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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0508/'10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development,— (3)

(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?

0905/'10

2.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (5)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) permanent appointments were granted in two phases (under P.A. circular No. 13/2005 and 21/2006) for a group of English teachers who have been serving continuously on contract basis in the Eastern Province for a period of over five years ; and
- (ii) even though some out of the aforesaid group of teachers have been granted appointments with effect from 28/07/2005 in terms of the above mentioned P.A. circulars, as per the instruction given in the letter of the Secretary to the Ministry of Education bearing No. ED/2/29/4/1/46 and dated 19/07/2005, a group of about 50 teachers who have been serving continuously on contract basis from 2003 - 2004 have not been granted permanent appointments up to now?

(2)

- (b) Will he state whether steps will be taken without delay—
- (i) to grant permanent appointments to such teachers serving in schools that belong to the Educational zones of Ampara, Akkaraipattu and Sammanthurai in Ampara district ; and
 - (ii) to grant permanent appointments to such teachers serving in schools that belong to the educational zones of Paddirippu, Kalkudah and Batticaloa in Batticaloa district?
- (c) If not, why ?

0931/'10

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a group of teachers have been serving on voluntary basis for nearly ten years by now in schools in the Southern Province without receiving any payment for their work?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately of the names of teachers who serve in the above mentioned manner and the number of such teachers at educational zone level ;
 - (ii) of the subjects for which those teachers were recruited; and
 - (iii) the methodology adopted for recruiting them ?
- (c) Will he admit that the voluntary teachers who served in other Provinces of the island have been absorbed to the Teachers' Service ?
- (d) If so, will he state —
 - (i) whether action will be taken to absorb the voluntary teachers in the Southern Province into the Teachers' Service; and
 - (ii) the period of time taken for it ?
- (e) If not, why ?

0960/'10

4.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government or any other institution has imported or installed an equipment system to listen to the conversations taking place across the telephone networks used in Sri Lanka or to record them ;
 - (ii) if so, the value of it ;
 - (iii) the number of telephones that are covered by the aforesaid system ; and
 - (iv) the aim of importing such an equipment system?
- (b) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Resettlement on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
 - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?
- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

1302/11

6.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that the four vehicles bearing numbers 65-1990, 32-7394, 32-7393 and 65-1986 that belong to the Bank of Ceylon have been given to the Ministry of Finance and Planning on rent basis for a monthly rental of Rs. 25,000/= per vehicle?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the relevant rentals for the aforesaid vehicles have been paid to the Bank of Ceylon by the Ministry of Finance and Planning from 09/10/2009 up to now ;
 - (ii) whether compensation has been paid to the Bank of Ceylon in respect of the vehicle bearing number 65-1986 that has involved in a crash ; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money that has been paid?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to give back the two vehicles bearing numbers 65-1990 and 32-7393 to the Bank of Ceylon ; and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the two vehicles will be given back to the Bank of Ceylon?
- (d) If not, why ?

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) there was a teacher transfer policy which was implemented through a Teacher Transfer Board under the previous governments;
 - (ii) that Teacher Transfer Board functioned under a Director appointed under the Additional Secretary for Education Development ;
 - (iii) the Teacher Transfer Division functions under the Additional Secretary in charge of the Teacher Establishments Division at present;
 - (iv) a director in charge of the above mentioned Teacher Transfer Board has not yet been appointed; and
 - (v) the composition of the officials required for the implementation of the Teacher Transfer Policy of the line Ministry has not been set ?
- (b) Will he state whether a proper programme will be formulated to effect teacher transfers, by setting the composition of the officials of the Teacher Transfer Board and making it functional ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0956/10

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Mrs. Shanthi Premarathna who was residing at No. 35B, Sumanasara Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara in Matara Divisional Secretariat Division, went to Saudi Arabia on 19.11.2007 for employment;
 - (ii) no information of her has been received so far, eventhough three years have elapsed by now; and
 - (iii) eventhough her husband, Mr. Susil Premarathna, has complained to the Bureau of Foreign Employment in Matara in this respect, no response has been received up to now ?
- (b) Will he state —
- (i) whether measures will be taken to enquire about Mrs. Shanthi Premarathna and have her brought back to Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) if so, the timeframe required for that ?
- (c) If not, why ?

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the amount of money received as aid for the Rural Community Water Supply Schemes Project, operative under World Bank aid ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of water supply schemes completed under that project;
 - (ii) separately, the Grama Niladhari Divisions where the completed water supply schemes are located and the relevant Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iii) the number of water supply schemes started under the aforesaid project but not completed yet;
 - (iv) separately, the Grama Niladhari Divisions where the water supply schemes that have not been completed are located and the relevant Divisional Secretariat Divisions; and
 - (v) the date on which the rural community water supply schemes project will be completed ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1230/11

10.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Agrarian Services and Wildlife on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
 - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?
- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state in this House —
 - (i) the number of advisors who have been recruited to the Bank of Ceylon during the period from January 2nd, 2009 to December 31st, 2010;
 - (ii) whether the approval of the Ministry of Finance and Planning has been obtained to recruit advisors as mentioned above ;
 - (iii) the qualifications relevant to the recruitment of persons to the post of advisor ;
 - (iv) the monthly salary, allowances and other facilities provided to a person who has been recruited to the post of advisor ; and
 - (v) the names and addresses of the advisors who have been recruited as mentioned above?
- (b) If not, why ?

0752/10

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of diploma holders of Colleges of Education, who have completed their internship training period by December 2009?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the aforesaid diploma holders have not yet been granted teaching appointments ; and
 - (ii) the approval for giving teaching appointments to the aforesaid diploma holders has not yet been granted by the Management Services Department?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to grant teaching appointments to the aforesaid diploma holders ; and
 - (ii) if so, the period of time within which it will be done?
- (d) If not, why?

13.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the road from Godamaga junction to Welthota in Thihagoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara district has become badly dilapidated due to lack of repair for several years ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the institution under which that road comes;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made to repair that road to be suitable for transportation;
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which repair work will be commenced and the proposed date by which that work is to be completed ?
- (c) Will he state —
 - (i) the amount estimated for the development of that road;
 - (ii) whether that amount has been allocated by now ?
- (d) If not, why?

1042/10

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the year in which Lanka Puthra Development Bank was established;
 - (ii) the amount of money spent by the government in establishing the aforesaid bank in millions ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of loans exceeding five million rupees granted by Lanka Puthra Development Bank since the date of its inception until December 2010;
 - (ii) the names of individuals and institutions for whom such loans were granted;
 - (iii) separately, the number of non performing loans out of the loans granted to individuals and institutions;
 - (iv) the percentage of the above mentioned non performing loans of the aforesaid bank; and
 - (v) the percentage of non performing loans of Bank of Ceylon, People's Bank and National Savings Bank in the year 2010?
- (c) If not, why ?

