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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0119/'10

1.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the amount of saline imported to Sri Lanka from the year 2005 up to 31st March 2010;
 - (ii) the types imported; and
 - (iii) the amount spent on importation?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the reasons for the shortage of saline, as all kinds of information regarding such a shortage was published in newspapers recently; and
 - (ii) the steps that will be taken against such a person, if any official is responsible for causing such a situation?
- (c) If not, why?

0260/'10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Beliatta Divisional Education Office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?

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- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0273/10

3.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Is he aware of an organization called the “International Crisis Group” ?
- (b) Will he inform —
- (i) whether this organisation has its representatives at present or had then in Sri Lanka during the last ten years ?
 - (ii) the provisions under which it functioned in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) as to how the visas were provided for its international functionaries?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) the names of the Sri Lankans, employed by the organisation in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) the academic or other qualifications they possess; and
 - (iii) the amount paid to each of them by ICG and the basis of payments?
- (d) Will he state —
- (i) whether this organization or any of its employees is liable for tax in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) If so, whether they have met their liabilities?
- (e) If not, why?

0293/10

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Power & Energy,—

- (a) Will he admit the fact that —
 - (i) as pointed out by the Auditor General's Report for the year 2006, tenders were called to purchase 21000 wooden poles with a length of 9 metres and 3400 wooden poles with a length of 10 metres;
 - (ii) the tender with lowest bids submitted by the State Timber Corporation was not accepted; and
 - (iii) the tender was awarded to the South African Company that submitted the next lowest bids?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) 10,500 wooden poles with a length of 9 metres and 1700 wooden poles with a length of 10 metres were purchased; and
 - (ii) of the 2363 poles provided to the Southern Province only 73 had been used?
- (c) Will he admit that a loss of Rs. 79.5 million had to be incurred owing to the fact that the tender was not awarded to the State Timber Corporation?
- (d) Will he state the names of those who are responsible for the aforesaid loss?
- (e) If not, why?

0366/10

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the minimum doctor patient ratio that should exist according to the standards of the World Health Organization ;
 - (ii) the minimum doctor patient ratio that should exist in Sri Lanka according to the standards accepted by the Ministry of Health ;
 - (iii) the current doctor patient ratio in Sri Lanka ;
 - (iv) the number of doctors serving in hospitals that come under the Central Government ; and
 - (v) the number of doctors serving in hospitals that come under the Provincial Councils?

(4)

(b) Will he state—

(i) whether a decision has been taken to stop or limit recruiting the doctors who pass out from universities in Sri Lanka to the public service ; and

(ii) if so, the reasons for that?

(c) If not, why?

0411/'10

6.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

(a) Is he aware that a block of land with an extent of 45 acres, 2 roods and 16 perches from Hantana Estate in Kandy which belongs to State Plantation Corporation has been granted to the persons called Sharmini Kiriella and Philip Jayawardene in the form of an illegal exchange of land?

(b) Will he admit that despite the fact that this land can be granted after a statutory transfer of that land to the Land Reforms Commission, the then Minister and the Chairman of JEDB have transferred the aforesaid land in an illegal manner, without following that procedure?

(c) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether measures will be taken to transfer this land which has not been legally transferred, back to the Ministry of Plantation Industries;

(ii) of the persons who are responsible for this illegal lands deal;

(iii) of the action that will be taken with respect to them?

(d) If not, why?

0431/'10

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) the number of times that he has been overseas as the Minister of External Affairs since the assumption of his duty in his office to date;

(ii) the name of the country, the reason of the visit, the cost per Minister, and the names of accompanied persons and the cost incurred on them per visit basis separately ; and

(iii) the benefits that the country received through each of those visits?

(5)

- (b) Will he state —
- (i) the number of times that the predecessor's of the current Minister been in the same country during the last 5 years; and
 - (ii) the total cost they incurred ?
- (c) If not, why?

0556/10

8.

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

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money approved by the Cabinet of Ministers under the estimates submitted by the State Engineering Corporation, for the reconstruction of the Head Office building of the Inland Revenue Department, which was destroyed by the terrorist air attack on 20.02.2009?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of private contractors who carried out the reconstruction work of the aforesaid building, the value of the contract and the amounts of money paid to them ;
 - (ii) of the estimated cost of the reconstruction work per square foot of the aforesaid building ;
 - (iii) whether all the payments relevant to the reconstruction work have been completed ;
 - (iv) whether the proper tender procedures have been followed when awarding tenders for reconstruction work; and
 - (v) if so, the details pertaining to it?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the date on which the reconstruction work was started;
 - (ii) the period of time for the completion of the reconstruction work according to the relevant agreement;
 - (iii) whether the reconstruction work of the aforesaid building has been completed by now;
 - (iv) whether a report of a Specialist in the field has been obtained with regard to the quality of the reconstruction work of the building?
- (d) If not, why?

0261/'10

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Walasmulla Divisional Education Office belonging to the Walasmulla Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ;
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ;
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0387/'10

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of substandard drugs disposed of from hospitals within the last 6 years ;
 - (ii) of the value of drugs disposed of in that manner ;
 - (iii) of the persons who have granted approval for importation of those drugs ;
 - (iv) whether any money was spent by the government to destroy the aforesaid drugs ;
 - (v) if so, the amount spent ; and
 - (vi) the total loss the government had to bear as a result of importing substandard drugs?
- (b) If not, why?

0432/'10

11.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the authority who calculates the inflation of a country;
 - (ii) the rate of inflation per year for the last 15 years in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) after provision for inflation in each year, the real value of money as at today of Rs. 1000 in 1995 (today's Purchasing Power of Rs. 1000 earned in 1995)
- (b) Will he state the names of the persons responsible for giving irresponsible guidance to the economy of the country?
- (c) Will he also state the inflation for the last 05 years in countries such as India, Pakistan, Maldives, Bhutan, Nepal, Singapore and Malaysia?
- (d) If not, why?

0557/'10

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of buildings which were obtained on rent basis in order to house the divisions of the Department of Inland Revenue until the repair work carried out at its main building, which was damaged by the terrorist air raid, was completed ;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the owners of those buildings ;
 - (iii) separately, of the total amount of money paid in respect of each of those rented buildings ;
 - (iv) the period for which each of those buildings has been rented?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the divisions of the Department of Inland Revenue will be housed further in rented buildings ;
 - (ii) if so, reasons for doing so?
- (c) If not, why?

0262/'10

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Katuwana Divisional Education Office belonging to the Walasmulla Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ; and
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0433/'10

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of religious institutes registered in the North and East Provinces as of today;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of them;
 - (iii) of them, the names of the 20 most important and historical value oriented religious institutes;
 - (iv) the amount of money that has been allocated to those religious institutes by the Government; and
 - (v) the number of religious dignitaries in those areas per religion?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the Sugathadasa Stadium was modernized for the IIFA film festival;
 - (ii) if so, a detailed description of the changes made in the Stadium in the above mentioned modernization;
 - (iii) of the name of institution that carried out the above mentioned modernization work;
 - (iv) of the amount of money spent for it; and
 - (v) of the institution which provided financial allocations for it?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the seating capacity of the Sugathadasa Stadium before it was modernized; and
 - (ii) the seating capacity of the Sugathadasa stadium after it was modernized?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

Appropriation (2011) Bill — Second Reading.

*2.

Secretary to the Treasury (Nomination of Representative) Bill — Second Reading.

*3.

Default Taxes (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*4.

Gaming (Special Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.

*5.

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

*6.

Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

*7.

Regulation of Insurance Industry (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*8.

Registration of Deaths (Temporary Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.

*9.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.1),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1658/31 of 17th June 2010, which was presented on 20.10.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*12.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.2),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1666/1 of 09th August 2010, which was presented on 20.10.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*13.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No.3),— That the Order made by the President under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 read with Article 44(2) of the Constitution, relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1670/20 of 09th September 2010, which was presented on 20.10.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*14.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce,— Order under the Sri Lanka Export Development Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce under Section 14(1) of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act, No. 40 of 1979, relating to Cess and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1661/36 of 09th July 2010, which was presented on 20.10.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Finance Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 26 read with Section 22 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004, relating to International Telecommunication Operators Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1662/1 of 12th July 2010, which were presented on 20.10.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*16.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989, relating to Excise Duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1669/1 of 30th August 2010, which was presented on 20.10.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*17.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Notification under the Survey Act (No. 1),— That the Notification published in the Gazette No. 1633 of 18th December 2009 to amend the 3rd paragraph of the “Land Survey Council-2005 (Annual Practising Licenses) Regulation” approved by the Minister of Lands under Section 65 of the Survey Act, No. 17 of 2002 read with Section 41 of the said Act, and published in the Gazette No. 1420/20 of 23rd November 2005, which was presented on 19.10.2010, be approved.

*18.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development ,— Notification under the Survey Act (No. 2),— That the Notification published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1659/9 of 22nd June 2010 to amend the paragraph 2(2) of the “ Surveys - 2005 (Registration) Regulation” approved by the Minister of Lands under Section 65 of the Survey Act No.17 of 2002 read with Section 39 of the said Act, and published in the Gazette No. 1420/20 of 23rd November 2005, which was presented on 19.10.2010, be approved.

*19.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by Minister of Lands and Land Development under Section 67 of the Registration of Title Act, No 21 of 1998 read with Section 60 and 62 of that Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No 1616/23 of 24, August 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*20.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Resolution under the Appropriation Act,— That this Parliament resolves the Order made by the Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, by virtue of powers vested in the Minister of Finance and Planning by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008 and specified in the Order No. 27 hereto, be approved.

Appropriation Act, No. 43 of 2008

Order No. 27 under Section 8

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Section 8 of the Appropriation Act, No.43 of 2008, I, Sarath Amunugama, Acting Minister of Finance and Planning with the approval of the Government, do by this Order, vary the limits specified against the activity Item No. 21302 “Printing Publicity and Sales of Books - Department of Education Publications” of the third Schedule to that Act.

(12)

- (i) Maximum limit of expenditure specified in Column II of the third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised
- (ii) Minimum limit of receipts specified in Column III of the third Schedule to that Act. From Rs. 2,400,000,000 To Rs. 2,162,000,000
- (iii) Maximum limit of debit balance specified in Column IV of the third Schedule to that Act. Not Revised
- (iv) Maximum limit of debit liabilities specified in Column V of the third Schedule to that Act. From Rs. 100,000,000 To Rs. 960,000,000

(This Order is valid up to 31.12.2009 only)

Sgd. DR. SARATH AMUNUGAMA,
Acting Minister of Finance and Planning.

03.07 .2010
Colombo 01.

(Cabinet approval signified)

*21.

The Minister of Health,—Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka - 2007,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended by 31.12.2007 and presented on 08.07.2009 under the Section 30(2) of State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Healthcare and Nutrition on 05.05.2009)

*22.

The Minister of Health,—Annual Report and Accounts of the Wijaya Kumarathunga Memorial Hospital - 2007,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Wijaya Kumarathunga Memorial Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended by 31.12.2007 and presented on 08.07.2009 under the Section 30(2) of State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Healthcare and Nutrition on 05.05.2009)

*23.

The Minister of Health,—Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital - 2006,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended by 31.12.2006 and presented on 08.07.2009 under the Section 30(2) of State Industrial Corporation Act, No.49 of 1957 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Healthcare and Nutrition on 05.05.2009)

*24.

The Minister of Technology and Research,—Annual Report of Sri Lanka Standard Institution, 2007,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Standard Institution together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year from 01st January, 2007 to 31st December, 2007 and presented on 09.09.2009 under Sri Lanka Standard Institution Act, No.06 of 1984 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology on 06.08.2009)

*25.

The Minister of Technology and Research,—Annual Report of Sri Lanka Industrial Technology Institute - 2006,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Industrial Technology Institute together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year from 01st January, 2006 to 31st December, 2006 and presented on 06.09.2009 under the Section 40(3) of Science and Technology Development Act, No.11 of 1994 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology on 06.08.2009)

*26.

The Minister of Technology and Research,—Annual Report of Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment - 2006,— That the Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year from 01st January, 2006 to 31st December, 2006 and presented on 09.09.2009 under the Section 29(5) of Sri Lanka Accreditation Board for Conformity Assessment Act, No.32 of 2005 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No.38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Science and Technology on 06.08.2009)

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0039/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of income received by the Sri Lanka Central Transport Board (SLCTB) from the monthly season tickets during the months of January – December in 2009 respectively; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid income as a percentage of the total income received by the S.L.C.T.B. from passenger transport during the aforesaid months?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the relevant department earns an extra interest by depositing the income received at the beginning of each month in a bank;
 - (ii) if so, the amount so earned with regard to the aforesaid months?
- (c) If not, why?

0076/'10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Is he aware that in the 200 metres stretch of the Tharaperiya-Pottewela lake road in the Tharaperiya East Grama Niladhari Division in the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about one year ago, concrete has scaled off and it is in a dilapidated condition by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the financial provisions allocated for the development of the said road ;
 - (ii) whether recommendations of technical officers have been obtained to the effect that the work had been completed as per the standards in releasing money for construction;
 - (iii) from what other institutions recommendations were obtained in making payments for the construction of the said road?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry in this respect and restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0528/10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the inner circular road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ; and
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ; and
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0607/10

4.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of hectares of abandoned paddy lands in Jaffna, Kilinochchi and Mulativu districts ;
 - (ii) whether farmers are given incentives to cultivate those paddy lands again ;
 - (iii) if so, what those incentives are?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the number of metric tones of paddy which is expected to be harvested through cultivating those paddy lands?
- (c) If not, why?

0613/'10

5.

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the estimated cost for the expansion project of the Sapugaskanda oil refinery ;
 - (ii) whether that project is carried out under credit facilities or grants; and
 - (iii) the year in which the project is expected to be concluded; and
 - (iv) the expected increase in the daily oil refining capacity in crude oil barrels at the conclusion of the above mentioned project?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been proposed to commence a new oil refinery in the Hambantota district ;
 - (ii) if so, the year in which the said project is expected to commence?
- (c) If not, why?

0621/'10

6.

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

- (a) Will he admit that the collection of money from school children and parents by past pupils associations and various other associations citing various reasons has been banned through circular No. 2008/41 of the Secretary of the Ministry of Education?
- (b) Despite it being so, is he aware that the Old Boy's Association of Royal College, Colombo has distributed collection cards titled '2010 Royal Parade' to the value of Rs. 600/- among children and collected money through them?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken, if money has been collected in violation of the above circular?
- (d) If not, why?

0040/10

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the countries, International Financing Institutions or Banks and Private entities that have lent money to the Government of Sri Lanka per year basis for the last 10 years ;
 - (ii) the total outstanding of loans as of today;
 - (iii) the total outstanding of loans at the end of the year 1999;
 - (iv) the amount lent by the countries or institutions from 1999 to-date on yearly basis; and
 - (v) the interest rates and the pay back period ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the total debt amortization (capital and interest payments) on yearly basis from the year 2000 to the year 2015 along with the loans taken to date;
 - (ii) the above information in US Dollars and Special Drawing Rights (SDR)?
- (c) If not, why?

0077/10

8.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Is he aware that in the 200 metres stretch of the Galkema temple road in the Tharaperiya West Grama Niladhari Division in the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about one year ago, concrete has scaled off and it is in a dilapidated condition by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the financial provisions allocated for the development of the said road ;
 - (ii) whether recommendations of technical officers have been obtained to the effect that the work had been completed as per the standards in releasing money for construction;
 - (iii) from what other institutions recommendations were obtained in making payments for the construction of the said road?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry in this respect and restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0529/10

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Thirikkonduyadumadu Jayanthipura road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ; and
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0608/10

10.

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soysa,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the amount of approximate annual coconut harvest of this country in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 ; and
 - (ii) the total income generated from the export of coconuts in the above mentioned years ;
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the steps that have been taken so far to control the dry-leaf disease which is spreading rapidly in coconut plantations in the Southern Province ; and
 - (ii) the steps that have been taken to prevent its spread to other areas?
- (c) If not, why?

0622/'10

11.

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

- (a) Will he state the total number of students studying at Royal College, Colombo?
- (b) Will he admit that a sum of Rs. 3300/= has been charged as school fees from each student of the aforesaid school for the year 2008?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money charged as school fees from each student of the aforesaid school for the year 2009 ;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated by the government to Royal College, Colombo for the year 2009?
- (d) If not, why?

0041/'10

12.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the actions taken on COPE reports presented by former Chairmen of the Committee on Public Enterprises, Hon. John Amaratunga, Hon. Jeyaraj Fernandopulle, Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama and the report presented by the Hon. Wijayadasa 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 the Hon. Rauff Hakeem, Chairman PAC on 29th November, 2007;
 - (ii) the names of the institutions investigated as per the above reports; and
 - (iii) the actions that have been initiated with the directions of the Committee Report?
- (c) If not, why?

0080/'10

13

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Is he aware that in the 200 metres stretch of the Morayaya junction to Bogamuwa road in the Gajanayakagama Grama Niladhari Division in the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about one year ago, concrete has scaled off and it is in a dilapidated condition by now?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the financial provisions allocated for the development of the said road ;
 - (ii) whether recommendations of technical officers have been obtained to the effect that the work had been completed as per the standards in releasing money for construction;
 - (iii) from what other institutions recommendations were obtained in making payments for the construction of the said road?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry in this respect and restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0530/’10

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Mahaoya-Chenkaladi road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ; and
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

15.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of service stations which have been established throughout the island for checking vehicle emissions;
 - (ii) the income earned so far by the government from conducting tests to check vehicle emissions;
 - (iii) the measures taken for the protection of the environment by using the monies collected from this tax which is considered as an environmental protection tax;
 - (iv) the requirements that have been fulfilled by those institutions, which conduct the above mentioned test, for issuing a quality certificate after conducting tests to check vehicle emissions?
 - (b) If not, why?
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Thursday, November 11, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Government owned universities ;
 - (ii) the location of each university indicating Province, District and Electorate;
 - (iii) whether there are private universities operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) If so, their names and number of students in each; and
 - (v) whether they are awarding local or foreign degrees?
- (b) Will he state on faculty basis—
 - (i) the number of academic days of each university, for the last 06 years;
 - (ii) a comparison with the days, if functioned without any strikes for the last 06 years; and
 - (iii) the general attendance of students in each university on year basis for the last 05 years;

- (c) Will he inform this house—
- (i) the number of universities where severe ragging has been reported; and
 - (ii) the number of concluded and pending court cases in this regard for the last 02 years, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0053/10

2.

Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the mechanisms exist to monitor the inflow of foreign funds for Non-Governmental Organizations, and institutions incorporated by Act of Parliament that engage in Social Service;
 - (ii) the mechanisms exist to monitor the inflow of foreign funds for companies registered with the Registrar of Companies that engage in social service or research or advocacy; and
 - (iii) whether such companies submit returns as required, and maintain tax files; and pay taxes on any endowments such companies might have?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) the funds from external sources have been received by the International Centre for Ethnic Studies in the period between 1999 and 2010 inclusive, and of the purposes these funds have been used;
 - (ii) whether the purposes for which such funds obtained were approved by the Department of External Resources; and
 - (iii) whether the use of these funds was monitored by any Government agency?
- (c) If not, why?

0081/10

3.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Is he aware that in the 200 metres stretch of the Thorana junction to Water Supply Board road in the Wakamulla Grama Niladhari Division in the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat Division of the Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about one year ago, concrete has scaled off and it is in a dilapidated condition by now?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the financial provisions allocated for the development of the said road ;
 - (ii) whether recommendations of technical officers have been obtained to the effect that the work had been completed as per the standards in releasing money for construction;
 - (iii) from what other institutions recommendations were obtained in making payments for the construction of the said road?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry in this respect and restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0130/'10

4.

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the Rural Electrification schemes that were in operation in the country by the year 2005 in relation to each district ;
 - (ii) of the names of the Rural Electrification schemes initiated from the year 2005 up to date in relation to each district ;
 - (iii) separately of the funds incurred on each scheme ;
 - (iv) of the Rural Electrification schemes to be initiated in future ; and
 - (v) of the cost to be incurred on them?
- (b) If not, why?

0294/'10

5.

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

- (a) Will he admit that the S.L.T.B. is bound to pay gratuity to the employees who retired since the Peoplisation of the C.T.B. on 25.08.1991 up to 2002, with effect from their date of first appointment?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the S.L.T.B. sought a Court Order to the effect that gratuity cannot be paid to them from the date of first appointment ; and
 - (ii) what the Court Order is ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—

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- (i) whether the Commissioner of Labour has instructed that gratuity be paid to those pensioners ;
 - (ii) if so, the number of pensioners to whom gratuity be paid; and
 - (iii) the total amount to be paid ?
- (d) Will he state—
- (i) as to why action is not taken to pay gratuity to those pensioners; and
 - (ii) the steps to be taken to pay such gratuity expeditiously?
- (e) If not, why?

0342/'10

6.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the types of products that are exported from our country under the GSP+ concession ;
 - (ii) the names of the countries to which the above mentioned products are exported ;
 - (iii) the amount of tax concession granted when exporting those products ;
 - (iv) the number of jobs that may be lost if this concession is withdrawn ; and
 - (v) the number of businesses that may affect as a result of the withdrawal of the above mentioned concession?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the steps that would be taken by the government for earning foreign exchange ; and
 - (ii) of the amount of the loss that will be incurred when products are exported to the European countries which did not grant the GSP+ concession?
- (c) If not, why?

0531/'10

7.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Akkaraipattu-Batticaloa-Thirikkondiyadumadu road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ; and
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0566/'10

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—

- (a) Is he aware that the Sri Lanka Human Resources Development Banking Society Limited, which was registered by the Central Bank under the Co-operative Act has liquidated and closed all its branches by now?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of branches belonged to the aforesaid bank; and
 - (ii) the number of depositors and the total amount of money that had been deposited?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether an interim committee was appointed in 2007 to repay the deposits;
 - (ii) if so, the outcome of the aforesaid interim committee?
- (d) Will he submit to this House —

- (i) the total amount of money that should be repaid to the depositors of the aforesaid bank;
- (ii) whether action has been taken to repay the aforesaid amount of money; and
- (iii) if not, the date on which the payment of the aforesaid amount of money will be completed?

(e) If not, why?

0573/'10

9.

Hon. Rauf Hakeem,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—

(a) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the number of children admitted to government or private orphanages, out of the children who were orphaned as a result of their parents' death or disappearance due to the Tsunami that occurred on 26th December 2004 ;
- (ii) the ages of those children at that time and their names or the names given to them later by the orphanages for identification ;
- (iii) the names of the Police Stations, hospitals or persons who assisted bringing each of those children under government probation ; and
- (iv) the names of the government or private orphanages where those children are kept at present?

(b) Will he state on district basis,—

- (i) the number of children out of the children whose parents or guardians have already been identified and who have been given back to their custody ; and
- (ii) their names, ages, the date of assigning custody, names and addresses of the parents or guardians who came forward and the Court where assigning took place ;

(c) If not, why?

0047/'10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—

(a) Is he aware that the price of a barrel of oil came down in the world market?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the manner in which the price fluctuation of a barrel of oil during the period from January 2010 to-date;
- (ii) the selling price of a litre of diesel sold to the foreign ships that

come to this country and the price of the same sold to the local consumers;

- (iii) the prices of fuel sold for the use of aircrafts; and
 - (iv) the price of a litre of diesel sold to the local fishing vessels?
- (c) Will he state the reasons as to why the concession on fuel provided for the foreign ships is not granted to the local fishing vessels?
- (d) If not, why?

0335/'10

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the irrigated land No. 07 at UD 06, Maha Ara, Nambadagaswewa that was granted to Mrs. S.G. Kusumawathie residing at “Priyashani”, Nambadagaswewa, Sooriyawewa of Sooriyawewa Divisional Secretariat Division in Hambantota district, has not been settle yet ;
 - (ii) her husband has died as a result of a wild elephant attack and she supports 04 children amidst great difficulties ;
 - (iii) another person has encroached upon this land No. 07 belonging to Mrs. Kusumawathie and he has encroached upon another land, bearing No. UD 08, other than that ;
 - (iv) Mrs. Kusumawathie has gone to the Land office at Mayurapura and submitted her requests to get this land settled ; and
 - (v) the officials have not paid attention to this matter so far?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether action will be taken to allow Mrs. Kusumawathie to have undisturbed possession of land No. 07 that she has received ;
 - (ii) if not, whether she will be provided with an alternative land ;
 - (iii) if so, the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0532/'10

12.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Ambilanturai-Weeramunai road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ; and
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0048/10

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date of completion of the construction of the Upper Kotmale Hydro Power Project ;
 - (ii) the estimated cost at the start of the project and the cost as of today, separately ;
 - (iii) the country or institution that the money for this project would be received from; and
 - (iv) the terms of lending?
- (b) Will he state the cost per power unit including the depreciation?
- (c) If not, why?

0336/10

14.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the approved number of teachers for M.R. Thasim Muslim College supervised by Lunugamvehera Divisional Education Office which is under the Zonal Education Office of Hambanthota in Hambanthota district; and
 - (ii) the number of subjects for which there is a shortage of teachers at this school?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) teaching vacancies for English have existed since 2006; and
 - (ii) Mr. Tuan Sulfikar Ali residing at May Street, Hambanthota volunteered to teach this subject?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether necessary measures will be taken to obtain his service for the school again;
 - (ii) if so, the date from which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0533/10

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Siyambalanduwa-Ampara-Karativu road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ; and
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

Friday, November 12, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0049/10

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of District Base Hospitals in each district of the Southern Province, separately ;
 - (ii) the minimum number of posts which should exist in a District Base Hospital ;
 - (iii) the number of posts that exist in each of the above mentioned hospitals at present ; and
 - (iv) the number of vacancies that exist in each of the above mentioned hospitals, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which each of the above mentioned hospitals was upgraded to the level of a District Hospital; and
 - (ii) who did so?
- (c) Will he state the period within which the shortage of human and physical resources that exist at present in each of the above mentioned District Base Hospitals will be accomplished?
- (d) If not, why?

0253/10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Lunugamvehera Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?
- (c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ;
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ;
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0534/'10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Akkaraipattu-Sakamam road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ; and
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0565/'10

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the teachers in the four educational zones in the Matara district were given promotions according to circular bearing no. 2004/14 on granting benefits to persons stagnating on the maximum steps salary scales, circular bearing no. 2005/04 on promotions, and the circular bearing no. 2008/45 on granting promotions to the graduate teachers who do not have post graduate qualifications; and
 - (ii) the salary arrears relevant to the above mentioned have not yet been paid?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the number of teachers who have been given promotions according to the circulars bearing nos. 2004/14,2005/04 and 2008/45 and the number of teachers to whom the salary arrears have been paid accordingly;
 - (ii) of the number of teachers who should be paid salary arrears by now;
 - (iii) of the total amount of money that should be paid to them as salary arrears;
 - (iv) of the reason for not paying the salary arrears up to now; and
 - (v) of the date on which the payment of salary arrears will be completed?
- (c) If not, why?

0576/10

5.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the former General Manager of the Housing Development Authority planned to provide an access road across the border canal of the Raddolugama Housing Scheme for the person by the name of Wanigasinghe who resides on an auctioned plot of land;
 - (ii) on the complaints made to His Excellency the President by the recipients of houses an order has been issued to close down the aforesaid road by the letter dated 31.01.2006 sent from the President's Office to the Secretary to the then Ministry of Housing and Constructions; and
 - (iii) the former General Manager has planned to provide that road by making a false submission to the Parliamentary Consultative Committee through the person named Wanigasinghe?
- (b) Will he admit that —

- (i) there is a wide road in front of the house of the person called Wanigasinghe;
 - (ii) it has been planned to provide a deed by obtaining money on a promissory note for the purpose of providing a road at the back of the house as well; and
 - (iii) this is the first instance in the history of Parliament that the Consultative Committee has been misled?
- (c) Will he state whether steps will be taken to close the aforesaid road according to the recommendation of the letter of His Excellency the President dated 31.01.2006 as all the relevant reports have been handed over to the Chairman of the Authority?
- (d) If not, why?

0635/10

6.

Hon. Hemal Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he submit to this House, separately—
- (i) the number of schools where only primary classes were conducted;
 - (ii) the number of schools where classes up to Ordinary Level were conducted; and
 - (iii) the number of schools where classes up to Advanced Level were conducted;
- out of the schools which had to be closed down in the year 2009?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the main reasons which contributed to the closure of the above mentioned schools;
 - (ii) whether there is a proposed course of action to prevent the closure of schools as mentioned above; and
 - (iii) if so, what it is?
- (c) If not, why?

0636/10

7.

Hon. Wijaya Dahanayake,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps have been taken to popularize the use and production of organic fertilizer among farmers as an alternative for chemical fertilizers; and
 - (ii) if so, what they are?
- (b) Is he aware that the centre for producing compost out of garbage which

belongs to Puhul Ella Pradeshiya Sabha in Kirinda, built at a cost of 56 lakhs has been closed due to public protests?

- (c) Will he state the steps that will be taken to re-open it?
- (d) If not, why?

0638/'10

8.

Hon. Arundika Fernando,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the conservation and development measures that are being taken under the Wilpattu Wild Life Park Conservation and Development Project ;
 - (ii) the total estimated cost for the aforesaid project ; and
 - (iii) the year in which the project is expected to be completed?
- (b) Will he inform the annual income expected to be earned from the Wild Life Park after the completion of the aforesaid project?
- (c) If not, why?

0639/'10

9.

Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total estimated amount of money for the construction of the Mattala International Airport in the Hambantota district ; and
 - (ii) the extent of the land that has been allocated for the aforesaid construction in hectares?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of families that have to be evacuated from the aforesaid area to carry out the aforesaid constructions ;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of lawful and unlawful occupants out of the aforesaid number of families ;
 - (iii) whether there is a programme to provide the aforesaid families with alternative lands ; and
 - (iv) if so, what that programme is?
- (c) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) the year in which the construction of the aforesaid airport is expected to be completed ; and
 - (ii) the approximate number of airline passengers who are expected to use the new airport per year when the construction of the new airport has been completed?
- (d) If not, why?

0050/10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) all the products manufactured or imported by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC); and
 - (ii) the cost(selling price less profit) and a break-up of cost composition in each different item?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) all the taxes at all stages in costing as given below:

Selling Price		xxxxx
Production cost	xxx	
Administration cost	xxx	
Marketing cost	xxx	
Finance cost	xxx	
Advertising cost	xxx	<u>xxxxx</u>
Gross Profit		xxxxx
Less Taxes	xxx	
(All types be stated separately)		<u>xxxxx</u>
Net Profit		<u>xxxxx</u>

- (ii) the annual profit of Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) and its subsidiaries for the last 15 years?
- (c) Will he also state—

- (i) the total debt to Banks on un-encashed Dollars yet to be converted to Rupees;
 - (ii) who bears the exchange loss; and
 - (iii) the total quantity sold as per a (i) along with the total monetary value?
- (d) If not, why?

0254/'10

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Tissamaharama Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ;
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0535/'10

12.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Siyambalanduwa-Pottuwil-Akkaraipattu road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—

- (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ; and
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0255/'10

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Hambantota Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ?
- (d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ;
- (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0436/'10

14.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Universities functioning in Northern, Eastern and North Central provinces ;
 - (ii) the number of students allocated to the Universities in (i) above;
 - (iii) the cost per student per faculty of the university basis; and
 - (iv) the number of Lecturers working in those Universities?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of academic days of each University per year; and
 - (ii) the number of functional days those universities achieved in practical terms during the last 3 years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

0536/'10

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Pottuwil-Panama road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ; and
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Holding of Cabinet Portfolios by the President and the Prime Minister is not appropriate,—Adjourned debate on question (08th October 2010)

Motion made and question proposed,— “That this Parliament resolves that holding of Cabinet Portfolios by the President and the Prime Minister is not appropriate in order to have a very effective administration and to critically review performance of the Ministers.” [P.1/’10]

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2.

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 resolves 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/’10

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting Agricultural Loans to farmers who are self employed in Agriculture,—That this Parliament is resolves that farmers who are self employed in agriculture be granted Agricultural loans to a maximum of Rs. 2,50,000 at a reduced Interest Rate of 5%.

P.6/’10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Implementation of an Island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc.,— That this Parliament resolves that an island wide programme to educate the masses in destroying waste material such as polythene, plastic etc, be implemented 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.

P.7/’10

5.

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/’10

6.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Implementation of Private Members Motions,— That this Parliament resolves 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.9/10

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Playing National Anthem in Parliament,—That this Parliament resolves 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.10/10

8.

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

P.11/10

9.

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.12/10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Making new laws to regulate contempt of court proceedings,— That this Parliament resolves 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.13/10

11.

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, compel 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.14/10

12.

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.15/10

13.

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.16/10

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Extension of Retirement Age,—That this Parliament resolves 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/'10

15.

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/'10

16.

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/'10

17.

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/'10

18.

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/'10

19.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Provision of Free Traveling 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/'10

20.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Establishment of a Conflict Resolution Centre,— That this Parliament resolves 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 that since Sri Lanka is a multi ethnic and multi religious country which has a national problem such as aberration of peace.

P.23/'10

21.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of Pension Gratuity without delay,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be adopted to pay Pension Gratuity without delay to the Pensioners who have not yet received the same.

P.24/'10

22.

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

P.25/' 10

23.

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

P.26/' 10

24.

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

P.27/' 10

25.

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

P.28/' 10

26.

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

P.29/' 10

27.

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

P.30/' 10

28.

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

P.31/' 10

29.

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

P.32/' 10

30.

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

P.33/' 10

31.

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

P.34/10

32.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer,—Establishment of Industrial Estates in the Puttalam District,—That this Parliament resolves that Industrial Estates be established at suitable locations in the Puttalam District with a view to boosting up industries in the District and to provide employment opportunities to the youth.

P.35/10

33.

Hon. (Alhaj) A.H.M. Azwer,—Developing the Sathernkerny Public Play Ground in the Kalmunai Town,—That this Parliament resolves that the Sathernkerny Public Play Ground be developed in all aspects as an International Sports Ground with a view to providing advanced facilities for the youth of Digamadulla District to improve their skills and ability in the various aspects of sports.

P.39/10

34.

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

P.40/10

35.

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

P.41/10

36.

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

P.42/10

37.

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

P.43/10

38.

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

P.44/ 10

39.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enacting Laws for free access to Government information,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be enacted in Parliament for the right of people to have free access to all the information of the Government whereby their transparency would be maintained.

P.45/ 10

40.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Sri Lankans be afforded Better Opportunities for Health,— That this Parliament resolves that all Sri Lankans be afforded better health opportunities as most of them are subject to open heart surgeries and for that purpose Employees of the Private Sector must be provided with free facilities through Employees Provident Fund and Employees Trust Fund and in case of Public Servants or Non Employees by the Government through the President Fund with full cost.

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41.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Protection of the World Environment,— That this Parliament resolves that Sri Lanka must pay more attention to the Protection of the World Environment and specially take action to prevent global warming.

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42.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Telecasting of Parliamentary Proceedings,— That this Parliament resolves that live or censored Parliamentary Proceedings should be telecasted through the Television or Internet.

P.48/ 10

43.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Granting Permission to Vote for Sri Lankans living overseas,— That this Parliament resolves that Sri Lankans who are living overseas must be permitted to vote at future elections.

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44.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introduction of a Electronic Voting System,— That this Parliament resolves that a Electronic Voting System must be introduced for the present archaic Voting System.

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45.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Implementation of a proper scientific plan for the protection of valuable natural resources of Sri Lanka and their surrounding areas,—That this Parliament resolves that a proper scientific plan be implemented to protect and promote the Sinharaja Forest, Kanneliya Forest Reserve, Roomassala Hill, the islands and the mangrove system of Koggala Oya and Madu Ganga, a Ramsar Wetland, which are considered as valuable natural resources not only of Sri Lanka but the whole world, and their surrounding areas.

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46.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Taking action for the protection, promotion and proper utilization of the historical and archeological heritages of the Galle fort and its surroundings,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken to protect and promote historical and archaeological heritages of the Galle rampart, inside the Galle fort and in the surroundings of the Galle fort which are an important centre of the tourism industry, have a historical and archaeological value and are considered as a world heritage site and to make the best use of this world heritage for the country by implementing a systematic plan with the participation of the community and the public sector institutions connected with it.

P.52/10

47.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Implementing a practical programme to address the housing issues of the owners of houses lacking in facilities living in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a practical programme be formulated for addressing the peoples' housing issues by constructing flats and cluster flats Schemes in Colombo and other cities in its neighbourhood under the vision of Mahinda Chinthana for ensuring the right of each and every family living in Sri Lanka to live in a house that consists of their basic requirements, drinking water, electricity, toilet facilities and a kitchen.

