009 for war expenses;
 - (ii) the main sources from which that money is expected to be obtained; and
 - (iii) the amount of expected revenue through nation building tax?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0030/'09

1

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

- (a) Will he admit that the National Savings Bank (NSB) has borrowed US dollars 50 million from the ICICI bank India and lent this money to the Government?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the full details of the terms agreed on borrowing and in return on lending;
 - (ii) whether the Board of Directors of NSB had previously engaged in similar transactions; and
 - (iii) if so, names of them?
- (c) Will he also state whether the Board of Directors of the NSB—
- (i) is empowered by its governing statute to engage in such transactions;

- (ii) is considered the prudence of strategy and the potential risks in engaging in such foreign currency transactions;
 - (iii) was directed by the Government or the Ministry of Finance and Planning or Secretary to the Treasury to follow the above course of action and the rationale for such directions;
 - (iv) has obtained clearance from the Central Bank;
 - (v) and the above authorities have engaged in an act of abuse of power punishable in terms of the Penal Code; and
 - (vi) had carried out a comprehensive risk review taking cognizance of its responsibilities and accountability?
- (d) If not, why?

0031/'09

2.

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 01st 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 31st December of each year from 1998 to 2003 and the total revenue for the Kurunegala District?
- (c) If not, why?

0033/'09

3.

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?

0199/09

4.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Highways and Road Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that the road that runs through Indipokunagoda which adjoins Tangalle town in Hambantota District is being constructed?
- (b) Will he state,—
 - (i) the amount of money spent on the construction of the aforesaid road; and
 - (ii) the reasons for constructing a new road despite the fact that there are already two roads namely Dikwella-Tangalle road and Dikwella-Beliatta-Tangalle road?
- (c) Will he admit that it would be more fruitful to use the money spent on the aforesaid road for alleviating poverty in Hambantota District?
- (d) If not, why?

0200/09

5.

Hon. Pemasiri Manage,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of foreign visits made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs since January 2008 up to now;
 - (ii) the names of the countries so visited by the Minister concerned; and

- (iii) the amount of money that has been spent on those foreign visits?
- (b) If not, why?

0201/'09

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether foundation stones have been laid for the construction of fisheries harbours in the year 2008;
 - (ii) of the places and the relevant dates if such foundation stones have been laid;
 - (iii) whether construction work has been commenced in the places where foundation stones have been laid;
 - (iv) of the names of such places, if construction work has been commenced in those places;
 - (v) as to when the relevant construction work commenced; and
 - (vi) of the progress of the above mentioned construction work at present?
- (b) If not, why?

Thursday, June 25, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0058/'09

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House, the total extent of land available in the Northern Province and the Eastern Province under the control of Central Government or provincial councils?
- (b) Will he state for the Northern Province and Eastern Province separately—
 - (i) the lands given to foreigners (Name the Country of his domicile), Company's and individual; and
 - (ii) the terms and conditions, value and the period it is been given out?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of entities owned by the Government which are now being handed over, transferred or leased out to the private sector along with the conditions that have been stipulated;

- (ii) the period that are being given out; and
- (iii) the value of the contract?
- (d) If not, why?

0060/'09

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of people died, officially, owing to the aftermath of Tsunami;
 - (ii) the number of people displaced and the number of houses destroyed through the Tsunami on per district basis;
 - (iii) the number of houses been rebuilt and given by the Government to the people;
 - (iv) the number of houses been rebuilt by non-governmental institutions that are local and foreign on per district basis; and
 - (v) the total grant and aid we received as a country for the specific reason of Tsunami from 01st January 2005 to-date on per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

0061/'09

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date that the State Trading Co-operative Wholesale Company Limited thought of being brought into existence;
 - (ii) the date that it was really existed;
 - (iii) the capital of the Company along with the names of the directors and share holders;
 - (iv) all the imports to-date from the date it was incorporated;
 - (v) whether tenders were called; and
 - (vi) if so, the names and the prices of the tenders along with the final recommendations of the Cabinet Approved Tender Board (CATB)?