15.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Disaster Management on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
 - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?
- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Minister of Economic Development,— Order under the Strategic Development Projects Act,— That the Order under subsection (4) of Section 3 of the Strategic Development Projects Act, No. 14 of 2008, made by the Minister of Economic Development, in consultation with the Minister to whom the subject of Power and Energy has been assigned, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1703/46 of April 29th, 2011, which were presented on 20.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*2.

The Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,— Order under the State Industrial Corporation Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the State Industrial Corporation Act, No. 49 of 1957, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1712/21 of June 30th, 2011 amending the item (V) of the Order made under Section 2 of the said Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 14186 of October 01st, 1964, which was presented on 19.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*3.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under subsection (3) of the Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011, relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1703/1 of April 25th, 2011, which was presented on 22.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*4.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No.1),— 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. 1702/19 of April 21st, 2011, which was presented on 22.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*5.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 2),— 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. 1706/3 of May 16th, 2011, which was presented on 22.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

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 with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Planning, 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. 1695/31 of March 04th 2011, which was presented on 22.07.2011, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

Local Authorities (Special Provisions) Bill — Committee.

*8.

Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Bill — Committee.

*9.

Employees' Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*10.

Overseas Employees Pension Benefits Fund Bill — Second Reading.

*11.

Pensions (Consequential Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.

*12.

Employees' Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

*13.

Finance Business Bill — Second Reading.

*14.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Regulations under the Tea Small Holdings Development Law,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Plantation Industries under Section 22, read with Section 15 of the Tea Small Holdings Development Law, No. 35 of 1975, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1701/1 of April 11th, 2001, which were presented on 13.07.2011, be approved.

*15.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation 2008,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation together with the Auditor-General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2008 and presented on 11.06.2010 under Section 30(2) of the 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 Health.)

*16.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardanapura General Hospital 2008,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardanapura General Hospital together with the Auditor-General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2008 and presented on 23.09.2010 under Section 30(2) of the 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 Health.)

*17.

The Minister of Technology and Research,— Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute 2008,— That the Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Institute together with the Auditor General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2008 and presented on 03.12.2010 under Section 40(3) of the 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.)

*18.

The Minister of Power and Energy,—Annual Report of the Atomic Energy Authority 2008,— That the Annual Report of the Atomic Energy Authority with the Auditor-General's observations for the year ended 31.12.2008 and presented on 30.06.2010 under the Section 34 of the Atomic Energy Authority Act, No. 19 of 1969 and Section 14(3) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Power and Energy.)

*19.

The Minister of Plantation Industries,— Regulations under the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law,— That the Regulations made by the Sri Lanka Tea Board under Section 25 of the Sri Lanka Tea Board Law, No. 14 of 1975 read with Sections 5B and 5C of this Act, and approved by the Minister of Plantation Industries, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1677/14 of October 27th, 2010, which were presented on 04.01.2011, be approved.

*20.

The Minister of Lands and Land Development,— Regulations under the Registration of Title Act,— That the Regulations made by the 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 August 24th, 2009, which were presented on 06.05.2010, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*21.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Excise Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance and Planning, under Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52), related to Serving of Standard Liquor in Hotels approved by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1689/20 of January 21st, 2011, which was presented on 10.02.2011, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 935.)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

22.

Sri Lanka Women's Conference (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

23.

Buddhist Cultural Centre of Nedimala, Dehiwala (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, August 10, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0754/10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of principals in the Sri Lanka Principals' Service ; and
- (ii) the number of principals who have been appointed as acting principals and are currently servicing in schools due to the shortage of principals in the Principals' Service?

- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) according to the Principals' Service Minute, the cadre of the Principals' Service should be counted on first of June and first of January every year ;
 - (ii) the promotions in the Principals' Service have not been granted on due dates during the period of nearly past 15 years ; and
 - (iii) the Principals' Service minute can be implemented without appointing acting principals, if the cadre of the Principals' Service is counted as mentioned in (b)(i) and vacancies are filled in the proper manner ?
- (c) Will he state whether action will be taken in accordance with the Principals' Service Minute in the future?
- (d) If not, why?

0938/'10

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the steps that have been taken by the government to promote information technology and computer education in schools in the Matara district;
 - (ii) the amount of money that has been allocated for the aforesaid purpose from the year 2005 up to now;
 - (iii) the number of schools where there are computer centres in Matara district; and
 - (iv) the names and addresses of those schools?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether plans have been drawn to start new computer centres at schools in the Matara district in the coming year;
 - (ii) if so, the names and addresses of the schools in which computer centres will be started under the above mentioned plans;
 - (iii) of the amount of money that has been allocated for the aforesaid purpose; and
 - (iv) of the dates on which the aforesaid computer centres are due to be started ?
- (c) If not, why?

0961/'10

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total number of students who have passed the year 5 scholarship examination and receive the grants at present ;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid monthly as grants to each student who is entitled to grants ; and
 - (iii) the number of months in a year for which the grants are paid and the number of years for which the grants are paid to each student?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether a definite date in a month has been fixed for the payment of grants ;
 - (ii) if so, the date fixed for the payment ; and
 - (iii) the date and the periods of time that were fixed for each month of the year 2010 for the purpose of paying grants?
- (c) Will he admit that—
- (i) grants have not been paid properly according to the fixed periods of time in the year 2010 ; and
 - (ii) as a result, a situation under which the students of low income families who receive grants cannot pursue their educational activities properly has arisen?
- (d) If not, why?

1050/10

4.