P.53/10

48.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Regulating the drainage of rainy water in the city of Colombo,— That this Parliament resolves since a situation has been created where the entire city of Colombo is submerged in a continuous rainfall of about half an hour as the drain system of the city of Colombo is more than 100 years old and is not functioning properly, whereas damages are caused to environment from houses, building and unauthorized structures constructed haphazardly, hence the relevant drain system shall be modernized, cleaned and properly maintained so as to enable the efficient draining of rainy water to mitigate the flood disaster situation caused within the Colombo Municipal Council area during torrential rains.

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49.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Protecting the Professional dignity of the Medical field,— That this Parliament resolves since the Ordinary Patients are faced with grave problems and have become immensely helpless owing to doctors without necessary Professional Qualifications and experience practicing in the local and international medical field, and whereas the professionally qualified doctors in the medical field sustain disgrace in society as a result of it, that it is imperative to act properly, efficiently and lawfully in order to protect the professional dignity of the Medical field.

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50.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Ensuring media freedom and right to information,— That this Parliament resolves that all citizens of a democratic country be granted the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding through free media, whereas right to information and expression has been established within the Constitution itself and there is no opportunity to hide or conceal the truth in a world where technology is developing,

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51.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Creating a healthy society through sports,— That this Parliament resolves that a fair system devoid of racism and class divisions shall be drawn up at the government level so as to create a healthy society by encouraging children to take up sports in their childhood itself, to guide children with innate talents to the international level and to bring glory to the country by creating world renowned players.

P.57/' 10

52.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Frequent update of the Register of Electors,— That this Parliament resolves that the Register of Electors must be an open list with frequent update rather than list that gets updated only for 30 days of a month in the year.

P.59/' 10

53.

Hon Ravi Karunanayake,—Granting a Pension Scheme for the overseas work force,— That this Parliament resolves that a pension scheme should be devised to reward the overseas work force who sends their hard earned money to increase the wealth of Sri Lanka.

P.60/' 10

54.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Awarding pensions for the armed personnel who served before 19th of May, 2009- That this Parliament resolves that as the members of the Parliament are entitled to a pension in five years, the armed personnel who had been engaged in activities before the 19th of May, 2009 but have not completed the period of 22 years should also be entitled to a pension.

P.62/' 10

55.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Introducing a special design to help people with restricted ability and mobility—That this Parliament resolves that all new public buildings must have design features ensuring accessibility as specified by the law for the persons with restricted ability and mobility in order to optimize their remaining productivity and to minimize the unwanted dependency.

P.63/' 10

56.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enabling the right to vote— This Parliament resolves that every individual above the age of eighteen must be allowed to vote as there is a big number of registered voters that have been deprived of voting and if an individual does not vote after the name appears on the register they should be fined

P.64/' 10

57.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, — Ensuring a corruption free world— That this Parliament is of the opinion that Sri Lankan Parliamentarians get together and join global organizations of parliaments in eradicating corruption.

P.65/' 10

58.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— Granting a higher position to the Quaziz Court System,—That this Parliament is of the opinion that the Quaziz Court System that was established in Sri Lanka under the Muslim marriage and Divorce Ordinance of 1929 and subsequently amended under the Muslim marriage and Divorce Act in 1951 must be upgraded with powers vested with the Quaziz judges to adjudicate upon all matters concerned with disputes arising in Muslim families and also the status of the Quaziz Court System must be upgraded in such a manner where sittings be held in premises congenial to the dignity of the system and as the Quaziz judges are appointed by the Judicial Service Commission they should be placed on a respectable and an acceptable salary structure payable to other judicial officers.

P.69/' 10

59.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, —Repayment of funds of the dipositor who are duped, — That this Parliament resolves that as there are many dipositors who have been duped with the funds that have been deposited in the finance companies and these dipositors or the delinquent companies have been promised by the government during the political campaign of 2009/2010 elections that they will be paid their outstandings, hence the Central Bank that is the custodian of these institutions should have been more diligent and the government must step in paying the dipositors.

P.70/' 10

60.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Providing Vocational training for disabled children and children with special needs, — That this Parliament resolves that the disabled children and the children with special needs be provided with vocational training at district and provincial levels and a programme should be implemented to direct them in proper manner to employment opportunities.

P.71/' 10

61.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Granting Justice of the Peace appointments to indigenous Ayurvedic doctors, — That this Parliament resolves that all the indigenous Ayurvedic doctors who have got themselves registered with the Ayurvedic Medical Council should be granted justice of the Peace appointments as a token of respect to that service, as they render a great service, specially to the rural people, considering it as meeting their social obligation, without expecting money or privilege.

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62.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Formulating a proper methodology for granting Justice of the Peace appointments, — That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology for granting Justice of the Peace appointments as the dignity and recognition bestowed upon this office deteriorate as a result of granting Justice of the Peace appointments that are recognised by society and provide an immense service to society without accepted criteria.

P.74/' 10

63.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—Solving the problems created by the Tsunami disaster, —That this Parliament resolves that an efficient programme be implemented to look into any kind of problem caused by the Tsunami disaster and remains unsolved, at Divisional Secretariat Division and District Secretariat Division level and to minimize such problems faced and to be faced by those Divisions.

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64.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—Formulating a national policy for domestic labourers,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper national policy on nearly one Million domestic labourers who engage on various productions within various employment generating sectors of Sri Lanka be formulated by the political authority with the assistance of experts, scholars and intellectuals as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations in all related fields and that the aforesaid policy be implemented early.

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65.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Utilizing paddy lands that can not be cultivated with paddy for productive purposes, — That this Parliament resolves that programmes be formulated in such a manner that the law on paddy lands reclamation is not violated,so paddylands that are impossible to be cultivated with paddy could be utilized for productive agricultural crop cultivation only, without leaving any room for constructions to take place in them, once such lands have been identified after a proper study.

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66.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Removing the salary anomalies of the Public Service Pensioners, —That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated to remove the severe salary anomaly that exists between the salaries of the public servants who had retired prior to 01.06.2006 and those who retired after the said date, created as a result of the salary conversion of public servants that was effected from 01.06.2006, according to the salary revisions circular 6/2006.

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67.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of information centres at district level, — That this Parliament resolves that information centres where all information relating to the geographical location, historic background, crops cultivated, road network, government offices, schools, universities, railway stations, bus stands are computerized and documented be established and that these centres be established at the provincial level during the first stage, at the district level during the second stage and at the Divisional Secretariat division level during the third stage.

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68.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Regulating of religious school education and administration of Sri Lanka, — That this Parliament resolves that an urgent programme be drawn up to increase the number of students attending religious schools by continually providing human and physical resources for religious schools in order to regulate education and administration of religious schools of all religions of Sri Lanka and to accord proper recognition to the certificates of the final examination and the Dharmacharya examination of Buddhist Dhamma Schools and similar examinations conducted in religious schools of other faiths.

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69.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating laws regarding the rearing of pets such as dogs and cats, — That this Parliament resolves that laws be formulated for the registration of pets such as dogs and cats in local government authorities and that laws be formulated that the sale of the young of these animals should only be done in authorized centres and making it compulsory to spay female animals reared in other places other than these authorized centres.

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70.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Training workers required for the job market, — That this Parliament resolves that the task of initiating a methodology for the training of workers required for the new employment opportunities generated in future Sri Lanka be commenced by all tertiary educational institutions in the country.

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71.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Re-organizing the Public Administration structure, — That this Parliament resolves since the Ministry of Public Administration is in the process of redemarcating Grama Niladhari divisions the entire Public Administration structure be re-organized in such a way that divisional Secretariat divisions and districts be demarcated afresh through the redemarcated Grama Niladhari Divisions and such newly demarcated Divisional Secretary's areas be made local government areas and such area should consist of jurisdictions of all Public institutions including Divisional education area, Police area, agrarian services area and the regional health services officers area.

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72.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Resumption of the further development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project, — That this Parliament resolves that further development activities of the Nilwala Ganga project be resumed forthwith and steps be taken expeditiously to solve the problems faced by the people who cultivate various crops on the catchment area of the Nilwala Valley, due to the stalled development activities of the Nilwala ganga project in the Matara district.

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73.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Extending the Honorary Post of 'Justice of the Peace' even beyond the term of the Peoples representatives of the Provincial Councils and local government bodies, —since the honorary post of 'Justice in Peace' accorded to the peoples representatives of the Provincial Councils and local government bodies are confined only to their term of office, a large number of people who approach them for the relevant service, even after their terms of office is over, are greatly inconvenienced. Therefore this Parliament resolves that a suitable system be adopted to extend this post to the people's representatives even beyond their terms of office.

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74.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reconsideration of allowances and privileges of all members and Ministers of the Provincial Councils, — That this Parliament resolves that proper measures be adopted in this regard following deep consideration Since the allowances privileges and facilities of the Hon Ministers, Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, Chief government Whips, Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition, Chief Opposition Whip and Hon. Members of the existing provincial councils and the Northern Provincial Council which is to officially function in near future, are not in a proper state.

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75.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reconsideration of the allowances and privileges granted to all people's representatives in Local Authorities, —That this Parliament resolves that since there are irregularities with respect to the allowances, privileges and other facilities granted to the Mayors, Chairmen, Deputy Mayors, Vice Chairmen and the Members of the existing Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas in the Island and the Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas which are planned to be established in the future, serious consideration be drawn to this matter and proper courses of action be followed in this regard.

P.87/10

76.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Issuing death certificates for the disappeared Tamil persons in the North and East, — That this Parliament resolves that immediate investigations be carried out to find out whether the persons who disappeared due to various reasons during the past period of about three decades of war in the North and East are still alive or not, and if they are not alive death certificate should be issued for them.

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77.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a National Youth Policy, — That this Parliament resolves that a select committee be appointed consisting of the Hon. Members of Parliament representing all the political parties for formulating a National Youth Policy suitable for Sri Lanka to get the assistance of the veterans, academics and intellectuals as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations representing all the related fields for that purpose.

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78.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making use of Government schools and Universities for education units, during vacations, — That this Parliament resolves that adult and non formal education units should be started on concessionary rates with the involvement of business community, Non government organizations. Chambers of Commerce and Community based organizations during school holidays, and afternoon sessions and University vacations.

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79.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—Setting up of an efficient system to make acting appointments on Grama Niladari Posts that fall vacant,—That this Parliament resolves that a post of Grama Niladari's be set up in each divisional secretariat office with a view to appointing Grama Niladari's from that pool to Grama Niladari divisions that fall vacant, Since appointing the Grama Niladari of the adjoining division on acting basis on a meagre allowance when vacancy occurs in a Grama Niladari division leads to the breakdown of efficiency in both divisions and also to provide for the Grama Niladari's of that pool to be deployed in any productive field or duty assigned to them by the Divisional Secretary.

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80.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Granting Official recognition to prevailing Civil Defence Committees, — That this Parliament resolves that a Parliamentary Act to be enacted to enable official recognition be granted to civil defence committees operational at present and to make it more convenient for those committees comprising of the chief incumbent, Priest of the religious institutions, The Principal, Grama Niladhari, Samurdhi Development officer, Agriculture Research Assistant, Janasabha Secretaries, an officer representing the Police Station of the area, representatives from the voluntary organizations public and private sector who are residents of the Grama Niladhari division, be set up and to facilitate proper Co-ordination with the relevant authorities against criminal acts, vices and various illegal activities taking place in the Grama Niladhari division.

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81.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating outdated laws and regulations currently being in operation in the Island, —That this Parliament resolves that since laws and regulations introduced during the Colonial era are still in operation, that committees be appointed to review such laws and regulations and a national programme be implemented to update outdated penalties, fines etc.

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82.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Holding all elections on the same day, — That this Parliament resolves Whereas during the 22 year period from 1988 to 2010 an election of some kind has been held every year except for the years 1990, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2003 and 2007 whereas the holding of such elections is having a huge impact on every field such as economy and administration of the country, though it is a worthy criterion in gauging the public opinion, that an appropriate amendment be introduced to the Constitution to revise the official term of office of entities such as local government authorities, the Parliament and the presidency and to devise an appropriate system of election, enabling the holding of elections for them on the same day.

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83.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—Taking action to strengthen Parliamentary democracy,— That this Parliament resolves that an amendment to the Constitution required to design a system to ensure the representation of the heads of the local government bodies in the provincial councils and the heads of Provincial Councils in the Parliament, be introduced for the maintenance of proper coordination between the Parliament and the provincial councils and between the provincial councils and the local government bodies in order to make democracy in the country more stronger.

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84.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to create national integrity, — That this Parliament resolves that, with the aim of promoting national integrity, a national programme be implemented with the assistance of the state and private electronic and print media to commence the conducting of the Sinhala language training programmes in areas where the Tamil speaking people live and the Tamil language training programmes where the Sinhala speaking people live with the assistance of government, non-government and private institutions.

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85.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, — Providing relief to the party rendered helpless due to the improper behavior of the spouse, — That this Parliament resolves that necessary laws be drafted to prevent the spouse together with the children becoming utterly helpless due to the husband or the wife being engaged in alcoholism, gambling and other improper behaviors and selling or transferring to others land or household goods on his or her own will, when a married couple are living under the same roof.

Tuesday, November 23, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0256/ 10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Suriyawewa Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?
- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ;
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ;
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0437/ 10

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of National and Provincial schools functioning as of today in the Northern and Eastern Provinces; and
 - (ii) the number of students in aforesaid schools.?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of teachers in aforesaid schools on per school basis; and
 - (ii) the teacher to student ratio that should have to run a school properly?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the cost incurred for education in the last 2 years on per year basis; and
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for next year ?
- (d) If not, why?

0537/'10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Trincomalee-Habarana road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
- (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
- (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?

(e) If not, why?

0567 /' 10

4.

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Is he aware that the residents of Thilleiyadi area in Puttalam district have to face numerous difficulties as there is not a post office or a sub post office in that area?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether immediate steps will be taken to establish a sub post office covering the Thilleiyadi area in order to enable the people of the aforesaid area to have easy access to postal services?
- (c) If not, why?

0569/' 10

5.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he state separately, the number of people who have contracted the dengue fever and the number of patients who have died of the dengue fever in each of the Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kalutara District in the years 2008, 2009 and 2010?
- (b) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the areas in the Kalutara District which are faced with the danger of the rapid spread of the dengue fever ;
 - (ii) the specific measures that have been taken by now to combat the dengue fever in those areas ; and
 - (iii) of other specific measures that will be taken in the future in this connection?
- (c) If not, why?

0570/' 10

6.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, — To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities, —

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a plan implement by the Housing Development Authority to sell the remaining plots of land of the Raddolugama Housing Scheme has been suspended on a complaint made to His Excellency the President by its residents ;
 - (ii) the recommendation made in this connection by the Presidential Investigation Unit has been conveyed to the then Chairman of the Housing Development Authority and the Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Construction through the letter Ref: No. SP/4/2/4/2/1 dated 28.02.2006 ; and
 - (iii) in the aforesaid letter it has been stated (briefly) “Since the residents have enjoyed the remaining small plots of land for nearly 23 years, His Excellency the President has drawn his attention to transfer them by sale to the residents. It is hereby informed that it is advisable to allot the road surrounding the Raddolugama Housing Scheme from plot 1820 and to transfer by sale plot 1819 to adjacent neighbours” ?
- (b) Will he take action to execute the above order of the President without delay?
- (c) If not, why?

0571/10

7.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga, — To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs, —

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of persons receiving pensions currently after having been sent on retirement on disability from the service of the three armed forces and the Police;
 - (ii) the minimum pension that they receive; and
 - (iii) the classification under which persons like E.M.D. Kirthisinghe Ekanayaka, residing at No. 215/B, Pitawala Road, Nedagamuwa, Kotugoda, who has been sent on retirement on disability on 30/10/1985 from the service of engineering mechanic of the Navy under service No. B 6511 and receives a pension of Rs. 6561.20 from the Divisional Secretariat of Minuwangoda under pension No. 3971, come?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken either to increase the pension of persons like Mr. Kirthisinghe or to provide

sufficient relief to engage in some kind of livelihood as the pension received by them is not sufficient in terms of the current cost of living?

(c) If not, why?

0637/'10

8.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of craftsmen who were engaged in various fields connected to handicrafts and had registered at the National Crafts Council by the end of the year 2009 ; and
- (ii) the steps that have been taken as remedial measures for the difficulties face by the craftsmen engaged in handicrafts in finding raw materials ;

(b) Will he submit to this House—

- (i) whether a programme is being implemented in order to preserve the knowledge of the craftsmen engaged in handicrafts and transfer it to the future generations?
- (ii) if so, what that programme is?

(c) If not , why?

0257/'10

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

(a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Ambalantota Divisional Education Office belonging to the Hambantota Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?

(b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ;
- (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ;

(d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ;
- (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0438/10

10.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) the number of “Grama Niladaries “ in the country on per province and per district basis ;
 - (ii) the amount they are paid monthly ;and
 - (iii) the scope of their work?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of new Grama Niladaries appointed in North and East Provinces ;
 - (ii) the criteria followed in respect of those appointments; and
 - (iii) as to how the selections were made?
- (c) If not, why?

0538/10

11.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Trincomalee-Pulmudai road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0568/10

12.

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Is he aware that the coastal area named Perumkadal in kandakkuliya in the Puttalam district is seriously affected by sea-erosion from time to time and this situation causes much damage to the fishing “wadiyas”, which provide lodging to the fishermen in the area and the nearby buildings in which stalls are housed?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken through the Coast Conservation Department for the speedy implementation of the immediate courses of action which should be followed to prevent serious sea-erosion that occurs in the aforesaid area?
- (c) If not, why?

0258/10

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Tangalle Divisional Education Office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students’ education ;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ;
- (d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ;
- (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0474/' 10

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the members of Consumer Affairs Authority;
 - (ii) the number of raids done by the Consumer Affairs Authority on per month per year basis for the last 3 years ;
 - (iii) the 10 most important and valuable raids carried out in the last 3 years;
 - (iv) the values of the offences found out per District; and
 - (v) the number of officers work in the Consumer Affairs Authority?
- (b) If not, why?

0539/' 10

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Bogahawewa-Pulmudai road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

Wednesday, November 24, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0259/10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that the percentage of passing of examinations of students who study in the government schools administered by the Angunakolapelassa Divisional Education Office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education Office in the Hambantota district is on the decline?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of the number of students who gained qualifications for university education having passed the G.C.E. Advanced Level in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 from the aforesaid educational zone and the names of schools to which they belong?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits that the non-receipt of text books and syllabi of teachers in time at the beginning of the year has resulted in the decline of students' education ;
 - (ii) if so, whether action will be taken to provide text books in time, which are required for uplifting education and developing skills of these students ;
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to deploy the relevant officers for the proper supervision of these schools ;
 - (ii) if so, the measures that will be taken in this regard?
- (e) If not, why?