- (vii) the total turnover and profits of the Company to-date on monthly basis;
 - (viii) the profit and turnover ratio; and
 - (ix) the market share held by the State Trading Cooperative Wholesale Company Limited?
- (b) Will he state, the number of shops registered on district basis as consumer Trading outlets in the country?
- (c) If not, why?

0202/'09

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether foundation stones have been laid for the construction of a number of Anchorages in the year 2008;
 - (ii) if so, the places where such foundation stones have been laid; and
 - (iii) as to when the relevant foundation stones were laid?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether construction work has commenced in the places where the above foundation stones have been laid; and
 - (ii) if so, the names of such places?
- (c) If not, why?

0203/'09

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a pension scheme for fishermen is being implemented;
 - (ii) of the percentage of money to be paid by the fishermen to become contributors of this pension scheme; and
 - (iii) of the number of fishermen who receive the pension by now?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether the Government makes a financial contribution for the above mentioned pensions; and
 - (ii) if so, the percentage of money so contributed by the Government?
- (c) If not, why?

0204/09

6.

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

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) whether relief has been granted for fishermen for the longline method by the Government in the year 2008; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of fishermen who have been provided with such relief in each district?
 - (b) Will he state as to what steps have been taken to encourage fishermen towards the longline method?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, June 26, 2009

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0063/09

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that benefits had been given to air crafts and ships for registering in Sri Lanka on budget, which came into operation on 01.01.2008?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the ships and aircrafts that were registered upto 31.12.2007;
 - (ii) separately, the ships and aircrafts that were registered after the benefits given;
 - (iii) the loss of revenue in doing so; and
 - (iv) the benefits we have accrued owing to the benefits of registering for 'Flag of Convenience'?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the owners and their shareholders of the ships and aircrafts that were registered after the benefits been given; and
 - (ii) the reason for not been able to attract more than this level of progress?
- (d) If not, why?

0064/09

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of salt producing companies in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) their locations and production capacity; and
 - (iii) the names of the owners of these companies?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the demand of salt in Sri Lanka for the last 20 years per year basis;
 - (ii) the total import of salt to Sri Lanka for the last 10 years per year basis; and
 - (iii) the rupee value of above imports for the last 5 years?
- (c) If not, why?

0206/09

3.

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

- (a) Is he aware that it has been stated in the 'Mahinda Chinthanaya' that a special fund would be established to meet the expenses of the children who lost their parents or guardians due to Tsunami?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) if the aforesaid special fund was established, the date on which it was established;
 - (ii) the number of children who have been provided with relief from the above mentioned fund;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent for that purpose; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of the children who have been provided with relief from the above mentioned fund?
- (c) If not, why?

0207/'09

4.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether relief has been provided to the fishing community by the 2009 budget;
 - (ii) of the types of relief that has been provided; and
 - (iii) of the date from which the above mentioned relief will be made effective?
- (b) If not, why?

0208/'09

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of tanks and reservoirs in which activities connected to breeding of fish have been started during the period from January 2008 up to now;
 - (ii) the names of those tanks and reservoirs;
 - (iii) the varieties of fish that have been used for breeding of fish in those tanks and reservoirs; and
 - (iv) the production of the breeding of fish which was done in the above mentioned tanks and reservoirs?
- (b) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

P. 24 / '09

1.

Hon. Mano Wijeyeratne,—Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on strengthening the independent character of the Parliamentary service,—

WHEREAS it has become necessary to submit recommendations to strengthen the independent character of the Parliamentary service in all its areas of activity,

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

- (a) Strengthening of the independent character of the Parliamentary service; and

- (b) any other matters the Committee deem relevant.
2. (a) The Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker;
and
(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of four (4) other members.
 3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, require any person to produce any document or record, to procure and invite all such evidence, written and/or oral representations from present and former members of the Staff of the Secretary-General of Parliament and Staff organizations, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
 4. The Committee on considering all such matters shall make its Report to Parliament within a period of five (05) months of the setting up of the Committee or such latter date as Parliament may in its discretion appoint.
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