Hon. Mohamed Aslam ,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Will he admit that in respect of the applications called by the Ministry of Education of the Central Province as per the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 25.10.2006 and the instructions given through the letter bearing ED/2/20/4/1/47 උප and dated 10/02/2007 of the Ministry of Education with relevance to the appointment of voluntary teachers as teacher assistants, 61 persons were found to have qualifications out of the candidates who came from the Katugastota, Gampola, Teldeniya, Wattagama, Denuwara and Kandy educational zones of the Kandy District ?
- (b) Is he aware that —
- (i) the Education Secretary of the Central Province has been ordered to grant them the posts of teacher assistants through the letter ED/2/29/4/1/47 List and dated 08/09/2008 of the Secretary of the Ministry of Education;
 - (ii) instead of granting the said appointments, only the letters have been sent up to now by the Education Secretary under No (ED/1/20/6/24) on 10.02.2010 assigning them to the relevant centers for teacher training; and
 - (iii) under these circumstances, the above mentioned personnel who are to receive the posts of teacher assistants continue to be in a state of despair ?
- (c) If so, will he state whether action will be taken to grant them the posts of teacher assistants ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1150/'11

5.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 68 teachers served in the Tri/Pulmude Muslim Maha Vidyalaya in year 2010;
 - (ii) 30 teachers of this school were transferred under the Teacher Transfer Policy of transferring teachers who have served in the same school for eight years;
 - (iii) seven teachers on transfers have been posted to this school; and
 - (iv) even though this school, which has a student population of over 1500, requires 72 teachers, only 42 teachers teach there at present ?
- (b) Will he inform this house whether steps will be taken to remedy the teacher shortage prevailing in the Tri/ Pulmude Muslim Maha Vidyalaya ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1165/'11

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the way in which the number of public servants increased in each year during the period from year 1980 up to February 2011; and
 - (ii) separately, the way in which the cost of living index has increased in each year during that period ?
- (b) Will he admit that the salaries of public servants have not been increased in proportionate to the rising cost of living ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1232/'11

7.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Culture and the Arts on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
 - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?
- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

8.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of holders of National Diploma in Teaching who passed out of colleges of Education and are presently engaged in Teaching ;
 - (ii) out of those Diploma holders, the number of persons who have received higher education up to the degree levels such as Bachelor of Arts, Post Graduate and Master of Arts ; and
 - (iii) whether holders of Diploma in Teaching have been placed in relevant grades of the Teachers' Service in accordance with the degrees obtained by them?
- (b) Is he aware that the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council has issued a circular to consider the holders of National Diploma in Teaching who are employed in the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council as graduates if they have obtained degrees and place them on the relevant grades of the Teachers Service?
- (c) Will he state whether arrangements will be made to grant promotions in the Teachers' Service to other holders of National Diploma in Teaching in accordance with the degrees obtained by them?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been planned to commence the activities of the project to widen the Nupe-Godagama road, which is the Matara access point of the Matara Colombo express way;
 - (ii) the date of commencement and the proposed date of completion of the project to widen the aforesaid road;
 - (iii) the total estimated amount for that; and
 - (iv) out of that amount, the money allocated for the payment of compensation to parties who will lose their properties as a result of the implementation of the above project ?

- (b) Will he state —
- (i) the country or institution that provide loans or aid for the implementation of this project;
 - (ii) the total amount of money received as loans or aid for the project;
 - (iii) if it is a loan, the period of time within which it has to be paid back; and
 - (iv) the rate of interest charged on it ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1043/10

10.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether the Deputy Editor of the Dinamina newspaper, Mr. Ranjith Padmasiri was interdicted on 29th October, 2010; and
 - (ii) if so, the charges against him ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the charge against Mr. Ranjith Padmasiri was the publication of a news item titled “President appeals to Supreme Court to dismiss Fonseka’s petition without trial” ?
- (c) Will he state as to what action has been taken with regard to his interdiction by now ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1233/11

11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Coconut Development and Janatha Estate Development on the ‘Deyata kirula’ exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
 - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?
- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

12.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total extent of land acquired for the purpose of widening the Nupe-Godagama road which is the Matara access point of the Matara - Colombo expressway;
 - (ii) separately, the number of permanent residences and places of business that will be lost owing to the widening of the aforesaid road; and
 - (iii) separately, the names and addresses of those who will lose lands and other properties along with the amount of compensation agreed to be paid to each person ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the amount of money paid in respect of a perch of land in the Urban Council and Pradeshiya Sabha limits, at the payment of compensation;
 - (ii) separately of the amount of money paid in respect of a perch of land that will be lost in waste-lands and marshy lands, at the payment of compensation; and
 - (iii) whether the amount paid as compensation in respect of lands and property that will be lost, is sufficient in comparison to the prices of property in the current market ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1023/'10

13.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state whether the current system adopted in Sri Lanka to calculate inflation is satisfactory ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the measures that are currently being taken by the government to control inflation ; and
 - (ii) whether those measures control the inflation substantially ?
- (c) If not, why ?

14.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the date on which the vehicle emission testing was started by the government ;
- (ii) separately, the number of vehicles tested from the aforesaid date upto December 2010 and the income received through that, on annual basis;
- (iii) separately, the places established for vehicle emission testing within each district of the island; and
- (iv) separately, the number of vehicles withdrawn from running in Sri Lanka after vehicle emission testing, in terms of each type of vehicle ?

(b) If not, why ?

15.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment promotion and Welfare,—(1)

(a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Foreign Employment promotion and Welfare on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
- (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
- (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?

(c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?

(d) If not, why?

Thursday, August 11, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0860/10

1.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (5)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme to provide meals to school children is implemented by the Ministry of Education;
 - (ii) separately, of the number of schools in which this programme is implemented and their names at the District and Education Zone level;
 - (iii) of the names of the local or foreign organizations that provide funds for this programme;
 - (iv) of the amount of money allocated for each student per day and the type of the meal provided under this programme; and
 - (v) of the manner in which the programme is implemented at school level?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) the payments due to the suppliers of the meals have not been made properly in many Education zones in which meals are provided under the aforesaid programme; and
 - (ii) an injustice has been caused to the suppliers of meals due to the non-payment of the monies that are due to them and as a result, the programme for providing meals to school children has been hampered?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) The month for which these suppliers of meals have been paid last; and
 - (ii) separately, the amount of money that has been paid to them as arrears by now, at District and Education zone level?
- (d) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice,— (5)

- (a) Will he state separately, the total income of the Sri Lanka Law College in the years, 2007, 2008 and 2009?
- (b) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the amount of money levied as lecture fees ;
 - (ii) the amount of money levied as the fees for application forms for the Law College Entrance Examination ;
 - (iii) the amount of money levied as examination fees in respect of the aforesaid examination ;
 - (iv) the income received by the Sri Lanka Law College through other sources ; and
 - (v) the expenditure of the Law College ;in each of the above mentioned years?
- (c) Will he inform this House ;
 - (i) of the steps taken to regularize the financial management of the Sri Lanka Law College ; and
 - (ii) whether the activities of the Sri Lanka Law College can not be conducted without increasing the lecture fees as mentioned in the Performance Report of the Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms for the year 2009?
- (d) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state the names of the countries that provided machinery for the development activities in the North and the East in the aftermath of the war?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the types of machinery provided by each country and the monetary value of each piece of machinery ; and
 - (ii) whether each of those pieces of machinery has been provided in the form of a donation, aid or a purchase?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions that have been provided with the aforesaid machinery ; and
 - (ii) the types of machinery that have been provided for each division?
- (d) If not, why?