0475/10

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) as to when the last Local Government Elections were held;
 - (ii) the number of Councils won by UNP and JVP separately;
 - (iii) the number of Councils which were suspended or dissolved before the due time;
 - (iv) the names of those Councils; and
 - (v) the dates of suspension or dissolution and the reasons to do so?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the councils as (a) (ii) where the Mayors have been removed , suspended, sacked or investigations are been proceeded;
 - (ii) the relevant dates and the reasons as to why such actions have been taken; and
 - (iii) the conclusions arrived on them as at this moment?
- (c) If not ,why?

0540/10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Trincomalee-Thirikkonduyadumadu road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—

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- (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0572/10

4.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Is he aware that,-
- (i) even though the director (Biomedical Engineering Services) has informed the Sri Jayawardanapura Hospital through his letter No. BES/PL/MIS 99 1 dated 25.08.2009 to pay salary relevant to the salary code No. MN-7-2006A for the posts of Electronic Medical Technologist and Foreman (Special) in terms of Public Administration circular No. 06/2006 (iv) dated 24.08.2007, the above staff of the aforesaid hospital is being paid according to the lower salary scale of MT-2-2006A ; and
 - (ii) a salary anomaly has been created as a result of the salary of code NO. MN-7-2006A being paid to the post of Civil (Electrical, Building) Foreman which was at a salary scale lower than that of the aforesaid staff?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to place the Electronic Medical Technologist staff, who carry out such essential duties as maintaining all medical equipment and X-Ray machines of the above hospital, on the recommended salary scale and pay them salary arrears, too?
- (c) If not, why?

0625/10

5.

Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—

- (a) Is he aware of the complaints made to the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission by inventors regarding the injustices caused to them?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the steps that have been taken with regard to statements made by inventors, namely businessman Seneviratne, lecturer Richard Nikapitiya and K.D. Perera to the affect that their inventions have been defrauded ; and
 - (ii) whether a formal inquiry has been conducted regarding written complaints made against the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission and some of its officers?
- (c) Is he aware that—

- (i) a written request has been made to the President by the inventors who have become victims of piracy, to conduct an inquiry as regards the arbitrary actions of the Chairman of the Inventors Commission ; and
- (ii) the allocations made to the commission by the government for a year have been spent within a short period of time?
- (d) Will he submit the audit reports of the above mentioned Commission to this House?
- (e) If not, why?

0628/'10

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Agriculture instructors in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) of the recruitment procedure followed to recruit them; and
 - (iii) of the qualifications required to recruit persons to Agriculture instructor grade and other relevant grades?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the number of Agriculture Instructors that should be there in each province;
 - (ii) the number of Agriculture instructors recruited for the Uva Province;
 - (iii) whether there exists a similarity between trained Agriculture Instructors and Agriculture Diploma holders;
 - (iv) the qualifications required to be recruited to the trained Agriculture Instructor grade; and
 - (v) whether there is a procedure to recruit Agriculture Diploma holders to the post of Agriculture Instructor?
- (c) If not, why?

0641/'10

7.

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the public officers and the officers of the provincial councils, who work in the Grama Niladhari Divisions in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) separately, the duty performed by each of the aforesaid officers and the initial monthly salary paid to each of them ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent annually for the payment of salaries and allowances to these officers?
- (b) Will he state the duties of “Janasaba” Secretaries, who are expected to be

appointed to Grama Niladhari Divisions by the government?

(c) If not, why?

0642/10

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of unemployed graduates who are expected to be given jobs within this year ;
- (ii) whether job advertisements have been published and interviews have been conducted with regard to the matter mentioned above ;
- (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid recruitments will be commenced and completed ; and
- (iv) the amount of money that is expected to be allocated through the budget estimates for the aforesaid programme for providing jobs?

(b) If not, why?

0338/10

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the housing land at No.447, 19, Agbopura, Weerawila New Town in the Agbopura Grama Niladhari Division of the Lunugamwehera Divisional Secretariat Division in the Hambantota district has been given to Mr. H.G. Dayananda by the grant bearing No. 11/11/47494 and dated 27.01.1998, under the Land Development Ordinance;
- (ii) accordingly, the land area demarcated by the four boundary lines specified in the above grant belongs to the aforesaid person;
- (iii) this land has been in Mr. Dayananda's possession for 21 years?

(b) Will he state —

- (i) whether he admits that the Grama Niladharis who are serving in the aforesaid area have taken measures to allow another person to have unauthorized access to the aforesaid land;
- (ii) the course of action that will be taken against the officers who exerted undue influence on Mr. Dayananda;
- (iii) Whether order will be given to the relevant officers to settle the aforesaid portion of land and give it to Mr. Dayananda;
- (iv) if so the time period within which it will be done?

(c) If not, why?

0476/10

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) as to when and in what extent the prices of Cigarette and Alcohol have been increased for the last 10 years on per year basis; and
 - (ii) the total revenue earned in each occasion, owing to the increase over the previous rate separately, for Cigarette and Alcohol?
- (b) Will he state whether the Government is interested to discourage the usage of Cigarette and Alcohol through the increase of prices?
- (c) Will he also state all the taxes imposed on Cigarettes and Alcohol, separately?
- (d) If not, why?

0541/'10

11.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether the Alla-Kantale road in the Eastern Province is a road proposed for development ;
 - (ii) if so, whether this road is being developed by now?
- (b) If this road is being developed, will he inform this House of—
 - (i) its length in Kilometers ;
 - (ii) the proposed date for the completion of its work ;
 - (iii) the amount of money estimated for this purpose?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether tenders were called for the construction of this road ;
 - (ii) if so, the names of institutions that submitted tenders ;
 - (iii) the bids forwarded by the respective institutions ;
 - (iv) the institution for which the tender was awarded and the price of bid?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the total amount of estimated money for the construction of this road was obtained from local funds ;
 - (ii) if not, whether it was obtained through foreign aid ;
 - (iii) if foreign aid was obtained, the name of the donor country?
- (e) If not, why?

0629/'10

12.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the number of teachers and students in each of the schools closed down from 2005 to date?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) separately at the district level, the number of schools with each of the facilities such as Computers, Internet, Electricity, Drinking water, Telephone, Library, Laboratory, Play ground and Toilets, out of the government schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the percentage of those schools with each of the above facilities out of the total number of government schools?
- (c) If not, why?

0478/10

13.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the financial position of the country is to be presented to the Parliament as per the Fiscal Responsibility Act;
 - (ii) whether the “Statement of Accounts “ was submitted to Parliament as per the Fiscal Responsibility Act; and
 - (iii) if so, as to when it was presented?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the Hedging exposure is referred as a Contingent Liability on the Statement of Accounts, if not the reason ;
 - (ii) the present situation of the Hedging problem;
 - (iii) whether payments for Hedging was made to International Banks by CPC or Government even though the Exchange Control Department had instructed not to pay; and
 - (iv) the concrete action is being taken on Hedging issue?
- (c) If not, why?

0494/10

14.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) at present, the tenant farmers living in Sri Lanka have lost their tenant farmer rights, right of land and right of succession; and
 - (ii) the main reason for that situation is the Agrarian Development Act No. 46 of 2000?
- (b) Will he state —

- (i) whether measures will be taken to restore the tenant farmer's rights through a new Act;
- (ii) if so, the specific time frame within which the necessary measures will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

0546/10

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the construction work of the Arugambay bridge, which was proposed to be constructed in the Baticaloa district, has been completed ;
 - (ii) if not, what its current state is ;
 - (iii) the estimated cost of the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the institution that invested money in the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (ii) the name of the country that granted aid and the amount of money so granted, if foreign aid was received for the construction of the aforesaid bridge?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the institution which is carrying out the construction work of this bridge ;
 - (ii) of the basis on which construction work was assigned to that institution ;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the purpose of assigning construction work ;
 - (iv) separately of the institutions that submitted tenders and the bids forwarded by them, if tenders were called for assigning construction work?
- (d) If not, why?

Thursday, November 25, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0479/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the role of the Securities and Exchange Commission;
 - (ii) the number of insider dealings been investigated by the Securities and Exchange Commission;
 - (iii) the Names and Cases on which the investigations were done;
 - (iv) the outcome of the investigations to date;
 - (v) whether cases have been settled or been fined; and
 - (vi) the amounts fined and as to when each case was settled ?
- (b) If not, why?

0495/'10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of registered pre schools in the Hambantota district ;
 - (ii) whether the present government is taking action to provide the children studying in those pre schools with a meal and to pay a salary to the wardens of them ;
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for not doing so?
- (b) If not, why?

0547/'10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the construction work of the Pudaminkattu bridge, which was proposed to be constructed in the Trincomalee district, has been completed ;
 - (ii) if not, what its current state is ;
 - (iii) the estimated cost of the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the institution that invested money in the construction

of that bridge ; and

- (ii) the name of the country that granted aid and the amount of money so granted, if foreign aid was received for the construction of the aforesaid bridge?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the name of the institution which is carrying out the construction work of this bridge ;
 - (ii) of the basis on which construction work was assigned to that institution ;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the purpose of assigning construction work ;
 - (iv) separately of the institutions that submitted tenders and the bids forwarded by them, if tenders were called for assigning construction work?
- (d) If not, why?

0630/10

4.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the situation of the drilling of oil wells in the Mannar basin as at 20.07.2010;
 - (ii) the agreement with Cairns Company Ltd of India for the drilling of oil wells;
 - (iii) as per the said agreement, the extent of land given to Cairns Company out of the total land explored;
 - (iv) as per the aforesaid agreement, the date on which the aforesaid company should complete drilling;
 - (v) the action to be taken in terms of the agreement if drilling activities are not completed on due date?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the activities related to keeping accounts of the contractor

company engaged in drilling are carried out under government of Sri Lanka;

(ii) if so, whether the accounts reports from the date on which the relevant agreement was signed to 20.07.2010 will be submitted to Parliament;

(iii) whether there is an institute in Sri Lanka that is responsible for reviewing the above mentioned accounts reports;

(iv) if so, the name of it?

(c) If not, why?

0643/10

5.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether a programme for providing employment to the unemployed aesthetics graduates has been formulated by now ; and

(ii) if so, what that programme is?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the number of aesthetics graduates expected to be given employment through the aforesaid programme ;

(ii) the amount of money allocated for that purpose ;

(iii) whether the advertisements relevant to the recruitment have been published and persons have been called for interviews ;

(iv) if so, the number of persons faced those interviews ;

(v) the number of persons who will be provided with the employment out of the number of persons mentioned in answer for (iv) above ; and

(vi) the dates of commencement and completion of the aforesaid recruitments?

(c) If not, why?

0758/10

6.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Health ,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the construction work of the new operating theatre complex of the Matale General Hospital has been completed and that operating theatre complex has been handed over to the Hospitals Authority;
 - (ii) the dates of commencement and completion of the construction work of this new operating theatre complex;
 - (iii) if the construction work of the aforesaid operating theatre complex is now completed the reasons for delaying the opening of it up to now;
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to open this new building immediately;
 - (v) if so, the date on which it will be opened ?
- (b) Will he submit to this House separately, the amount of money spent to construct the aforesaid new operating theatre complex and fix air conditioners and other basic equipment?
- (c) If not, why?

0761/10

7.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Posts and Telecommunication,—

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited entered into an agreement with the Telecom Asia Company regarding the VOIP International Telecommunication Service;
 - (ii) whether the prior approval of the board of directors of the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited granted for it;
 - (iii) whether the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited, received US \$0.075 per minute for international telephone calls before entering into the above mentioned agreement;
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid amount has come down to US \$ 0.069 per minute as a result of the above mentioned agreement?
- (b) Will he state —

- (i) whether a proposal for entering into the above mentioned agreement with the aforesaid company was submitted for the first time in September 2009;
- (ii) whether the board of directors of the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited; rejected that proposal on legal and financial ground;
- (iii) if so, the names of the persons who brought that company to Sri Lanka again;
- (iv) whether the above mentioned agreement has been signed against the relevant accepted procedure;
- (v) the loss incurred by the Sri Lanka Telecom Limited as a result of signing the above mentioned agreement?

(c) If not, why?

0482/10

8.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) as to when the Colombo Municipal Council was last elected ; and
- (ii) the names of the last elected or nominated Mayor and Deputy Mayor?

(b) Will he also stated as to when—

- (i) a Special Commissioner was appointed ;
- (ii) the Council was suspended for Corruption ; and
- (iii) the Report was given to the Chief Minister?

(c) Will he inform whether—

- (i) the Charge Sheet and the Committee Report on findings of the Charges would be tabled in the House ;
- (ii) the Chief Minister couldn't go for an election instead of appointing a Special Commissioner ; and

(iii) the Members are going to be charged?

(d) If not, why?

0496/10

9.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the current statistics available with regard to the nutritional level of the infants of the Hambantota District;
 - (ii) whether the nutritional level of infants is at a satisfactory level, according to those statistics;
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken to improve the nutritional level of those infants?
- (b) If not, why?

0548/10

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the construction work of the Irakkandi bridge, which was proposed to be constructed in the Trincomalee district, has been completed ;
 - (ii) if not, what its current state is ;
 - (iii) the estimated cost of the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the institution that invested money in the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (ii) the name of the country that granted aid and the amount of money so granted, if foreign aid was received for the construction of the aforesaid bridge?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the institution which is carrying out the construction work of this bridge ;
 - (ii) of the basis on which construction work was assigned to that institution ;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the purpose of assigning construction work ;
 - (iv) separately of the institutions that submitted tenders and the bids forwarded by them, if tenders were called for assigning construction work?
- (d) If not, why?

0631/10

11.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the results of the investigations carried out to find out the petroleum potential in the two sedimentary basins in offshore southern Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether he will submit written information/notes of the aforesaid investigation, if there are any;
 - (iii) the name of the institution that is responsible for the aforesaid investigation or the name of the institution to which the aforesaid responsibility was assigned;
 - (iv) whether there are Sri Lanka scientists who take the responsibility of the information provided by the aforesaid institution?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether agreements have been signed with India or any other country regarding the petroleum resources in the Southern Coast;
 - (ii) if so, whether it will be submitted to this House;
 - (iii) if not, whether the government has taken a decision to sign an agreement with India or any other country in future;
- (c) If not, why?

0483/10

12.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) the total cost for garbage collection in the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) per day;
 - (ii) the number of tons collected per day ;
 - (iii) the amount charged per ton for collection ;
 - (iv) the companies involved in garbage collection in CMC ; and
 - (v) whether National Plan could be administered in the Western Province for garbage collection and disposal ?
- (b) Will he state the cost of collection of garbage in—

- (i) Sri Jayawardenapura Municipal Council ;
- (ii) Maharagama Urban Council ;
- (iii) Moratuwa Municipal Council ; and
- (iv) Dehiwala Mount Lavinia Municipal Council?

(c) If not, why?

0497/10

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the current statistics received with respect to the nutritional condition of pregnant mothers who live at Hambantota district at present ;
- (ii) whether the nutritional condition of pregnant mothers is at a satisfactory level according to the aforesaid data ;
- (iii) the steps that are taken to improve the nutritional level of those pregnant mothers?

(b) If not, why?

0549/10

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the construction work of the Ralithulai bridge, which was proposed to be constructed in the Trincomalee district, has been completed ;
- (ii) if not, what its current state is ;
- (iii) the estimated cost of the construction of that bridge ; and
- (iv) the amount of money spent so far?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the name of the institution that invested money in the construction of that bridge ; and
- (ii) the name of the country that granted aid and the amount of money so granted, if foreign aid was received for the construction of the aforesaid bridge?

(c) Will he inform this House—

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- (i) of the name of the institution which is carrying out the construction work of this bridge ;
 - (ii) of the basis on which construction work was assigned to that institution ;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the purpose of assigning construction work ;
 - (iv) separately of the institutions that submitted tenders and the bids forwarded by them, if tenders were called for assigning construction work?
- (d) If not, why?

0633/10

15.

Hon.Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of,-
- (i) the number of children living in the Northern area who have lost their parents due to war ;
 - (ii) the number of school children among them ; and
 - (iii) the number of children who are attending school by now, out of the number of children mentioned in the answer for (ii) above?
- (b) Will he inform this House, of the programmes that have been launched for the benefit of the aforesaid children who have lost their parents and the children who are not attending school out of them?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, November 26, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0096/10

1.

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

- (a) Will he inform this house the total public debt outstanding as Local and Foreign debt separately —
- (i) at the end of each year from 1948 to 1994; and
 - (ii) at the end of each year from 1995 and in 2010 to-date on a per year basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House the total debt amortization (Capital + Interest)

per year basis as per periods mentioned in (i) and (ii) above?

- (c) Will he state the total debt of the following institutions and countries as at year 1948 to 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 to-date along with the average interest cost for the loans given —
- (i) World Bank
 - (ii) IMF
 - (iii) ADB
 - (iv) JBIC (Japan Bank of International Cooperation)
 - (v) USA
 - (vi) Japan
 - (vii) EU Countries
 - (viii) India and
 - (ix) China?
- (d) Will he also state the per capita debt compared against per capita earnings for the last 05 years on year basis?
- (e) If not, why?

0359/10

2.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the number of national schools and other government schools in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) separately and on district basis the number of government schools in which the medium of instruction is English from grade I to G.C.E. (Advanced Level) and the number of government schools in which English language is used to conduct certain selected classes, though the medium of Instruction is not English ; and
 - (iii) their names?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of schools in the Bandaragama and Millaniya Divisional Secretariat Divisions, in which the medium of instruction is English?
 - (ii) their names?

(c) Will he state—

(i) whether he admits the fact that at least two schools with its medium of instruction as English should be set up forthwith in each Divisional Secretariat division in order to face the future challenges associated with the use of English language ; and

(ii) if not, the alternatives suggested for it?

(d) If not, why?

0406/10

3.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—

(a) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the number of low facility houses located on a land, less than 4 perches in extent ;

(ii) the number of unauthorized low facility houses ; and

(iii) the total extent of land which has an authorized houses on it, in Colombo district?

(b) Will he inform this House of the steps taken to make these low facility houses into houses with facilities?

(c) If not, why?

0410/10

4.

Hon. Dilum Amunugama,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

(a) Will he inform this House of—

(i) the number of employees in the public service in the year 2004 ;

(ii) the number of employees in the public service by the year 2010 ; and

(iii) the number of persons recruited to the public service from the year 2004 up to now?

(b) Will he state—

(i) whether action will be taken to increase the aforesaid number of employees further ; and

(ii) the action taken for such an increase?

(c) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of dress making courses conducted under the programme implemented directly from the provisions of the Ministry of Resettlement or from the provisions of other Ministries as per a proposal of the aforesaid Ministry each year during the period from the year 2004 to 2010, for young women of the displaced families of the districts of Puttlam, Mannar and Vavuniya for them to engage in self employment ;
 - (ii) the number of young women selected for each term of the aforesaid dress making courses and their names and addresses ; and
 - (iii) the total amount of money allocated for each of the said dress making courses, the amount of money spent and the relevant heads of expenditure?
- (b) Will he state in respect of each year at the Divisional Secretary Division level, the number of persons recruited as trainers of these courses their names and addresses, the mode of payment for them and the amounts paid ?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Family Health Services Divisions in the Hambantota district ;
 - (ii) the number of female family health services officers serving in the aforesaid divisions ; and
 - (iii) the population ratio on which the aforesaid divisions were demarcated?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the manner in which the family health services divisions were demarcated in the Hambantota district is satisfactory ; and
 - (ii) whether the facilities that have been provided to the female family health services officers are at a satisfactory level?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the construction work of the Gangi bridge, which was proposed to be constructed in the Trincomalee district, has been completed ;
- (ii) if not, what its current state is ;
- (iii) the estimated cost of the construction of that bridge ; and
- (iv) the amount of money spent so far?

(b) Will he inform this House of—

- (i) the name of the institution that invested money in the construction of that bridge ; and
- (ii) the name of the country that granted aid and the amount of money so granted, if foreign aid was received for the construction of the aforesaid bridge?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the name of the institution which is carrying out the construction work of this bridge ;
- (ii) of the basis on which construction work was assigned to that institution ;
- (iii) whether tenders were called for the purpose of assigning construction work ;
- (iv) separately of the institutions that submitted tenders and the bids forwarded by them, if tenders were called for assigning construction work?

(d) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the new recruitments made by the Ministry of Economic Development by 01.08.2010 ;
 - (ii) whether the recruitment made to the post of “Jana Sabha” Secretary has been included in the above mentioned recruitments ;
 - (iii) of the minimum qualifications required to be recruited to the aforesaid post ;
 - (iv) of the number of persons that will be recruited to the posts of “Jana Sabha” Secretary ;
 - (v) whether advertisements have been published and the interviews have been held by now ;
 - (vi) if so, the number of persons who faced the interviews ;
 - (vii) the number of persons that will be recruited out of the persons who faced the interviews ; and
 - (viii) the dates of commencement and completion of the aforesaid recruitment?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated from the budget estimates of the relevant Ministry for these new posts ; and
 - (ii) if the money has not been allocated, the reason for it?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he admit that the former Minister of Health made a statement in Parliament on 10.06.2010 that the immunization programme of the government was debilitated and the opposition was responsible for that?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the immunization programme of the government is debilitated;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for that; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken to implement the immunization programme again successfully , if it is debilitated at present?
- (c) If not, why?

0481/'10

10.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Commercial Banks operating in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) the number of branches of each bank?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether aforesaid banks have delegated the powers of Central Bank to deal in Foreign Exchange Policy ;
 - (ii) the number of Non Banking Companies which are in the trade of Foreign Exchange;
 - (iii) the names of such companies and the partners or directors;
 - (iv) the criteria used for their selection to trade in Foreign Exchange;
 - (v) the amount they have traded in the last 2 years on per year basis;
 - (vi) the benefit to the country by allowing such Non Banks to operate in Foreign Exchange Trading; and
 - (vii) whether the number of such parties would be increased ?
- (c) If not, why?

0499/'10

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of government hospitals in the Hambantota district ;
 - (ii) the manner in which those hospitals have been categorized ;
 - (iii) the number of ambulances provided for each hospital ;
 - (iv) the present condition of them ;
 - (v) whether they are in a satisfactory condition?
- (b) If not, why?

0551/'10

12.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the construction work of the Yanoya bridge, which was proposed to be constructed in the Trincomalee district, has been completed ;
 - (ii) if not, what its current state is ;
 - (iii) the estimated cost of the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent so far?

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the name of the institution that invested money in the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (ii) the name of the country that granted aid and the amount of money so granted, if foreign aid was received for the construction of the aforesaid bridge?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the name of the institution which is carrying out the construction work of this bridge ;
 - (ii) of the basis on which construction work was assigned to that institution ;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the purpose of assigning construction work ;
 - (iv) separately of the institutions that submitted tenders and the bids forwarded by them, if tenders were called for assigning construction work?
- (d) If not, why?

0500/10

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of major irrigation and minor irrigational tanks in each of the agrarian service areas in the Hambantota district; and
 - (ii) the places where they are located and the names of those tanks?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) out of the above mentioned tanks the number of tanks that were renovated in the two years of 2008 and 2009;
 - (ii) their names and the locations ;
 - (iii) the names of tanks that were not renovated and their locations;and
 - (iv) the exact time that will be taken to renovate those tanks?
- (c) If not, why?

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the construction work of the Kalladi bridge, which was proposed to be constructed in the Batticaloa district, has been completed ;
 - (ii) if not, what its current state is ;
 - (iii) the estimated cost of the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the name of the institution that invested money in the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (ii) the name of the country that granted aid and the amount of money so granted, if foreign aid was received for the construction of the aforesaid bridge?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the name of the institution which is carrying out the construction work of this bridge ;
 - (ii) of the basis on which construction work was assigned to that institution ;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the purpose of assigning construction work ;
 - (iv) separately of the institutions that submitted tenders and the bids forwarded by them, if tenders were called for assigning construction work?
- (d) If not, why?

0578/10

15.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Doctors pass out per year from Sri Lankan Universities;
 - (ii) the number of overseas medical graduates who are accounted to be registered as doctors ;
 - (iii) whether the exams to register the aforesaid graduates as doctors are carried out by the Sri Lanka Medical Council and it has been assigned to another authority w.e.f. 01/01/2010; and
 - (iv) if so, the name of the new Authority ?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the requirement of Doctors in the country per year;
 - (ii) the average salary paid to a Doctor;
 - (iii) the other benefits given to them;
 - (iv) whether the Doctors qualified in Sri Lanka are permitted to go overseas on leave; and
 - (v) if so, the time period they are allowed to be on leave ?
- (c) If not, why?
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Saturday, November 27, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0038/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (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;
 - (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?

0464/'10

2.

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of sewing machines provided for young women of the displaced families of the districts of Puttlam, Mannar and Vavuniya for them to engage in self employment under a programme implemented directly from the provisions of the Ministry of Resettlement or from the provisions of other Ministries as per a proposal of the said Ministry each year during the period from the year 2004 to 2010;

- (ii) the names and addresses of the recipients of those sewing machines, the date on which they were issued and the numbers of the relevant vouchers ; and
 - (iii) the value of each of those sewing machines and the amount of money spent for purchasing each sewing machine?
- (b) Will he state in respect of each year at the Divisional Secretary Division level—
- (i) the total amount of money allocated for the aforesaid project ;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent, out of the total amount of money allocated ; and
 - (iii) the head of expenditure from which the expenses were made?
- (c) If not, why?

0467/'10

3.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Is he aware that with respect to the complaints bearing Nos. H.R.C/5432/03 and H.R.C/5798/03 lodged with the Human Rights Commission by Pathirage Nihal Perera and S.B. Wimalaweera who had served at Sri Lanka Ports Authority and the said Commission has made a recommendation on 12.12.2005 that they should be appointed to the post of Assistant Security Officer with effect from the date on which the others were appointed and their salary steps should be updated?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) whether he admits that Sri Lanka Ports Authority is bound to implement the recommendations of the Human Rights Commission as per Public Administration Circular 13/2005;
 - (ii) the reason for not granting the appointments to those two yet as per the agreement reached on 22.10.2009 regarding the petition submitted to the Committee on Public Petitions with respect to the non-implementation of the above recommendations;
 - (iii) the reasons for not implementing the orders stated in the letters dated 24.11.2009 and 09.02.2010 that was sent by the Committee on Public Petitions to the Chairman of the Ports Authority; and
 - (iv) whether measures will be taken to make the relevant appointments according to the agreement reached at the aforesaid Committee?
 - (v) if so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

0501/'10

4.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the school nutritional programmes that are being implemented in the Hambantota district ;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the government for the aforesaid programmes ;
 - (iii) the percentage allocated for the school nutritional projects, out of the amount of money allocated for education in the aforesaid district ;
 - (iv) whether the amount of money that was allocated for the school nutritional projects is sufficient?
- (b) If not, why?

0545/'10

5.

Hon. Shantha Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—

- (a) Is he aware that Sri Lankan sportspersons participated in the Olympic Games during the period from the year 1948 upto now?
- (b) Will he submit to this House the list of names of the sportspersons who participated in the Olympic Games during the period mentioned above, the victories achieved by them and the years in which those achievements were made?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the place and the year in which the next Olympic Games will be held ;
 - (ii) whether sportspersons from Sri Lankan will participate in it ; and
 - (iii) the programme that has been launched in that regard?
- (d) If not, why?

0553/'10

6.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the construction work of the Koddakallar bridge, which was proposed to be constructed in the Batticaloa district, has been completed ;
 - (ii) if not, what its current state is ;
 - (iii) the estimated cost of the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent so far?

- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the name of the institution that invested money in the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (ii) the name of the country that granted aid and the amount of money so granted, if foreign aid was received for the construction of the aforesaid bridge?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the name of the institution which is carrying out the construction work of this bridge ;
 - (ii) of the basis on which construction work was assigned to that institution ;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the purpose of assigning construction work ;
 - (iv) separately of the institutions that submitted tenders and the bids forwarded by them, if tenders were called for assigning construction work?
- (d) If not, why?

0563/10

7.

Hon. R. Yogarajan,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he state this House—
- (i) the number of estate hospitals that were planned to be taken over in 2009 ;
 - (ii) the number of estate hospitals that have been taken over up to date;
 - (iii) the improvements in infrastructure done in each of the hospitals taken over ;
 - (iv) the staff recruited for the aforesaid hospitals ; and
 - (v) whether actions will be taken to absorb the present staff in those hospitals to the new cadre ?
- (b) If not, why?

0626/'10

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of candidates who sat for the competitive examination held on 13th of November 2009, for the recruitment of Bank Assistants to the Central Bank of Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) of the number of persons who passed the aforesaid examination ;
 - (iii) whether Bank Assistants have been recruited to the Central Bank on the results of that examination by now ; and
 - (iv) if so, the number of persons who have been recruited?
- (b) Is he aware that the results of the aforesaid examination have not been issued so far to the candidates individually?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House, of the reasons for not doing so?
- (d) If not, why?

0044/'10

9.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 05 years, separately —
 - (i) the total quantity of imported or locally produced commodities such as rice, sugar, wheat, dhal, milk powder, onion and chilli;
 - (ii) the Duty, VAT, Excise Duty imposed on the above items; and
 - (iii) the total revenue earned by the duties and taxes as per (ii) above ?
- (b) If not, why?

0502/'10

10.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of landing sites for salt water fishing in Hambantota district ;
 - (ii) the number of fishermen's societies that have been established in association with the aforesaid landing sites?

- (b) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) of the relief programmes in operation through government involvement for the fishing community associated with the aforesaid landing sites ;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for that purpose ;
 - (iii) whether that amount is sufficient for the relevant activities?
- (c) If not, why?

0554/10

11.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether the construction work of the Periyakallar bridge, which was proposed to be constructed in the Batticaloa district, has been completed ;
 - (ii) if not, what its current state is ;
 - (iii) the estimated cost of the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (iv) the amount of money spent so far?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
- (i) the name of the institution that invested money in the construction of that bridge ; and
 - (ii) the name of the country that granted aid and the amount of money so granted, if foreign aid was received for the construction of the aforesaid bridge?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the name of the institution which is carrying out the construction work of this bridge ;
 - (ii) of the basis on which construction work was assigned to that institution ;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the purpose of assigning construction work ;
 - (iv) separately of the institutions that submitted tenders and the bids forwarded by them, if tenders were called for assigning construction work?
- (d) If not, why?

0564/10

12.

Hon. R. Yogarajan,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the estate hospital in protoft Estate Pussellawa was taken over by the Government in 2009 ;
 - (ii) a new building was put up and was completed about a year ago; and
 - (iii) the building remains closed and has not been commissioned for use of the public ?
- (b) Will he state in this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to open this facility for use of the public ;and
 - (ii) if so, as to when it will be opened?
- (c) If not, why?

0095/10

13.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the amounts paid to the Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers from 01.05.2010 to 01.07.2010; and
 - (ii) the other perks that the Ministers and their staff enjoy?
- (b) If not, why?

0503/10

14.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of landing sites for freshwater fishing in Hambantota district ;
 - (ii) the number of fishermen's societies that have been established in association with the aforesaid landing sites?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the relief programmes in operation through government involvement for the fishing community associated with the aforesaid landing sites ;
 - (ii) the amount that amount of money is sufficient for the relevant activities?
- (c) If not, why?

0617/10

15.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vacancies that exist in the cadre of fiscal matron;
 - (ii) whether recruitments will be made to fill these vacancies;
 - (iii) if not, whether recruitments have already been finalized; and
 - (iv) the minimum qualification required to be recruited to the above post?
- (b) If not, why?

Monday, November 29, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0376/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the amounts of Duty and all other forms of Taxes imposed on the imported items namely Milk Powder, Gas, Sugar, Dhal, Onions, Potatoes, Rice, Canned Fish and Petroleum;
 - (ii) the quantities of the aforesaid items imported for the last 10 years;
 - (iii) the revenue earned through imposition of Taxes for the last 5 years;
 - (iv) the quantities of them produced locally, if any, for last 5 years on per year basis; and
 - (v) the annual consumption of those items for last 5 years?
- (b) If not, why?

0506/10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) separately, the number of houses constructed by the government in the Hambantota district in the year 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 ;
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent for the construction of the aforesaid houses ; and
 - (iii) whether the number of houses constructed in the Hambantota district is sufficient ?
- (b) If not, why?

0619/'10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

- (a) Is he aware that action is being taken to construct a crematorium in the centre of the village of Bathigama coming under the area of the Dickwella Pradeshiya Sabha?
- (b) Will he state,-
 - (i) whether a notice had been given earlier by the Consultative Committee on Local Government and Provincial Councils to halt this construction and to construct it in an unpopulated area ;
 - (ii) if so, whether the Chairman of the relevant Pradeshiya Sabha has acted in compliance with the aforesaid notice ;
 - (iii) if not, whether the chairman of the aforesaid Pradeshiya Sabha is acting according to his discretion disregarding this August Assembly by going against the rulings given by it ;
 - (iv) if so, what action will be taken against him in respect of this ; and
 - (v) whether action will be taken to remove the aforesaid construction ?
- (c) If not, why?

0659/'10

4.

Hon. Rauf Hakeem,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he state separately at the district level—
 - (i) the number of schools that are coming under the Provincial Councils and the Central Government which have been identified by the Ministry of Education as schools with less facilities ;
 - (ii) the number of Muslim schools and Estate school, out of those schools ; and
 - (iii) the programmes that are expected to be implemented for the development of those schools?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of small tanks that are still being used out of nearly one hundred thousand small tanks existed in Sri Lanka as stated by the former Commissioner of Archeology Mr. Shiran Deraniyagala in 1996 ;
 - (ii) whether steps have been taken to repair the small tanks system in Sri Lanka from the year 1996 ; and
 - (iii) if not, the reasons for it?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) repairing and restoring the small tanks system in Sri Lanka is an initial step in the development process of the government ;
 - (ii) the Ministry of Irrigation has failed up to now to take steps to complete the ten thousand tanks project that has been mentioned in the “Mahinda Chinthana” as an expectation of it?
- (c) If so, will he state the reasons for the failure?
- (d) Will he state whether immediate steps will be taken to establish an authority to rehabilitate the small tanks system in Sri Lanka which has been mentioned in the “Mahinda Chinthana” as the ten thousand tanks project?
- (e) If not, why?

0380/'10

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform—
 - (i) the Names and the Dates of Birth of all the Judges serving in Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court and Magistrate Court;
 - (ii) their qualifications and experience in the present post;
 - (iii) the number of learned Judges of all categories who have been provided quarters ;
 - (iv) the reason as to why all Judges have not been provided quarters;
 - (v) whether they are paid a housing allowance, if they don't get quarters; and
 - (vi) if so, the amount paid and how long have they been paid?
- (b) If not, why?

0507/'10

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Labour Relations and Productivity Improvement,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the percentage of unemployed persons in Sri Lanka at present ;
 - (ii) the measures taken by the government to minimize the percentage of unemployed persons ;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the government for taking the aforesaid measures ; and
 - (iv) whether the aforesaid measures taken by the government are sufficient to reduce unemployment?
- (b) If not, why?

0714/'10

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the full name and the age of the present Chairman of the Port Authority ;
 - (ii) the authority who has appointed him to that post ;
 - (iii) the previous place of work of the aforesaid Chairman and his position at that place ;
 - (iv) the educational qualifications and professional experience of the aforesaid Chairman ; and
 - (v) his monthly salary and other allowances paid to him ;
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0381/'10

1.

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

- (a) Will he state the number of students—
 - (i) entered to grade one for last 15 years on per year basis:
 - (ii) sit for Ordinary Levels and Advance Levels examinations per year ;
 - (iii) get qualified for the universities per year; and
 - (iv) going abroad for university education per year owing to not qualifying for local universities?

- (b) Will he inform this House the total foreign exchange sent out of the country as fees for the foreign university education?
- (c) If not, why?

0508/10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the courses of action followed by the government to develop the rural industries in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been spent by now for this purpose; and
 - (iii) whether the number of projects that have been implemented for strengthening the rural industries system is adequate?
- (b) If not, why?

0662/10

3.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of small tanks that existed in Sri Lanka by year 1818 ;
 - (ii) the number of small tanks were being used in Sri Lanka by year 1948 ;
 - (iii) the number of small tanks that were being used in Sri Lanka by year 1977 ;
 - (iv) separately, of the number of small tanks that were being used and those that could have been used by year 2005 ; and
 - (v) the number of small tanks that ceased to exist owing to Maga Neguma Project and other development processes during the period from year 2005 upto now?
- (b) If not, why?

0685/10

4.