0977/10

4.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (5)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of schools administered by the provincial councils and the central government which have been identified by the Ministry of Education as schools which are lacking in facilities ;
- (ii) separately, the number of Muslim schools and Estate schools out of those schools ; and
- (iii) separately, at the district level the programmes which will be implemented for the development of the aforesaid schools?

(b) If not, why?

1026/10

5.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, the amount of money received by Sri Lanka as foreign investments in the years 2008, 2009 and 2010; and
- (ii) whether Sri Lanka has received adequate foreign investments in those years ?

(b) If not, why?

1073/11

6.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) subjects such as carpentry, metal work, pottery, weaving, masonry and radio technology were taught under the Colombo Plan with the aim of improving technical knowledge of students of the government schools;
- (ii) these subjects have now been integrated and an integrated subject known as Design and Technology has been introduced;
- (iii) there is a severe shortage of teachers to teach the aforesaid subject even though the said subject was introduced to schools; and
- (iv) the teachers who teach the aforesaid subject are not provided with proper training at present ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to recruit new teachers for the subject of Design and Technology;
 - (ii) if so, the period of time to be taken for this purpose; and
 - (iii) whether provisions have been allocated for this purpose from the budget of 2011?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether plans have been made to provide systematic training to those teachers for the teaching of the new subject; and
 - (ii) if so, the dates on which such training workshops will be organized ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1235/11

7.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Minor Exports Crop Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Minor Exports Crop Promotion on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
 - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?
- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

1027/10

8.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total number of students who study at the government schools in Sri Lanka; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to provide a mid-day meal to this student population on all the days on which schools are conducted ?
- (b) If not, why ?

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the amount of money spent by the government monthly to provide the mid-day meal at government schools ;
 - (ii) whether action has been taken to suspend the provision of mid-day meal at schools ;
 - (iii) if so, the reasons for it ; and
 - (iv) the measures that will be taken on behalf the school children who become destitute as a result of suspending the provision of mid-day meal?
- (b) If not, why ?

1074/'11

10.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of depots that belong to the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) the total number of buses that belong to those depots;
 - (iii) whether that number of buses are sufficient to maintain an efficient passenger transport service; and
 - (iv) whether there is a plan to purchase new buses and deploy them for passenger transport ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of buses expected to be purchased, if a decision has been taken to purchase new buses for the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) whether those buses are purchased for cash;
 - (iii) if not, whether they are purchased under a loan scheme;
 - (iv) the name of the credit agency, if the buses are purchased on credit;
 - (v) the stipulated date for the completion of the payment of that loan; and
 - (vi) the rate of interest charged on it ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1236/11

11.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Agriculture on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
 - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?
- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

1028/10

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the nutrition level of the students studying in government schools in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the percentage of the students who are suffering from malnutrition out of the aforesaid number of school children;
 - (iii) the courses of action taken by the government to eradicate malnutrition in school children; and
 - (iv) whether those courses of action are adequate to eradicate malnutrition in school children ?
- (b) If not, why?

1053/10

13.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of civilians who died due to unidentified attacks in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces from the day that the war ended up to the end of the year 2010;
 - (ii) whether the reasons for those killings have been disclosed; and
 - (iii) if so, what they are ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number out of the aforesaid killings with respect to which after investigations were held;
 - (ii) of the number of killings that have not been dealt with in that manner ; and
 - (iii) the reasons for the failure to disclose full details of those killings ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1076/'11

14.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a large number of acting principals are working in government schools in the island at present ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to absorb them to the Principals' Service;
 - (ii) the methodology used for it;
 - (iii) the methodology used previously for the absorption of acting principals to the Principals' Service;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to absorb the persons acting as principals to the Principals' Service following that methodology; and
 - (v) if so the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1237/'11

15.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Private Transport Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Private Transport Services on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
 - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?

- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

Friday, August 12, 2011

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1034/10

1.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of women in the Eastern Province who have been widowed due to the war that prevailed in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the welfare projects implemented with government intervention on behalf of these women;
 - (iii) whether the welfare projects operative at present are sufficient to provide relief to the aforesaid widows ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1054/10

2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the number of Members of Parliament who have been appointed as supervisory Members of Parliament;
 - (ii) their names;
 - (iii) the reasons that led to the appointment of Supervisory Members of Parliament;
 - (iv) the allowances and benefits received by them;
 - (v) the number of employees provided to a Supervisory Member of Parliament in addition to the staff given to an ordinary Member of Parliament ?
- (b) If not, why ?

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that through increasing the number of children inclined towards Dhamma school education, a younger generation with more ethical and religious inclination will be added to the society ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has allocated a sufficient amount of money for the development of Dhamma Schools;
 - (ii) whether arrangements have been made to provide a uniform for Dhamma school students;
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to provide some allowance for Dhamma school teachers ;
 - (iv) if so, the date on which that will be done ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1238/11

4.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Labour and Labour Relations on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
 - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?
- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

5.

Hon. Tissa Attanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

(a) Will he admit that—

- (i) a limited competitive examination was held to recruit to the post of Sri Lanka Planning Service II/II as per the Gazette Notification dated 31.08.2007 and a limited competitive examination was held to recruit to the said post on the supernumerary basis as per the Gazette Notification dated 29.08.2008;
- (ii) the Coordinating Officers of the Divisional Secretariats engaged in planning activities passed the limited competitive examination and were recruited to the service;
- (iii) the Development Coordinating Officers serving in the Divisional Secretariats who passed the limited competitive examination for the recruitment of supernumerary basis were not recruited but only the Development Officers with similar qualification and seniority were recruited to the said post; and
- (iv) as a result, a serious injustice has been caused to the Development Coordinators who have been denied the opportunity of entering the Planning Service?

(b) If so, will he state—

- (i) the date on which the Development Coordinators, who sat the competitive examination for the recruitment on the supernumerary basis and faced the interviews will be recruited to the above post; and
- (ii) whether a promotion procedure will be drafted for Development Coordinating Officers?