Hon. Rauf Hakeem,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage and Cultural Affairs,—

- (a) Is she aware that applications have been called for the All Island school drama competitions jointly by the ministry of National Heritage and Cultural affairs and the Tower hall foundation in year 2010 and the Ministry of Education has extended it's full sponsorship so that any school in the Island can take part in it ?
- (b) Will she admit the fact that the students studying in the Tamil medium are subjected to grave injustice owing to the decision that the competitions must be conducted in the Sinhala medium only and applications have been called accordingly?
- (c) If so, will she adopt seppedy measures to conduct those drama competitions in the Tamil medium too, so that the Tamil medium students and Tamil medium schools also can enjoy this opportunity?
- (d) If not, why?

0716/10

5.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the amount of yield obtained in the Yala Season of the year 2010 from the districts other than the ten main paddy cultivating districts in Sri Lanka ; and
 - (ii) the amount of yield from each of the aforesaid districts in the previous Yala Season ?
- (b) Will he state,-
 - (i) the amount of paddy purchased by the government out of the total paddy yield of the country in the Yala Season of the year 2010 ;
 - (ii) the prices at which paddy was purchased ; and
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for purchasing paddy in the Yala Season?
- (c) If not, why?

0382/10

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of patients died owing to dengue fever during the last 2 years in Colombo District;
 - (ii) the number of dengue deaths reported for the last 5 years on per year and per district basis; and
 - (iii) the cost that the Government is spending to combat this dengue menace?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the other epidemics that have broken out in the country for the last 2 years; and
 - (ii) the number of deaths per aforesaid disease?
- (c) If not, why?

0509/10

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—

- (a) Will he admit that the jewellery industry, a widespread rural industry in Sri Lanka including the district of Hambantota, is important to our country?
- (b) Will he inform this House,-
 - (i) the number of villages in Sri Lanka including the district of Hambantota in which the residents are engaged in Jewellery Industry ;
 - (ii) the names of those villages ;
 - (iii) the measures that have been taken by the government to develop the local jewellery industry ;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for that ;
 - (v) whether the amount of money spent and the number of projects that were implemented are adequate to develop the aforesaid industry?
- (c) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,-
 - (i) of the number of duty free shops which have been at the Katunayake airport from year 1994 up to now ;
 - (ii) separately, of the names and addresses of the persons to whom each of the aforesaid shops has been rented or leased out ; and
 - (iii) of the total amount of money for which the aforesaid shops have been rented out or the amount obtained by the government to transfer it permanently?
- (b) Will he state,-
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made for the construction of a new shopping complex within the premises of the Katunayake airport ;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be started ; and
 - (iii) the number of shops expected to be constructed in the aforesaid shopping complex?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, December 01, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the Indo Lanka FTA (Free Trade Agreement) was signed;
 - (ii) the trade figures of Sri Lanka and India for exports and imports for the last 10 years;
 - (iii) the present situation of “CEPA”;
 - (iv) the Government stand on CEPA;
 - (v) whether the CEPA is going to be signed; and
 - (vi) the names of the persons, negotiating with India on CEPA?
- (b) If not, why?

0510/'10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the steps taken by the government to improve the knowledge of English of school children of Sri Lanka including those of the Hambantota District ;
 - (ii) the goals of such steps ;
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for same ;
 - (iv) whether those goals have been achieved by now ; and
 - (v) whether the steps taken for the improvement of knowledge of English are sufficient?
- (b) If not, why?

0689/'10

3.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of guarded level crossings across main roads and by roads;
 - (ii) the number of train accidents occurred at unguarded level crossings during the period from the year 2000 to year 2009; and
 - (iii) separately, the number of persons killed or became disabled from these accidents?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to fix gates at unguarded level crossings; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be started?
- (c) If not, why?

0694/'10

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he admit that the employees of the depots belonging to the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the Southern Province have to be paid salary arrears?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of employees to whom salary arrears have to be paid;
 - (ii) the amount of money needed to pay salary arrears; and
 - (iii) whether a procedure has been prepared for the payment of salary arrears?

- (c) Will he admit that action is being taken to pay salary arrears only to the currently employed persons, excluding the employees who have retired by now and are entitled to salary arrears?
- (d) Will he state the date on which the salary arrears due to the retired employees and the employees who are working at present will be paid?
- (e) If not, why?

0726/10

5.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Will he inform this House,-
 - (i) of the institution under which the Girathalana North road in Panduwasnuwara West Divisional Secretariat Division comes ; and
 - (ii) whether permission has been obtained from the relevant institution to tar that road?
- (b) Will he state,-
 - (i) the name of the institution or names of the persons entrusted with the task of tarring the aforesaid road ;
 - (ii) the estimated amount of money allocated in that respect ;
 - (iii) the length and width of the road to be tarred, according to that estimate ;
 - (iv) the length of the stretch of road that has been tarred by now ; and
 - (v) the date on which tarring was completed?
- (c) Is he aware that tarring of that road has not been done conforming to the standards many places have cared in by now and that the specified length has not been tarred?
- (d) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken against the institution or persons that carried out constructions without conforming to the standards?
- (e) If not, why?

0383/10

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of deaths reported due to snake bites per year basis for the last 5 years;
 - (ii) whether sufficient amounts of Anti-Venom vaccinations for snake bites are available in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) if not , the reasons for unavailability?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) as to how the number of snake bite victims be reduced;
- (ii) whether any awareness campaign is conducted pertaining to reducing snake bites in the country; and
- (iii) if so, the place, the relevant authority and the method of conduct of such programmes?

(c) If not, why?

0511/'10

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the steps that have been taken by the government for the development of information technology and computer education in Sri Lanka including Hambantota district ;
- (ii) the amount of money that has been allocated for this purpose ;
- (iii) whether the above mentioned steps taken with the involvement of the government are adequate?

(b) If not, why?

0727/'10

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

(a) Will he inform this House,-

- (i) of the institution under which the Polthawana Gorakadeniya road in Panduwasnuwara West Divisional Secretariat Division comes ; and
- (ii) whether permission has been obtained from the relevant institution to tar that road?

(b) Will he state,-

- (i) the name of the institution or names of the persons entrusted with the task of tarring the aforesaid road ;
- (ii) the estimated amount of money allocated in that respect ;
- (iii) the length and width of the road to be tarred, according to that estimate ;
- (iv) the length of the stretch of road that has been tarred by now ; and
- (v) the date on which tarring was completed?

(c) Is he aware that tarring of that road has not been done conforming to the standards many places have cared in by now and that the specified length has not been tarred?

- (d) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken against the institution or persons that carried out constructions without conforming to the standards?
- (e) If not, why?

Thursday, December 02, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0318/10

1.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of all contracts signed by the Government, Provincial Councils or any local government bodies with India and China for the last 5 years;
 - (ii) the names of any Agreement intended to be signed with the aforesaid countries within the next year;
 - (iii) the total cost of contracts given in (i) above; and
 - (iv) as to how the revenue is being earned to pay the cost ?
- (b) Will he inform—
 - (i) whether such Agreements have been entered into after following tender procedures or negotiations;
 - (ii) if tenders were called, the amount of the tenders and tendered figures;
 - (iii) if it is on negotiated basis, the names of the local partners; and
 - (iv) the amount that are paid as commissions to the Agents?
- (c) If not, why?

0512/10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of families receiving the Samurdhi allowance at the Divisional Secretariat Division level in the Hambantota district ;
 - (ii) of various types of Samurdhi stamps and quantities given at each Divisional Secretariat Division level and the number of persons receiving them ;

(iii) whether the value of stamps given as the Samurdhi allowance is adequate ; and

(iv) whether poverty can be eradicated through this benefit?

(b) If not, why?

0695/'10

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—

(a) Will he submit to this House—

(i) the number of persons in the Matara district, who have been appointed as Justices of the Peace from the year 1980 up to now ;

(ii) separately, the number of appointments that were made only for the Matara Judicial Zone and the number of appointments that were made for the whole island, out of the aforesaid appointments ; and

(iii) separately, the names and addresses of the persons who have been appointed as Justices of Peace in each Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara district from the year 1980 up to now ;

(b) If not, why?

0728/'10

4.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the institution under which the Munihirigama Patapiligama road in Panduwasnuwara West Divisional Secretariat Division comes ; and

(ii) whether permission has been obtained from the relevant institution to concrete that road?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the name of the institution or names of the persons entrusted with the task of concreting the aforesaid road ;

(ii) the estimated amount of money allocated in that respect ;

(iii) the thickness of concrete layer and width and length of the road to be concreted according to that estimate ;

(iv) the length of the stretch of road that has been concreted by now ; and

(v) the date on which concreting was completed?

- (c) Is he aware that concreting of that road has not been done conforming to the standards and that cement has flaked off exposing metal?
- (d) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken against the institution or persons that carried out constructions without conforming to the standards?
- (e) If not, why?

0324/10

5.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the fact that elimination of cigarette consumption has been included to the “Mathata Thitha” programme ;
 - (ii) the consumption of cigarette and Beedi in Sri Lanka per year for the last 5 years;
 - (iii) the amount of cigarettes and Beedi produced locally per year for the last 6 years;
 - (iv) the amount of cigarettes imported to the country over the last 6 years; and
 - (v) the revenue earned through taxes imposed on local production and imports of cigarettes and Beedi for last six years per year basis?
- (b) If not, why?

0514/10

6.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development,—

- (a) Will he admit that the pottery industry, a widespread rural industry in Sri Lanka including the district of Hambantota, is important to our country?
- (b) Will he inform this House,-
 - (i) the number of villages in Sri Lanka including the district of Hambantota in which the residents are engaged in the pottery industry ;
 - (ii) the names of those villages ;
 - (iii) the measures that have been taken by the government to develop the pottery industry ;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for that ;
 - (v) whether the amount of money spent and the number of projects that were implemented are adequate to develop the aforesaid industry?
- (c) If not, why?

0696/10

7.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of families that are expected to be provided with water from the Pitabeddara Water Supply Scheme, which was started for the purpose of providing drinking water to a number of villages in the Pitabeddara Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara district ; and
 - (ii) the total estimated cost of the aforesaid water supply scheme?
- (b) Is he aware that the construction work of the Pitabeddara Water Supply Scheme has been stopped halfway by now?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) if it has been stopped halfway, the reasons for it ;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to start the work connected to the aforesaid water supply scheme again ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be started?
- (d) If not, why?

0729/10

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution under which the Pubudu Mawatha of Ambagahamulawatta, Hettipola in Panduwasnuwara West Divisional Secretariat Division comes ; and
 - (ii) whether permission has been obtained from the relevant institution to concrete that road?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the institution or names of the persons entrusted with the task of concreting the aforesaid road ;
 - (ii) the estimated amount of money allocated in that respect ;
 - (iii) the thickness of concrete layer and the width and length of the road to be concreted according to that estimate ;
 - (iv) the length of the stretch of road that has been concreted by now ; and
 - (v) the date on which concreting was completed?

- (c) Is he aware that concreting of that road has not been done conforming to the standards, cement has flaked off exposing metal and that the specified length has not been concreted?
- (d) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken against the institution or the persons that carried out constructions without conforming to the standards?
- (e) If not, why?

Friday, December 03, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0067/'10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Is he aware that in a one kilometer stretch of the road of Thalawa junction-Dambaralla in the Thalawa Grama Niladhari Division of the Angunukolapelessa Divisional Secretariat Division of Hambantota District, which was constructed by laying concrete about 01 year ago, and is in a dilapidated condition with cracks appeared all over by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the financial provisions allocated for the development of the said road,
 - (ii) whether recommendations of Technical Officers have been obtained to the effect that the work had been completed as per the standards in releasing money for the constructions;
 - (iii) from what other institutions were recommendations obtained in making payments for the constructions of the said road?
- (c) Will he take action to conduct a proper inquiry into the constructions of this road and to restore it?
- (d) If not, why?

0303/'10

2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the estimated amount allocated to the Ministry of Health for the purpose of purchasing drugs in years 2008 and 2009;
 - (ii) out of the aforesaid amount the actual amount received by the Ministry for the above mentioned years; and
 - (iii) the names of the members of the Committee that appointed for the purpose of purchasing drugs in each of the aforesaid years ?

(b) Will he admit that the reason for the shortage of drugs that occurred recently was the inadequacy of the money allocated for that purpose?

(c) If not, why?

0321/10

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the Reconciliation Panel or Commission appointed to look into what went on in the past;
- (ii) the names of the members of the above Commission or Panel;
- (iii) the date that the report of the aforesaid Commission or Panel is expected;
- (iv) the number of sittings of the Commission/Panel up to date;
- (v) the amount of money allocated for functioning of the Commission/Panel; and
- (vi) whether the money allotted is sufficient?

(b) If not, why?

0698/10

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

(a) How many Grama Niladhari Divisions are there in Sri Lanka at present?

(b) Will he admit that —

- (i) the allowance paid to the acting Grama Niladharis in the areas where there are vacancies for the post of Grama Niladhari is 1/4 of the basic salary received at the time of his/her first appointment;
- (ii) a financial injustice is caused to such officers as the allowance paid to the Grama Niladharis who got their appointments 10-15 years ago is a very small amount of money as a result of the aforesaid acting allowance is paid on the above mentioned basis?

(c) Will he state —

- (i) whether he will take action to do justice to such officers;
- (ii) if so, the date on which the relevant steps will be taken?

(d) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of Government schools coming under the purview of the Ambalanthota Divisional Education Office which is under the Hambanthota Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0323/10

6.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House the date on which the government adopted “Mathata Thitha” program?
- (b) Will he state for the last ten years on per year basis to date ;
 - (i) the consumption of Beer and Hard Liquor separately ;
 - (ii) the quantity of beer and hard liquor produced in Sri Lanka ;
 - (iii) the amount of beer and hard liquor imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) the revenue earned by the Government as all forms of taxes imposed on imports and local production of beer and hard liquor?
- (c) Will he state the estimated amount of illicit brewing taking place on per year basis for the last 3 years?
- (d) If not, why?

0699/'10

7.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—

- (a) Will he admit the fact that pension gratuities have not been paid to employees of the Sri Lanka Transport Board depots in the southern province, who retired during the period from 2005 up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total mount to be paid as gratuities;
 - (ii) the period within which gratuities have to be paid to the employees upon their retirement;
 - (iii) separately of the number of employees whom gratuities have been paid and those who are yet to be paid out of the employees who retired after 2005; and
 - (iv) the date on which gratuities will be paid to those retired employees who have not yet been paid the pension gratuities?
- (c) If not, why?

0730/'10

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution under which the Pathiranawatta road of Panduwasnuwara West Divisional Secretariat Division comes ; and
 - (ii) whether permission has been obtained from the relevant institution to concrete that road?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the name of the institution or names of the persons entrusted with the task of concreting the aforesaid road ;
 - (ii) the estimated amount of money allocated in that respect ;
 - (iii) the thickness of concrete layer and the width and length of the road to be concreted according to that estimate ;
 - (iv) the length of the stretch of road that has been concreted by now ; and
 - (v) the date on which concreting was completed?
- (c) Is he aware that concreting of that road has not been done conforming to the standards, the surface is not even but ridged and cement has flaked off exposing metal?
- (d) If so, will he inform this House of the measures that will be taken against the institution or the persons that carried out constructions without conforming to the standards?
- (c) If not, why?

Saturday, December 04, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0227/10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of Government schools coming under the purview of the Agunakolapelessa Divisional Education Office which is under the Tangalle Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0284/10

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—

- (a) Will he inform this House the number of houses constructed by the Government per year and per district basis during the periods of 1978-1988, 1989-1994, 1995-2009, and 2010 - to date?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures intended to be taken in order to increase the number of houses to be constructed;
 - (ii) the sources of funding for house construction purpose and as to how the funds would be distributed among the needy people; and
 - (iii) the steps to be taken to encourage a house owning society?
- (c) If not, why?

0344/10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—

- (a) Will he inform this House, the number of Samurdhi recipients in each Divisional Secretariat Division of Kurunegala district who had been receiving the benefit by the 30th June of each year from 2005 to 2009, separately ?
- (b) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the amounts allocated annually for Samurdhi recipients of each Divisional Secretariat Division of Kurunegala district from 2005 to 2009, separately ;
 - (ii) the names and addresses of those who had been Samurdhi recipients but cut off from the lists later, with respect to Panduwasnuwara East and West Divisional Secretariat Divisions from 2005 to 2009 ;
 - (iii) the basis on which those persons were deprived of the benefit ; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of those who have been newly added as Samurdhi recipients with respect to the aforesaid two Divisional Secretariat Divisions?
- (c) If not, why?

0759/10

4.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Is he aware that hundreds of persons die of rabies every year in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state the amount of money spent by the Ministry of Health last year for the vaccines imported for the prevention of rabies?
- (c) Will he admit that the amount of money spent for it goes up every year?
- (d) Will he inform this House of the steps that have been taken for the prevention of rabies, which has spread throughout the Island?
- (e) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Will he state whether work relating to Chilaw base hospital being converted into a General hospital and taken over by the government is over?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the x-ray machine of the Chilaw base hospital is defunct and beyond repair;
 - (ii) a large number of patients have to be transported to Marawila hospital from the Chilaw hospital daily since the x-ray machine is defunct;
 - (iii) there are shortcomings in deploying employees for that work?
- (c) Will he admit the facts that;
 - (i) the patients are gravely inconvenienced as result of this state;
 - (ii) a large amount of extra money has to be spent on it?
- (d) If so will he state whether speedy steps will be taken to replace the defunct x-ray machine of the Chilaw base hospital with a newer x-ray machine?
- (e) If not, why?

0228/10

6.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of Government schools coming under the purview of the Beliatta Divisional Education Office which is under the Tangalle Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?

- (b) Will he state —
- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0384/'10

7.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House whether it is correct that there is feasibility being carried out to fill 500 acres of land from Galle Face to Wellawatte?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) the person who is doing the feasibility;
 - (ii) the cost of filling the sea bed;
 - (iii) whether it affects the environment;
 - (iv) the parties who are the local and foreign consultants and investors;
 - (v) the purpose of doing such project; and
 - (vi) the Pay Back Period?
- (c) If not, why?

0485/'10

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a project known as National Multi-purpose Water Resources Planning Project is being implemented ;
 - (ii) the aims of that project ;
 - (iii) whether there is a programme known as 'River Valley Development' ;
 - (iv) the aim of that programme ; and
 - (v) the number of districts in which these programmes have been commenced?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether funds for the aforesaid projects are obtained as loans or aids ; and
 - (ii) the institution or institutions that provide such funds?
- (c) If not, why?
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Monday, December 06, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0229/10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of Government schools coming under the purview of the Walassmulla Divisional Education Office which is under the Walassmulla Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

0315/10

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the date on which Sri Lanka agreed to stage the IIFA event in Colombo;
 - (ii) the party who is paying for the event;
 - (iii) the date that the money received ;
 - (iv) if money isn't being paid as above, who is footing the bill ; and
 - (v) the total cost for the event?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the benefits expected from the event IIFA; and
 - (ii) whether such benefits could be received?
- (c) If not, why?