(c) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) at present, a secondary section has been started affiliated to Sirimavo Bandaranayake Model Primary School of Matale which was started in 2001; and
- (ii) there is confusion among the parents regarding that secondary section?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a detailed report about the three-storey building constructed for the secondary section of that school will be submitted;
 - (ii) of the total amount spent on the construction of that building;
 - (iii) whether construction of that building has been completed by now; and
 - (iv) of the distance between the primary section and the secondary section?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) separately, the amounts spent on the construction of the bridge and the flight of steps of the access road constructed between these two sections and for concreting that road; and
 - (ii) whether the construction of that road is up to the expected standard?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it has been proposed to call the secondary section of that school by a different name;
 - (ii) if so, what that name is;
 - (iii) whether the location of that secondary section is sufficiently safe for the children?
- (e) If not, why?

1035/'10

7.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of women in the Northern Province who have been widowed due to the war that prevailed in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the welfare projects implemented with government intervention on behalf of these women;
 - (iii) whether the welfare projects operative at present are sufficient to provide relief to the aforesaid widows ?
- (b) If not, why ?

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of candidates who sat for the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination held in 2010;
 - (ii) whether there were examination centres where question papers could not be given at the scheduled time or question papers were in short supply;
 - (iii) If so, the number of students who were subjected to injustice owing to such a situation ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the course of action to be initiated in relation to the breach of students' rights as mentioned in (a) (ii), at the above examination ;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to prevent the aforesaid types of mishaps which occur at examinations of national importance every year, permanently ?
- (c) If not, why ?

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of National Languages and Social Integration,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that through the provision of facilities for the Tamil people of the North and the East to learn the Sinhala language and for the Sinhala people in the South to learn the Tamil language, communication between those communities could be further facilitated ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a system for teaching these two languages in the North and the South has been formulated;
 - (ii) if so, what that system is;
 - (iii) if teaching languages under that system is to be started, the date on which it would be started ?
- (c) If not, why ?

10.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Social Services on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
 - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?
- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

1378/11

11.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) officers of Grade 1 of the Sri Lanka Principals Service should be appointed for the post of Principal of C type schools ;
 - (ii) in the absence of such officers, an officer of Grade 2 of the Principals Service should be appointed ; and
 - (iii) despite that fact, persons of the Teachers Service have been appointed to some C type schools in Matale Education Zone to cover the duties of the post of Principal?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he approves the appointment of a person of the Teachers Service to cover the duties of the post of Principal of C type schools ;
 - (ii) if not, of the steps that will be taken with respect to such an appointment ; and
 - (iii) of the basis on which the appointments mentioned in (a) (iii) have been made?
- (c) Is he aware that Mrs. R.M.U.S.S. Rajakaruna, an officer of Grade 1 of the Principal Service, has been attached to Matale Education Office without allocating a school?
- (d) If so, will he inform this House of the steps that will be taken to do the justice to the aforesaid Principal?
- (e) If not, why ?

1040/'10

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the measures taken by the government to alleviate poverty in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the number of families covered through those measures; and
 - (iii) whether the targets set for alleviating poverty have been successfully achieved through the programmes implemented by the present government?
- (b) If not, why ?

1091/'11

13.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of families whose monthly Samurdhi assistance is less than Rs 1000/- ;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated for Samurdhi assistance in year 2010;
 - (iii) the amount of money allocated for Samurdhi assistance in year 2011 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether, as stated the Mahinda Chinthana—
 - (i) the Samurdhi assistance of all those families that received less than Rs 1000/- has been increased up to Rs 1000/- ;
 - (ii) arrangements are made to provide each family with children below 3 years of age with a supplementary assistance of Rs 1500/- ; and
 - (iii) arrangements are made to provide each Samurdhi family unit with a loan upto Rs 100,000/- in order to provide the required capital for running a business or engaging in an occupation ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1240/'11

14.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state the total amount of money spent by the Ministry of Lands and Land Development on the 'Deyata kirula' exhibition in 2011?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) separately, the expenditure borne by each institution and department of the Ministry on that exhibition;
 - (ii) the functions carried out by those institutions and departments; and
 - (iii) separately, the amount of money spent on each of those functions?

- (c) Will he state the Head of Expenditure of the Ministry out of which funds were allocated from the last Budget for the above mentioned expenses?
- (d) If not, why?

1272/11

15.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) applications were called from Aesthetic graduates to fill 3174 vacancies for Aesthetic teachers in the provincial and National schools throughout the island in 2009 and 2010; and
 - (ii) interviews have been conducted on the results of the written test held accordingly ?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the total number of Aesthetic graduates who have been appointed upon the above mentioned written test and the interview, so far ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the remaining aesthetic graduates will be recruited as Aesthetic teachers, if graduates have not been recruited to fill all existing vacancies for aesthetic teachers; and
 - (ii) whether allocations have been set a side for that ?
- (d) If not, why ?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

P.7/10

1.

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

2.

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

3.

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

4.

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

5.

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

6.

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

7.

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

8.

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

9.

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

10.

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

11.

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

12.

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

13.

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

14.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of 1% return for employees in relation to inflation,— That this Parliament resolves that the Employees' 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

15.

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

16.

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

17.

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

18.

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

19.

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

20.

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

21.

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

22.

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

23.

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

24.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Refund of Employees' 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

25.

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 Authority.

P.32/' 10

26.

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

27.

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.42/' 10

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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.

P.46/10

32.

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.

P.47/10

33.

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

34.

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.

P.49/10

35.

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

P.50/10

36.

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.

P.51/10

37.

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 is an important centre of the tourism industry, has a historical and archaeological value and is 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.54/10

38.

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.

P.55/10

39.

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.

P.56/10

40.

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

41.

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 a list that gets updated only for 30 days of a month in the year.

P.59/10

42.

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

43.

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

44.

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

45.

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

46.

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

47.

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

48.

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

P.71/'103

49.

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.

P.72/'10

50.

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 be prepared as the dignity and recognition bestowed upon this office deteriorate as a result of granting Justice of the Peace appointments that are recognized by society and provide an immense service to society without accepted criteria.

P.74/'10

51.

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.

P.75/'10

52.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a national policy for home base workers,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper national policy on nearly one million home base workers 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.

P.76/'10

53.

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 paddy lands 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.

P.77/10

54.

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.

P.78/10

55.

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.

P.79/10

56.

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.

P.80/10

57.

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.

P. 81/10

58.

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.

P. 82/10

59.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Re-organizing the Public Administration Structure,— That this Parliament resolves since the Ministry of Public Administration is in the process of re-demarcating 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 re-demarcated 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.

P. 83/10

60.

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.

P.84/10

61.

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 of the 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 Peoples Representatives even beyond their terms of office.

P.85/10

62.

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.

P.86/10

63.

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

64.

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.

P 88/10

65.

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.

P. 89/10

66.

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.

P. 90/10

67.

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.

P.91/10

68.

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 employees 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.

P.92/10

69.

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.

P.93/10

70.

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.

P. 94/10

71.

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.

P. 95/10

72.

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.

P. 96/10

73.

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.

P.98/'10

74.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing Committees on Ethics,— That this Parliament resolves that a Committee on Ethics should be established to look into the matters connected with the maintaining of credibility and good ethical conduct of the Members of Parliament in Sri Lanka.

P.99/'10

75.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Issuing a new electronic Identity Card,— That this Parliament resolves that a National Identity Card with a new electronic number and containing important and necessary details about the relevant individual such as blood group , bank account number, credit card number, educational qualifications, driving licence number and passport number, be issued to facilitate administration and suppression of crimes and other fraudulent activities and that information of all residents of Divisional Secretariat Divisions be computerized early at Grama Niladhari Division level and those information be updated from time to time.

P.100/'10

76.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Option of retirement after a 20 year period of service for male Police Officers,— That this Parliament resolves that the option of voluntary retirement available for female Police Officers after the completion of 20 year period of service shall be made applicable to the male Police Officers as well, and a scheme shall be formulated for this purpose.

P.101/'10

77.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting up committees for repealing regulations,— That this Parliament resolves that committees to look into the possibility of repealing redundant regulations shall be set up since the formulation of regulations as well as the repealing of regulations is an ongoing process.

P.102/'10

78.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Confirmation in service of officers of the Civil Defence Force,— This House resolves that the officers attached to the Civil Defence Force be made entitled to salaries, allowances, permanency of service and pensions enjoyed by the officers in other armed forces along with accepted official status as in the other Government Departments.

P.103/'10

79.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Assurance Committees,— That this Parliament moves that committees be established to ensure that the Government fulfills its' responsibilities as there are occasions when the Government fails to meet the assurances given in response to questions raised in Parliament and the obligations of the Government.

P.104/'10

80.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— Encouraging the cultivation of Palmyra,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to encourage the cultivation of Palmyra known as “Katpagatharu” which is very useful for the public and to promote productions related to Palmyra .

P.105/'10

81.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Enhancing the productivity of the lands owned by the Department of Railways,— That this Parliament resolves that the income received by the Department be enhanced by removing speedily the unauthorized constructions and occupants from the lands owned by the Department of Railways and by reviewing the agreements regarding authorized constructions and that the lands that do not affect development work of the Department directly be provided to the private sector on long-term lease and funds thus obtained be utilized for modernization of the Railway Network.

P.108/'10

82.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a scheme to protect the lives of the beggars,— That this Parliament resolves that lands for cultivation be provided to beggars and their safety of life and nourishment be ensured through the income received from such lands, as there is a serious threat to the lives of the beggars at present.

P.109/'10

83.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a system to prevent the harm caused by stray dogs to human lives,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should formulate a system to allocate a portion of land for the purpose of confining stray dogs and caring for them with a view to preventing the harm caused by them to human lives.

P.110/'10

84.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Imposing severe punishment for cases of child abuse,— That this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to expedite the hearing of cases of child abuse by passing new rules and regulations, if the existing rules and regulations in that respect are not sufficient as a situation has arisen where child abuse increases speedily day by day, throughout the Island.

P.111/'10

85.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing beach access roads for the promotion of tourism,— Since the obstruction caused to local and foreign tourists and fishermen in accessing the coastal belt as a result of constructions going on apace within the coastal zone of the Island has hindered the promotion of tourism as well as the fisheries industry, that this Parliament resolves that a beach access road network should be established with a view to preventing this situation and to promote these industries.

P.112/'10

86.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Rectifying the salary anomalies of the officers in the Education Administrative Service,— That this Parliament resolves that since there exist a salary anomaly in Principals' Service, Teacher Education Service and Education Administrative Service, a methodology should be formulated to rectify the aforesaid situation enabling them to receive a salary which is sufficient to maintain their dignity.

P.113/'10

87.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promoting Buddhist Bhikku Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a system should be formulated to establish separate Bhikku Education Institutions specially meant for improving Buddhist Monks' oratorical skills, listening skills, computer literacy and their knowledge on psychology and counseling, in addition to the existing Bhikku Education Institutions, with a view to promoting their knowledge on Dhamma.

P.114/'10

88.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the Notary Service operative in Sri Lanka at present,— Since the Notary Service operative in the Island at present has been based on obsolete laws, this Parliament resolves that this service has to be reconsidered and laws have to be introduced to suit the present situation in the country.

P.115/'10

89.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Strengthening the economy of the chena cultivators in the dry zone,— That this House resolves that Co-operative Societies Limited be set up in order to increase the yield of crops such as paddy, kurakkan, green gram and gingelly cultivated by the chena cultivators in the dry zone, process products of high quality through the introduction of new technology to process products, and strengthen the base in the local and international markets to sell those products.

P.116/'10

90.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Teacher Advisor Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Teacher Instructor posts which was initiated nearly 20 years ago with the objective of ensuring quality development in education in Sri Lanka, and has been in operation ever since, be established as a separate Teacher Advisor Service unit.

P.117/'10

91.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Conferring the power of subdivision on the Government grant lands against which bans of sub division have been issued, to Divisional Secretaries,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary Laws be introduced to confer the power of sub division on the Divisional Secretaries by minimizing the current lengthy process operating through the Provincial Commissioner, Commissioner of Lands and the Presidential Secretariat when needs of sub division arise in order to ensure the rights of the second generation of original recipient of land and to effect development activities on their houses, lands, although sub division of Government grant lands on permits such as Jayabhumi, Swarnabhumi and Rathnabhumi is banned.

P.118/10

92.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing new technology to popularize rice flour instead of wheat flour among the public,— That this Parliament resolves that with the aim of retaining the huge amount of wealth drained from this country to foreign countries on wheat flour, to popularize food prepared with rice flour which could be used as a substitute, and to grind rice which is a fibrous type of grain more finely similar to the consistency of wheat flour, machinery and new technology of the type used to grind wheat flour be introduced.

P.119/10

93.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to those who have become disabled due to the war,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to provide some monthly allowance for those disabled due to war, as a considerable number out of those who earned a living as laborers and those who were engaged in permanent jobs have become deformed and disabled due to the war that existed for a period of nearly 30 years and live helplessly burdened by the cost of living.