0330/10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) separately, the extent of lands acquired annually constructing highways during the past twenty years;
 - (ii) the amount of compensation that should be paid for the above mentioned acquisition;
 - (iii) the total amount of money which has already been paid as compensation;
 - (iv) the amount which remains to be paid; and
 - (v) the date on which the payments will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

0828/10

4.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he state whether construction work of the Chilaw fisheries harbor has been fully completed?
- (b) Is he aware that —
 - (i) erecting a building for the fish auction in the general fish market is a part of the Chilaw fisheries harbor development project;
 - (ii) due to some reason, the building for the fish auction has not been erected;
 - (iii) as a result of the failure to erect the building for the fish auction the value of this fisheries harbour has gone down considerably;
 - (iv) the necessary water and toilet facilities are not available for the customers or fishermen in this fisheries harbour complex which was constructed at an exorbitant cost?
- (c) If so, will he take steps to address those shortcomings soon?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of Government schools coming under the purview of the Sooriyawewa Divisional Education Office which is under the Hambanthota Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers; and
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he state separately the total number of failed Finance Companies reported during the last five years?
- (b) Will he admit that it is the responsibility of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to protect depositors?
- (c) Will he inform this House separately —
 - (i) of the total number of depositors not paid by the Companies which accepted their money; and
 - (ii) the Companies defaulted or delinquent in paying; and
 - (iii) of how IFC and CIFC depositors lost their savings as at 01.06.2010 even after the Central Bank stepped in and assured that no Company would to bankrupt ?
- (d) Will he explain to this House —
 - (i) as to what has happened to the Directors of the Companies; and
 - (ii) as to why there are different standards applied to the Directors when it comes to Bank reporting of these Finance Companies?
- (e) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the number of volunteer teachers serving in government schools in each district on the basis of each category of schools ;
 - (ii) whether any programme will be implemented to confirm those volunteer teachers ; and
 - (iii) whether money has been allocated for that purpose under the last budget ?
- (b) Is he aware that the volunteer teachers who are subject to the provisions of clause VI in Part 2 of the Education Ministry Circular bearing No 2008/50 have not been confirmed up to now?
- (c) If so, will he state courses of action that will be taken to confirm them in the service?
- (d) If not, why?

0829/10

8.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that,-
 - (i) under the Chillaw fisheries harbor development project, it is required to develop the estuary and deploy a dredger to remove sand at the estuary daily ;
 - (ii) the dredger belonging to that project and was deployed to remove sand at the estuary has been taken away even before one week of the opening of the fisheries harbor development project ; and
 - (iii) the absence of the dredger has resulted in sand getting accumulated at the estuary quite often resulting in fishermen having to face immense hardships?
- (b) Will he inform this House,
 - (i) of the reasons to withdraw the aforesaid dredger ; and
 - (ii) whether at least temporary measures will be taken to remove sand at the presently blocked estuary?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, December 07, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0231/'10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Tangalle Divisional Education office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0314/'10

2.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of English Teachers in Government and Government allied schools of the country;
 - (ii) the amount paid to them per month;
 - (iii) the other benefits entitled to them;
 - (iv) the requirement of English teachers in Sri Lanka per district basis ; and
 - (v) the steps that are being taken to overcome the shortage of English teachers?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) as to why he made a statement or suggestion that 2000 Sri Lankan English teachers be sent to Korea; and
 - (ii) the benefit that Sri Lanka will achieve by doing so?
- (c) If not, why?

0712/10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a plan has been formulated to implement a programme by the name of “Ging Ganga Scheme”;
 - (ii) if so, the areas that will be inundated by it and the areas that have been identified as risky areas;
 - (iii) of the measures that will be taken with regard to the people of the aforesaid area who will be displaced;
 - (iv) of the areas where they are expected to be resettled;
 - (v) of the basis on which compensation will be paid to them; and
 - (vi) the date on which Ging Ganga scheme will be commenced?
- (b) If not, why?

0830/10

4.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—

- (a) Will he state whether programmes have been initiated regarding activities such as developing fisheries resources, upgrading fisheries facilities, making available marketing facilities and enhancing knowledge of thriftiness of fisher folk in order to give a better social standing for the fisher folk?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the alternative measures that have been taken to sustain the economy of fisher folk during the closed season?
- (c) Will he state,-
 - (i) whether a programme has been launched to train fisher women on livelihoods such as drying fish, making potted fish (Jadi), processing fish for animal feed and making ornaments from seashells ; and
 - (ii) whether a programme has been designed for the sale of such products?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of government schools coming under the purview of the Katuwana Divisional Education Office which is under the Walasmulla Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

6.

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

- (a) Will he state the number of people go for foreign employments on per year basis during the last five years to date?
- (b) Will he admit that the people going overseas for employment be protected through an Insurance Scheme?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House how much is charged per person for such an Insurance cover?
- (d) Will he mention the total number of claims made per year for the last five years?
- (e) Will he explain as to why people do not get the claim even though they have paid for the Insurance Policy ?
- (e) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Aviation,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the total amount of money spent for the function named “Karadiyawara Mangalyaya” which was conducted for the inauguration of the Hambantota port ;
 - (ii) the name of the person or organization that was in charge of the entertainment activities of the aforesaid function;
 - (iii) if those activities were done by an organization, the names of the head of the organization and the members of the Board of Directors of the organization; and
 - (iv) the total amount of money paid to that organization or the person?
- (b) If not, why?

0831/10

8.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—

- (a) Is he aware that,-
 - (i) fish resources have depleted as a result of the destruction of fingerlings owing to the use of banned fishing nets for fishing in the sea water and lagoons ; and
 - (ii) as a result, fishermen are unable to harvest a sufficient catch ?
- (b) Will he state,-
 - (i) the programmes that are expected to be implemented to seize all banned fishing nets currently in use and eradicate the use of banned fishing nets permanently ; and
 - (ii) the measures taken so far to prevent the use of banned nets and destroy them?
- (c) Will he inform this House,-
 - (i) of the measures that are to be taken to increase the sea water and lagoon fish stocks ;
 - (ii) of the measures that have been taken to protect and develop the natural fish breeding centres destroyed as a result of banned and irregular fishing nets ; and
 - (iii) whether it is intended to mark off special zones for fish breeding?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, December 08, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0233/10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Katuwana Divisional Education office belonging to the Walasmulla Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0472/10

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) who introduced Hedging to Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) its intention;
 - (iii) whether any tenders were called for;
 - (iv) the names of the tenderers; and
 - (v) if not, the reasons?
- (b) Will he inform —
 - (i) the total cost for Hedging deals to date;
 - (ii) the number of Public Litigation Actions instituted;
 - (iii) such litigation by whom and when; and
 - (iv) the outcome?

- (c) Will he also state —
 - (i) whether the CPC has been taken by any Banks for internal arbitration;
 - (ii) if so, for how much and where;
 - (iii) the total cost for legal defending to date;
 - (iv) how much to be paid as legal cost; and
 - (v) the contingent liability value for the above cases?
- (d) If not, why?

0715/10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways,—

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the person in authority who appointed the current Chairman of the Maganaguma Machinery and construction Company;
 - (ii) the age of the above mentioned Chairman;
 - (iii) his previous place of work and the position he held there; and
 - (iv) the professional experience he has acquired?
- (b) If not, why?

0836/10

4.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—

- (a) Will he admit that an extremely successful paddy purchasing system has been put in place under the 'Mahinda Chinthana' programme?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) however the paddy purchasing programme in the Nattandiya area has failed due to the lack of storage facilities ; and
 - (ii) a huge building belonging to the Northwestern Co-operative Movement (Textile) located in that area and appropriate for paddy storage has remained closed for many years without putting to any use?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether he will take action to make use the building for the storage of paddy of the cultivations in the area and to acquire the building by the government after having discussed with the co-operative authority concerned?
- (d) If not, why?

0234/10

5.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Walasmulla Divisional Education office belonging to the Walasmulla Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?

- (b) Will he submit to this House —
- (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements;
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0577/10

6.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of nurses required for Sri Lankan Health Service;
 - (ii) the number of nurses currently in Service; and
 - (iii) the salary of a nurse and the additional benefits they get?
- (b) Will inform this House—
- (i) the places where the Nurses Training Schools have been established in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of nurses trained per year; and
 - (iii) the cost to train a nurse per year?
- (c) Will he further state, whether there is an inability to train more nurses which could be used for Labour Mobility ?
- (d) If not, why?

0718/10

7.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the total quantity of chicken imported from April 2010 up to now ;
 - (ii) separately, the quantity of chicken imported in each month during the aforesaid period ;
 - (iii) the names of the countries from which the aforesaid quantities of chicken have been imported ;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for importing one Kilogram of chicken ; and
 - (v) the names of the institutions to which the above mentioned quantities of imported chicken were given for sale?
- (b) If not, why?

0837/10

8.

Hon. Victor Antony,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—

- (a) Is he aware that vegetables and fruits are being cultivated using chemical fertilizer and pesticides on the infertile strip of sand in the Kalpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha area?
- (b) Will he admit—
- (i) that the poisonous chemicals, namely Nitrate and Nitrite found in chemical fertilizers including urea applied to the said infertile land have mixed with ground water in those areas making it heavily polluted ;
 - (ii) that according to the opinion of the medical specialists, the people who use that polluted water fall ill ; and
 - (iii) therefore, designing a special programme to provide clean drinking water to the people of Kalpitiya area has to be done expeditiously?
- (c) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to design such a programme expeditiously?
- (d) If not, why?

Thursday, December 09, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0120/10

1.

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

- (a) Will he admit the media reports published in May 2010 to the effect that a shortage of drugs has occurred in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he state the reasons for that shortage of drugs?
- (c) Will he admit that essential items like drugs should be stocked in stores sufficiently?
- (d) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of types of drugs produced by the State Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Corporation;
 - (ii) the number of types of drugs imported to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the amount of loss incurred or debts to be paid by the State Pharmaceutical Corporation?
- (e) If not, why?

0235/10

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the government schools coming under the purview of the Angunukolapelessa Divisional Education office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?

- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0542/'10

3.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Health,—

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) recently, an unidentified group of persons destroyed the ambulance belonging to Karativu hospital of Ampara district by setting it on fire ; and
 - (ii) as a result, there is a difficulty of transporting patients in critical condition and pregnant mothers from the hospitals to another hospital for emergency treatment?
- (b) Will he admit that eventhough the relevant authorities have been informed of the necessity of providing Karativu hospital an ambulance through the District Development and Co-ordinating Committee of Ampara, steps have not been taken so far to provide an ambulance to that hospital?
- (c) If so, will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to provide an ambulance to that hospital immediately?
- (d) If not, why?

0559/'10

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that under “Vishramika Diviyata Athwelak” (Support for retired life) in Mahinda Chinthana Vision that was presented at the last Presidential Election, a pledge was made as a relief measure for pensioners, to the effect that the pensions of those who had retired prior to 2006 would be rectified in line with the 2006 salary scheme and implemented from the following budget (2010)?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether measures have been taken through the 2010 budget to pay the pensions of those who had retired prior to 2006 in line with the 2006 salary scheme accordingly ;
 - (ii) of the amount allocated for the aforesaid purpose ;
 - (iii) of the relevant reasons, if that relief has not been granted through the 2010 budget ; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the aforesaid pension hike would be granted?
- (c) If not, why?

0580/10

5. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the ten main paddy cultivating districts of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the acreage of above districts coming under paddy cultivation; and
 - (iii) the yield obtained from those areas in the seasons of Yala and Maha separately for the last 5 years ?
- (b) Is he aware that the lot of paddy farmers are unable to get the fertilizer subsidy and if they get it, the quality of fertilizer is of sub standard?
- (c) Will he inform—
 - (i) as to why the Ministry is not opening the fertilizer subsidy to be bought in the open market, with a minimum quality control as a benchmark;
 - (ii) the tonnage of subsidized fertilizer distributed among the districts referred to in question (a) (i) above for the last 3 years separately on per year basis?
- (d) If not, why?

0618/10

6. Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the papaw cultivation in Sekeradariswatta, maintained by Mr. H.M. Wasantha Anura Kumara of Mahawa Divisional Secretariat Division has been destroyed by some person or a group of persons ; and
 - (ii) if so, the damage caused to him as a result ?
- (b) Will he admit that the complaints made by Mr. Wasantha with regard to this incident has not been accepted by the Mahawa Police Station and an investigation has been started in this regard with the intervention of a media institution?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the progress of the aforesaid investigation at present ;
 - (ii) whether those investigations are not carried out effectively on the influence of some person or a group of persons ; and
 - (iii) whether government will take action to pay a compensation for the damage caused to Mr. Wasantha?
- (d) If not, why?

0236/'10

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the government schools coming under the purview of the Beliatta Divisional Education office belonging to the Tangalle Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries;and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0581/'10

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage and Cultural Affairs,—

- (a) Will she state—
 - (i) the number of tourists visited the Cultural Triangle for the last 5 years, on per year basis;
 - (ii) the amount of foreign exchange earned from the historical sites of cultural triangle;
 - (iii) as to why we are not making use of cultural triangle for promoting Buddhism and attracting a tourist market; and
 - (iv) if already done so, the steps that have been taken in this regard?

- (b) Will she also state—
- (i) five other historical sites which draw such enthusiasm from a Buddhist Tourist's point of view in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether the Government gives the money to temples, earned from the above process for upgrading and protecting the historically vital sites; and
 - (iii) If so, the names of temples or other places and the amounts of money received as above for the last year?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, December 10, 2010

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0237/'10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the number of government schools coming under the purview of the Tangalle Divisional Education Office which is under the Tangalle Zonal Education Office of the Hambanthota district;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of schools that have already been closed down or decided to be closed down, out of the schools mentioned in (ii) above ; and
 - (iv) the names of those schools?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) whether there are overstaffed schools belonging to this division;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the names of schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (iv) the subjects for which shortages exist;
 - (v) whether action will be taken to provide teachers to the schools with shortage of teachers;
 - (vi) if so; the time frame within which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Noordeen Mashoor,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,—

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of roofing sheets provided to each resettled family when displaced families in the administrative districts of Mannar and Vavuniya were resettled directly on the allocations of the Ministry of Resettlement or on the allocations of any other Ministry according to a plan of the relevant Ministry ; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of the recipients of those roofing sheets and the dates on which they were distributed?
- (b) Will he state on Divisional Secretary Division basis—
 - (i) the Head of Expenditure from which funds were utilized for the provision of roofing sheets ; and
 - (ii) the total amount set apart for this purpose and the amount spent from that?
- (c) If not, why?

3.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name of the Minister who was in charge of the institution during the period when retail outlets of C.W.E. were kept open throughout the 24 hours ;
 - (ii) of the approved number of officers for the personal staff of that Minister and their designations, as per the relevant circular of the Secretary to the President ; and
 - (iii) separately of the names and addresses of the officers who held the aforesaid posts, and the salaries and allowances paid to them?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of officers seconded for his staff from the Ministry, State Corporations, Statutory Boards and affiliated Companies like C.W.E during the period when the aforesaid Minister was in office ;
 - (ii) separately, the names, addresses and posts of those officers and the salaries and allowances and other privileges enjoyed by them ;
 - (iii) separately, the institutions where they had served and the positions held prior to being seconded to the Minister's staff?
- (c) If not , why?

0697/10

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—

- (a) Is he aware of the Farmers' Pension Scheme, which has been implemented to make the living conditions of the farming community secure?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of persons who are currently drawing pensions from the Farmers' Pension Scheme ;
 - (ii) the methodology adopted to get the contribution of the farming community to the Farmers' Pension Scheme ; and
 - (iii) the amount of the monthly farmers' pension paid to one person ?
- (c) Will he admit that the present pension paid to farmers is not sufficient to meet the prevailing cost of living?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to increase the current pension paid to farmers upto an amount which is sufficient to meet prevailing cost of living ; and
 - (ii) if so, the amount of increase?
- (e) If not , why?

0582/10

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the all broad band providers operating in the country;
 - (ii) the names of the owners and directors of such companies; and
 - (iii) the frequencies that have been issued to the broad band providers?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of people work in the broad band providing offices;
 - (ii) as to when broad band providers started their operations; and
 - (iii) the amount of Taxes that has been paid by the broad band providers for last 5 years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

0609/'10

6.

Hon.Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva,— To ask the Minister of Indigenous Medicine,—

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of the types of herbs that were imported to this country in the years 2008 and 2009 to meet the local medical needs;
 - (ii) the total amount of money spent for importing the aforesaid herbs in the above mentioned years?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) whether there is a programme which is being implemented at present for growing these herbs in this country;
 - (ii) if so, the amount of money that has been spent by now for the relevant projects?
- (c) If not, why?

0238/'10

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—

- (a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of infrastructure and common amenities in the Government schools coming under the purview of the Ambalanthota Divisional Education office belonging to the Hambanthota Zonal Education office of the Hambantota District?
- (b) Will he submit to this House —
 - (i) the number of school without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (ii) the names of those schools;
 - (iii) the number of teachers' quarters without electricity in the aforesaid school system;
 - (iv) the names of schools to which they belong to;
 - (v) the number of schools with furniture requirements;
 - (vi) what those requirements are;
 - (vii) the number of schools without laboratories and libraries; and
 - (viii) the names of those schools?

- (c) Will he state —
- (i) whether action will be taken to make financial allocations required for those schools to fulfill the above mentioned requirements; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time during which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

0583/10

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of Honorary Counsellors appointed by Sri Lankan government world wide during the year 2009 and 2010;
 - (ii) names of the countries to which such appointments were done and the reasons for those appointments; and
 - (iii) any specific advantage to Sri Lanka by those appointments?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there are any new people to be appointed as Honorary Counsellors ;
 - (ii) whether there is any criteria on which the new appointments are being done;
 - (iii) whether any Honorary Counsellor has been removed during the last 10 years; and
 - (iv) If so, their names and the reasons for removal?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

* 1

The Hon. Minister of Education,— Select Committee of Parliament for the formulation of a national education policy,—Whereas an oppressive environment has been created for teachers as well as school children and parents as a result of non development of education qualitatively and structurally in relation to the quantitative development of the education system since the implementation of the free education system in Sri Lanka,

Whereas a social opinion has been created that various irregularities, injustices as well as frauds and corruptions are being committed in the education system with regard to the said matter,

Whereas a public opinion has been formed that far-reaching changes and reforms shall take place in the overall education system, taking into account knowledge centered development strategy as enunciated in the Mahinda Chintana Idiri Dekma,

Whereas the formulation of a national education policy pertaining to the development of knowledge, attitude and skills of students from preschool up to university education with relevance to the creation of the future of entire Sri Lankan student population is a matter that cannot be deferred and that shall be accorded national priority,

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

- (a) look into the quantitative, qualitative and structural changes that should take place in preschool, primary, secondary, and tertiary education,
 - (b) look into changes that shall be made in the education system to safeguard core national, religious and cultural values,
 - (c) look into changes that should take place in pirivena education,
 - (d) look into whether there is a specific system in admitting children to Grade One,
 - (e) look into whether alternative methods that can be incorporated into the education system should be created to bring the results of all examinations and tests to a higher level and for students who do not qualify for higher education,
 - (f) look into methods as to how students who go abroad to pursue education overseas without entering a university in Sri Lanka despite obtaining the qualifications to enter university could be provided with educational opportunities within the country itself,
 - (g) look into as to what methods can be adopted to eliminate disparities that exist as per regions, races and religions,
 - (h) look into the nature of the interrelationships between the central government and provincial councils in implementing the national education policy,
 - (i) look into as to what measures shall be taken to determine the role and responsibility of teachers, in service advisors, principals, divisional education directors, zonal educational directors, provincial education directors and all educationists in the education process.
- 2.
- (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) members.
 - (c) That its report shall be presented to Parliament within three (3) months of its first meeting or any such period as extended by Parliament.

3. That the Committee shall have the power to,
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to procure any document or record, to procure and receive all such evidence, written oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for the fullest consideration of the matters referred to above;
 - (c) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee;
 - (d) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. J. Sri Ranga

Hon. Harin Fernando,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the acute shortage of essential drugs in the country,—

Whereas there is an acute shortage of essential drugs in the country;

And whereas the Hon. Minister of Health disclosed in Parliament the reasons for this shortage;

And whereas if no remedial action is taken immediately to correct this situation, it will result in a catastrophe.

This Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to —

- (a) inquire into the reasons for this shortage;
 - (b) recommend the short term measures necessary to overcome the situation; and
 - (c) recommend the permanent measures necessary to prevent the re-occurrence of this situation in the future.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to —
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;

- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
- (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
- (e) make interim reports from time to time and sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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

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3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake
Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam
Hon. J. Sri Ranga
Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga

Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the causes of the recurrent flooding of the Colombo City and its suburbs,—

Whereas the last several days has seen most of the Colombo Municipal Council area and large sections of the Colombo District subject to severe floods;

And whereas this has become a regular recurrent feature in the lines of the citizens of both the Colombo Municipal Council and the District;

And whereas no effort has been made by those responsible to arrest this situation;

And whereas no action has also been made to prevent the recurrent of these floods,

And whereas the situation has gone from bad to worse with the passage of time;

And whereas everything tends to be forgotten after the floods have receded;

And whereas this is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs.

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

- (a) inquire into the causes of the recurrent flooding of the Colombo City, its environment and the District;
- (b) inquire into the immediate and short term measures necessary to prevent the flooding as aforesaid; and
- (c) recommend ways and means of the permanently preventing the recurrence of this problem.

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

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4.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. D.M. Swaminadan

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. J. Sri Ranga,— Select Committee of Parliament to review the laws dealing with Elections and to recommend the amendments,—

Whereas over the last several years numerous attempts have been made to reform the Electoral System of Sri Lanka;

And whereas Select Committees to look into the Electoral Reform have been appointed on many occasions including during the 5th Parliament and thereafter during the 6th Parliament in 2006;

And whereas several interim reports have been presented by these Committees;

And whereas no action has been taken to implement the recommendations of these Committees;

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

- (a) review the laws dealing with elections more particularly the Registration of Electors Act, the Local Authorities Elections Act, the Provincial Council Elections Act, the Parliamentary Elections Act and the Presidential Elections Act, together with the several amendments made to the said Acts over the years and the Special Provisions Acts made applicable to the provisions of the Acts set out above;
 - (b) assess the need to revise, amend and consolidate these Acts, and
 - (c) recommend the reform and amendments necessary to the current laws dealing with elections.
2.
 - (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker,
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to —
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book, record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;
 - (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

5.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. (Dr) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R.M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs) Thalatha Atukorale

Hon. (Mrs) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe,—Select Committee of Parliament to review the implementation of the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution and to report whether any further amendments are necessary for its implementation,—

Whereas the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution was passed by Parliament and certified in 2001;

And whereas the provisions of the said amendment have introduced and incorporated several salient provisions to ensure the independence of several state administrative and judicial agencies;

And whereas the said amendments were intended to ensure a just and free society;

And whereas the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution have been observed in the breach,

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

- (a) review the implementation of the provisions of the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution;
 - (b) recommend the steps necessary to ensure the observance of its provisions;
 - (c) consider whether any further amendments are necessary.
2. (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.
 - (b) That notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Committee shall consist of not more than twenty one (21) Members.
3. That the Committee shall have the power to:
 - (a) fix its quorum;
 - (b) send for persons, papers and records, may order any person to attend before Parliament or before such Committee, and to produce any paper, book record or document in the possession or under the control of such person;

- (c) verify or otherwise ascertain by the oral examination of witnesses and examine witnesses upon oath or affirmation which the Chairman of the Committee or a person specially authorized for that purpose may administer;
 - (d) obtain the services of Specialists and Experts in the relevant fields to assist the Committee; and
 - (e) make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.
4. The Committee shall make its Report within One Year of the date of its first sitting or such other or further time as Parliament may grant.

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6.

Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Rauf Hakeem

Hon. Mangala Samaraweera,—Committee on Public Finance,—

There shall be a Committee to be designated the Committee on Public Finance consisting of a Chairman and eleven members nominated by the Committee of Selection provided that the Chairman shall be a Member of the Opposition.

2. It shall be the duty of the Committee to examine :

- (a) the collection of revenue under Article 148 of the Constitution;
- (b) the payment from the consolidated fund under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
- (c) the utilization of public funds for specific purposes by law under Article 149(1) of the Constitution;
- (d) the application of public funds under Article 150(1) and 150(2) of the Constitution;
- (e) the recessions of appropriations contained in the Appropriations Act, for the current year, the transfer of appropriation and the unexpected balance;
- (f) the implementation of the Appropriation Act for the current year;
- (g) public debt and debt service;
- (h) reports and statements under the Fiscal Management (Responsibility) Act, No. 2 of 2003.

3. The Committee shall from time to time report to Parliament matters arising from the matters referred to in paragraph 2.
4. The Committee shall present within 6 weeks of the tabling of the Budget Estimates of the Bill a Report on the estimates including whether the money is well laid out within the limits of Government policy.
5. The Committee shall present before Parliament within 04 days after the presentation of the Budget and the Second Reading of the Appropriation Bill a Report on the fiscal, financial and economic assumptions used as bases in arriving at total estimated expenditures and receipts.

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Hon. Ranil Wickremasinghe
Hon. Karu Jayasuriya
Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Rauf Hakeem
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera,— Oversight Standing Committees,—

This Parliament resolves that,

- (a) There shall be in Parliament Committees styled “Oversight Standing Committees” as indicated below, each of which shall have the jurisdiction and related functions as indicated to examine all Bills, resolutions, treaties, reports and other matters relating to subjects to their jurisdiction as listed below;
- (b) All Bills, resolutions, treaties, reports and other matters within their jurisdiction shall be referred to the relevant Committees for report prior to being placed before the House.
 1. International Relations
Including International Trade-Overseas Employment, International Organization, International Conferences and Agreements, Regional Organizations.
 2. National Security
Including Defence of Sri Lanka, Armed Forces, Intelligence, Public Law and Order, Police and Security, Cooperation with Foreign Countries.
 3. Agriculture and Lands
Including Plantation Industries, Mahaweli Authority, Land and Irrigation

4. Human Resources and Culture
Including Education, Training, Youth, Sports, Culture and Religious Affairs
 5. Human Settlement and Energy
Urban and Rural Infrastructure, Highways, Roads, Railway, Shipping, Aviation, Posts and Telecommunications
 6. Human Welfare
Including Health, Social Welfare, Poverty Alleviation, Disabled, Senior Citizens and Child Welfare
 7. Internal Administration
 8. Environment and Natural Resources
Including Water Management, Aquatic Resources, Exclusive Economic Zone and Fisheries
 9. Legal and Women's Affairs
Includes Courts, Human Rights, Media, Labour, National Integration and Gender.
- (c) Parliament shall allocate the subjects, functions, departments and institution assigned to Ministries under Articles 44(c) and 45(1) of the Constitution to the appropriate Standing Committee for the purpose of legislative oversight.
2. (a) The various Oversight Standing Committees shall have general oversight responsibilities as provided in paragraph (b) in order to assist Parliament in:-
- (i) its analysis, appraisal and evaluation of -
 - (a) the application, administration, executive and effectiveness of legislations passed by Parliament; and
 - (b) conditions and circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation; and
 - (ii) its formulation, consideration, and enactment or changes in laws, and of such additional legislation as may be necessary or appropriate.

- (b) In order to determine whether laws, projects and programmes addressing subjects within the jurisdiction of a committee are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Parliament and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated, each standing committee shall review and study on a continuing basis-
- (i) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;
 - (ii) the organization and operation of Departments and Institutions having responsibilities for the administration and execution of legislation projects and programmes addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;
 - (iii) any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation addressing subjects within its jurisdiction (whether or not a bill or resolution has been introduced with respect thereto); and
 - (iv) future research and forecasting on subjects within its jurisdiction.
- (c) Each Committee may conduct at any time such investigations and studies as it considers necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities.
- (d) Not later than six weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, each Standing Committee shall, adopt its oversight plan for that Parliament. Such plan shall be submitted to the Committee on Parliament Business. In developing its plan each committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible-
- (i) consult with other committees that have jurisdiction over the same or related legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction with the objective of ensuring maximum coordination and cooperation among committees when conducting reviews of such legislation projects, programmes, or agencies and include in its plan an explanation of steps that have been or will be taken to ensure such coordination and cooperation;
 - (ii) review specific problems with Government rules, regulations, statues and court decisions that are ambiguous, arbitrary or nonsensical, or that impose severe financial burdens on individuals;
 - (iii) give priority consideration to including in its plan the review of those legislation projects, programmes, or agencies operating under permanent budget authority or permanent statutory authority; and

- (iv) have a view toward ensuring that all significant legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction are subject to review every 10 years.
 - (e) Not later than nine weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, the Committee on Parliamentary Business shall report to the Parliament the oversight plans submitted by committees together with any recommendations that it, may make to ensure the most effective coordination of oversight plans and otherwise to achieve the objectives of this sub clause.
- 3.
 - (a) The Parliament may refer any item to any Oversight Standing Committee.
 - (b) A Minister may refer any matter to the relevant Oversight Standing Committee having jurisdiction over the subject, function, department or institution coming under the Minister.
- 4.
 - (a) The Speaker shall refer each Bill, regulation, resolution or other matter that relates to a subject listed under an Oversight Standing Committee named under Paragraph 1(a) above in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Order.
 - (b) The Speaker shall refer matters under paragraph 4 (a) in such manner as to ensure to the maximum extent feasible that each committee that has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1(a) over the subject matter of a provision thereof may consider such provision and report to Parliament thereon.
 - (c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with respect to the referral of a matter, the Speaker:-
 - (i) shall designate a committee of primary jurisdiction;
 - (ii) may refer the matter to one or more additional committees for consideration initially or after the matter has been reported by the committee of primary jurisdiction for its opinion;
 - (iii) may subject a referral to appropriate time limitations; and
 - (iv) may make such other provision as may be considered appropriate.
 - (d) The opinion shall deal solely with those matters that fall under the areas of responsibility of the Committee giving an opinion.
 - (e) The Committee of Primary Jurisdiction shall fix a deadline within which the Committee asks for an opinion and must deliver if it to be taken into account in the Committee of Primary Jurisdiction.
- 5.
 - (a) Each Committee when acting in the exercise of its jurisdiction shall submit to the Speaker a report in respect of each item considered by the Committee. The Speaker shall cause such report to be tabled before Parliament.

- (b) (i) Any Report by a Committee on any Bill or regulation shall comprise draft amendments if any to the proposal accompanied, if appropriate by short justifications.
 - (ii) Any such amendment to a Bill will be submitted by the Speaker to Parliament during the Committee stage of such Bill under SO 56 as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
 - (iii) Any such amendment to a regulation will be submitted by the Speaker as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
 - (c) The Parliament may by motion approve the recommendations of any non-legislative report placed before Parliament.
6. (a) Each Standing Committee will prepare a calendar of its meetings and submit it to the Speaker.
- (b) Each Standing Committee will meet not less than two days of the month. The meetings of each Standing Committee will be summoned in accordance with the calendar/timetable upon its approval by the Speaker.
- (c) Additional meetings of any Standing Committee shall be summoned either at the request of Parliament or at the request of half the members of the Standing Committee.
- (d) One third of the Members of Parliament may in writing request that any Standing Committee submit a report on the progress of any matter referred to such Committee provided that 8 weeks has passed after such referral. Upon receiving such request, such Standing Committee shall within two weeks submit a Report to Parliament. Such Report shall be tabled in Parliament.
7. Every Standing Committee will function for the duration of Parliament.
8. (a) All Members of Parliament other than the following are eligible to serve as Members of Standing Committees:
- (i) Speaker
 - (ii) Deputy Speaker
 - (iii) Deputy Chairman of Committees
 - (iv) Prime Minister
 - (v) Leader of the House
 - (vi) Leader of the Opposition
 - (vii) Ministers of Cabinet appointed under Article 44(1) of the Constitution

- (viii) Ministers appointed under Article 45(1) of the Constitution the subjects and functions of whose Ministries do not come within the purview of a Minister of the Cabinet or is not delegated subjects and functions under Article 45(4).
- (b) Every eligible member shall serve as a Member of one Standing Committee. Deputy Ministers and Ministers not falling under Paragraph 8 (a)(viii) shall not serve in any Standing Committee whose jurisdiction and related functions are the same as any subject, function, Department or Institution of the Minister of the Cabinet under whose purview such Deputy Minister or Minister functions.
- (c) (i) The Speaker shall prepare a list of eligible members.
(ii) The places in each Standing Committee will be allocated by the Speaker to political parties and independent groups represented in Parliament according to the numerical strength amongst the list of eligible members.
- (d) The Leaders of the Parties or of the Independent Groups in Parliament shall submit the nomination of members of each Standing Committee to the Speaker. The Speaker shall announce such names to Parliament in consultation with the Committee of Selection.
- (e) The Leader of any Party or Independent Group in Parliament may in writing request the Speaker to remove any such member nominated under paragraph 8(d) from such Committee. The Speaker shall on receiving such request remove such member from such Committee after informing Parliament.
- (f) (i) Each Standing Committee shall at its first meeting and thereafter at the first meeting after the post of Chairman becomes vacant elect a Chairman of the Standing Committee.
(ii) A Minister or a Deputy Minister shall not be eligible to be elected as a Chairman of a Standing Committee.
- (g) Any Member who absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of the Committee.
9. Each Oversight Standing Committee may when it considers necessary appoint Sub Committees of its own members to examine and report to such Committee such matters as deemed necessary.
10. Matters referred to an Oversight Standing Committee may not be taken up for consideration by Parliament until 3 months has lapsed from the Reference provided that if Parliament has by resolution extended the time for the reporting on any specific matter then the consideration of such matter shall take place only after the lapse of the period as referred to in the resolution.

11. Every Oversight Standing Committee may in regard to any Bill or any other matter of public importance call for evidence from all parties affected by such Bill or of any interested parties or persons of experience.

12. (a) Whenever a Report of an Oversight Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation other than a Bill referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution or an amendment to the Constitution, the Chairman or any other member of the Committee specified in the Report for such purpose may after notice, subject to Article 78 of the Constitution, present a motion for the Bill to be read the first time in Parliament without an order of Parliament. Copies of the Bill shall be presented with the motion. The Speaker shall place such motion before Parliament for a vote within six weeks of the motion being presented to Parliament, provided that if the period of six weeks falls within the Second Reading or the Committee Stage or Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill shall be placed before Parliament after the completion of the consideration of the Appropriation Bill. Upon Parliament approving such a motion, the Bill shall be read for the first time and ordered to be printed.

Provided that such Bill has been approved by 2/3 of the total Members of the Oversight Standing Committee and recorded so with the names.
- (b) After the Bill is read the first time and ordered to be Printed, the Speaker shall refer such Bill to the Cabinet of Ministers and no further proceedings shall be taken until the Cabinet of Ministers submits a Report to Parliament.
- (c) After the Cabinet of Ministers have submitted a Report to Parliament or after the expiry of two months from the date the Bill was referred to the Cabinet of Ministers, the Bill shall be set down for Second Reading.

13. (a) Every Standing Committee shall be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and shall submit Reports containing their opinions and observations together with the minutes of evidence taken before them to Parliament.
- (b) A reservation by any member of a Standing Committee may be attached to any Report of such Committee.

14. (a) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion to Parliament within 3 months of such report being tabled in Parliament.
- (b) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee is a non-legislation report, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion within 2 months of the Report being tabled in Parliament. Such Report shall not be taken up for consideration by Parliament.

15. Whenever any agency, association, officer or person is required to maintain confidentiality or secrecy under any law the relevant Standing Committee shall act in accordance with such law.
16. (a) Any Regulation pertaining to Public Security made under Article 155 of the Constitution shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal and Women's Affairs for report. Whenever the short title of a Regulation refers to specific subjects coming under the jurisdiction of another Committee, the Speaker shall refer such Regulation to such Standing Committee in accordance with paragraph 4(c)(ii).
(b) Paragraph 7 shall not apply to reference made under sub paragraph (a).
17. Any Oversight Standing Committee may after obtaining the permission of the Speaker confer with one or more other Standing Committees.
18. The Secretary to the Minister of Finance and the Director Budget and the Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the Public Finance Committee of the transfer of any appropriations and the transfer of unexpended balance.
19. Jurisdiction shall mean Legislative Oversight Jurisdiction and include jurisdiction over subordinate Legislation.
The Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the relevant Oversight Committee of any transfer of appropriation and the transfer of any unexpended balance.
20. Paragraph 8(a) and (f)(ii) shall apply to Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises.

** Indicates Government Business*