P.120/10

94.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing a transport allowance for all V.I.P security personnel,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to pay an equal amount as a transport allowance to the officials engaged in Presidential security service, Prime Minister's security service as well as other V.I.P security services

P.122/11

95.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Reducing the difference that exists between the interest paid and the interest charged by the state banks,— That this Parliament resolves that steps be taken to reduce the difference that exists between the interest charged and the interest paid, in order to extend a helping hand to the public and the small scale businessmen and encourage them as the interest rate paid by state banks for ordinary savings deposits remains at 4 % to 4.5 % and the interest rate paid for fixed deposits remains around 8 % while the interest rate charged by the banks for housing, business and agricultural loans etc. stands at 12 % to 13 %.

P.123/11

96.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Providing an allowance in appraisal of graduate Grama Niladharis,— That this parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to grant a pay hike or an allowance to graduate Grama Niladharis in appraisal of their graduate qualifications as no consideration has been paid to that qualification so far even though about 30 % to 40 % of the Grama Niladharis currently in service have acquired graduate qualifications despite the fact that these Grama Niladharis who serve to provide public service to the people at village level have been recruited on the marks scored at a competitive examination that they faced post G.C.E. (A/L) qualifying.

P.124/'11

97.

Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga,— Banning the publication of the image of Lord Buddha in daily news papers and periodicals excluding academic publications,— That this Parliament resolves that legislation necessary for banning the publication of the images of Lord Buddha and images of Buddha Statues in daily news papers, periodicals and other pamphlets other than academic publications in future be introduced, as images of Lord Buddha and images of Buddha Statues are printed in daily news papers and periodicals without any restraint and extensively and as it is an insult to Lord Buddha to use such paper as wrapping for various items and for other inappropriate activities and also in consideration of the commemoration of the 2600th Buddha Jayanthi.

P.126/'11

98.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A.H.M. Azwer,— Establishment of a “Sister School Programme” for a Trilingual Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that developing a ten year National Strategic Framework for a Trilingual Sri Lanka is a landmark measure for national integration and social harmony, steps be taken by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of National Languages and Social Integration to link individual schools in majority Sinhala speaking areas with Tamil medium schools in a “Sister School Programme” for the exchange of students and teachers on short term exposure programmes.

P.127/'11

99.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Renaming the Galle International Stadium,— That this Parliament resolves that the Galle International Stadium be renamed after the father of free education, the Late Hon. (Dr.) C.W.W. Kannangara as a mark of respect.

P.128/'11

100.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Formulation of a National Programme on Early Childhood Education,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be formulated on providing early childhood education (pre-school education) which is a very important stage in the process of education of the children of our country and also, a proper training programme, a method of recruitment along with a salary structure be formulated for pre school wardens.

P.129/'11

101.

Hon. Ajith Kumara,— Completing a dissertation on historical places in Galle District,— That this Parliament resolves that an in-depth study be carried out on the places of historical, archeological and cultural importance in the Galle District and a dissertation of academic importance be completed on such places.

Tuesday, August 23, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0582/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (3)

- (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 the 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 the last 5 years on per year basis?
- (c) If not, why?

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2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of licensed casinos legalized in Sri Lanka ;
 - (ii) the places where they are run ;
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the owners of the aforesaid casinos ; and
 - (iv) the year in which each of the aforesaid casinos was started?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the annual tax income received by the government from casinos from the year 2005 up to now ;
 - (ii) of the methodology which should be adopted in obtaining a licence to start a casino ; and
 - (iii) of the person who gives the final approval in issuing licences?

- (c) Will he state—
- (i) the number of persons who have applied for obtaining new licences for casino in the year 2010 ;
 - (ii) out of them, the number of persons to whom licences will be issued ; and
 - (iii) the names and addresses of the recipients of licences as mentioned above?
- (d) If not, why?

1080/'11

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of leptospirosis patients reported form the Southern Province in Year 2010; and
 - (ii) whether that number has increased or decreased when compared with the previous year ?
- (b) Will he state
- (i) whether the factors that contributed to the spread of leptospirosis in the Southern Province have been identified;
 - (ii) if so, what they are; and
 - (iii) whether there is a proposed programme to rid the area of the relevant contributory factors or whether such a programme is being implemented ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0991/'10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) as to when the state plantation companies were privatized;
 - (ii) the government in power at that time;
 - (iii) the name of the President of the country when the plantation companies were privatized; and
 - (iv) the names of the privatized plantation companies;

- (b) Will he also state separately —
 - (i) the price of each plantation company sold at; and
 - (ii) the percentage of shares that were sold on per company basis?
- (c) Will inform this House—
 - (i) whether the privatized plantation enterprises will be bought back by the government as they are perusing a nationalization policy;
 - (ii) if so, as to when they will be bought back; and
 - (iii) if not so, as to why they are not bought back?
- (d) If not why?

1081/11

5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Transport,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the total number of employees of the Sri Lanka Transport Board; and
 - (ii) the number of employees who have been recruited during the period of 2005 to 2010 out of the aforesaid number of employees ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the number of daily paid employees in the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
 - (ii) the number of daily paid employees who have been serving for a period of 8-10 years out of the aforesaid number of employees;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to confirm them in the service; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1092/11

6.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the full name and the age of the present Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) of the person in authority who appointed him to the aforesaid post;
 - (iii) of the place in which he served and his designation before he was appointed as the Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (iv) of his professional experience and educational qualifications; and
 - (v) of the monthly salary and other allowances paid to him ?
- (b) If not, why ?

0992/10

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the telecom was privatized;
 - (ii) the percentage of shares that was sold;
 - (iii) the price that the shares were sold by the government;
 - (iv) the name of the President and the government in power at the time of the aforesaid privatization; and
 - (v) the name of the then Chairman?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether the shares sold as per above will be bought back by the government as they are pursuing a nationalization policy?
- (c) If not, why?

1082/11

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) T.B. Jayah Girls' School in the Kinniya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Trincomalee District was destroyed in the Tsunami;
 - (ii) students have been severely inconvenienced as a result of action not being taken to reconstruct the aforesaid school so far; and
 - (iii) even under such circumstances, the aforesaid schools has recorded outstanding results at the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) and (Advanced Level) ?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to construct new buildings and renovate the school with a view to overcome shortcomings in the aforesaid school and bring about a revival in education ?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a move to shift T.B. Jayah Girls School in Kinniya to another location; and
 - (ii) if so, the new location to which it will be shifted ?
- (d) Will he admit that—
 - (i) many students will encounter transport difficulties by shifting this school to another location; and
 - (ii) educational activities of them could be crippled on account of this reason ?
- (e) If not, why ?

9. Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money spent on the ceremony that was held for the inauguration of the distribution of petrol by the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (Petroleum Company) at Muthurajawela;
 - (ii) of the person who gave the approval for spending the aforesaid amount of money ;
 - (iii) the number of litres of petrol issued on the date on which the distribution of petrol was started by the aforesaid company; and
 - (iv) the reason for expediting the distribution of petrol from Muthurajawela despite the fact that the distribution of petrol is handled by the Kolonnawa Complex ?
- (b) If not, why ?

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the renewal granted on the grace period and payback of loans taken from the multilateral agencies and friendly countries on bilateral basis for last four years;
 - (ii) as to when such facilities were granted;
 - (iii) the purpose it was given for;
 - (iv) whether there is any initiation Fee, Commitment Fee, Management or Administration Fee, Insurance Premium, and or any other costs in different names pertaining to the aforesaid loans ;
 - (v) whether they are one off payments or annual payments; and
 - (vi) the total amounts to be paid per year on aforesaid costs which impacts on the country as a cost factor?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of government schools with computer laboratories;
 - (ii) whether plans have been made to establish new computer laboratories for schools in the year 2011; and
 - (iii) the amount of money that has been allocated from the budgetary allocations in the year 2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of government schools which do not have a permanent trained teacher to teach the subject of computer science;
 - (ii) the names of those schools ;
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to recruit new teachers to overcome the aforesaid shortage of teachers; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be done ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the Hon. Minister of Petroleum Industries and his personal staff;
 - (ii) out of those vehicles, the vehicles obtained on contract and lease basis ;
 - (iii) the registration numbers and makes of those vehicles ; and
 - (iv) the total amount of money paid for those vehicles monthly?
- (b) Will he state, separately—
 - (i) the name, age and the date of recruitment of the driver of each of the vehicles mentioned in a (i) above ;
 - (ii) if they have been attached from the public service on secondment basis, the institutions which they belong to ; and
 - (iii) whether drivers have been recruited afresh on contract basis?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of vehicles assigned to the security contingent of the Hon. Minister of Petroleum Industries ; and
 - (ii) the numbers and makes of those vehicles?
- (d) If not, why?

0993/'10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the Gas company was sold to the Shell Company Ltd;
 - (ii) the price and the percentage of the shares that were sold;
 - (iii) the name of the President and the government in power at the time of selling the gas company;
 - (iv) the dividend received by government from the date of sale to the date of repurchase; and
 - (v) the shell terminal shares holding by the government?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the price paid by the government to buy back the shares of the Shell Company Ltd;
 - (ii) the percentage of shares bought back by the government;
 - (iii) as to when the aforesaid repurchasing was done; and
 - (iv) as to how the valuation was agreed upon?
- (c) If not, why?

1084/'11

5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Godellawatta-Pamanwella road in the Akuressa Pradeshiya Sabha area has been declared as a road belonging to the government through the Gazette Notification of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 24.08.1995;
 - (ii) the distance of this road is about 1.5 kilometers;
 - (iii) although the beginning and the end of the road had been renovated to enable vehicular traffic, a 100-meter stretch in the middle of the road has not been developed; and
 - (iv) the transport activities of the people have been severely hampered as a result ?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether action will be taken to connect the two ends of the road and develop suitably for transport activities ;
 - (ii) if so, when; and
 - (iii) whether financial provisions have been allocated for this purpose ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1095/'11

6.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) whether a bag of nutrients is provided at present to pregnant mothers of Samurdhi beneficiary families, as stated in Mahinda Chinthana manifesto; and
 - (ii) whether measures are taken at present to provide a gift pack containing baby care items at the birth of a child of a Samurdhi beneficiary family ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action has been taken by now in line with the statement in Mahinda Chinthana manifesto that the Samurdhi assistance would be provided to any family with a disabled member, irrespective of its economic status; and
 - (ii) if so, the number of families that have benefitted under that, by now ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0994/'10

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of police personnel and armed forces personnel who have gone for UN peace keeping work from the year 2000 to date on per year basis;
 - (ii) the amount paid for a soldier or police person by the UN;
 - (iii) the countries where they are deployed; and
 - (iv) the number of Sri Lankan security personnel deployed per country?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) whether there are any other purpose that are soldiers and policemen are sent overseas for deployment;
 - (ii) if so, the places they are sent; and
 - (iii) the purpose of sending them to said places?
- (c) If not, why?

1085/11

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of housing loans provided to the people of the Matara District by the Housing Development Authority during the period from the year 1977 to 1993; and
 - (ii) the total value of the housing loans granted during the aforesaid period?
- (b) Is he aware that—
- (i) the then government took measures to write off housing loans granted to the people of the aforesaid district from the year 1977 to 1992; and
 - (ii) even legal action has been initiated to recover the loans thus written off ?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the basis on which action is being pursued to recover the written off housing loans from the recipients of loans; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to stop the process of recovery of the aforesaid loans ?
- (d) If not, why?

1096/11

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the number of houses without electricity in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether the programme to provide 5 litres of free Kerosine oil every month to each family that uses Kerosine oil for lighting due to lack of electricity, as stated in Mahinda Chinthana manifesto of 2010, has been implemented by now; and
 - (iii) if not, the date by which that concession would be granted to the people with a low income ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether measures have been taken by now to give a 30 % discount for the domestic electricity bills of low income earning people, as stated in Mahinda Chinthana; and
 - (ii) if not, of the date by which that concession would be granted to them ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Thursday, August 25, 2011

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0589/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the government is against privatization as a policy;
 - (ii) whether as a country has intangible assets, got a value; and
 - (iii) the intangible assets of the country?
- (b) Will he sate—
- (i) the name of the authority that issue Licenses to Radio channels, TV channels, Satellite Broadcasting Operators, Mobile Operators, Broadband Operators and Door to House (DTH) etc;
 - (ii) the all Licenses issued under aforesaid categories for the last 6 years; and
 - (iii) the revenue obtained from issuing such Licenses?
- (c) Will he admit that—
- (i) the aforesaid Licenses could be issued on a tender basis; and
 - (ii) the present system of issuing above Licenses is a secret privatization?
- (d) If not, why?

1086/11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) a committee consisting of K.C. Jayaratne and U.L. Ariyapala was appointed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications to conduct a preliminary investigation into the irregularities taken place in the business mail;
 - (ii) a preliminary investigation report of the aforesaid committee was forwarded to the Post Master General on 26.06.2008 along with a copy to the Public Services Commission; and
 - (iii) according to that report, it has been recommended that the Deputy Post Master General, Mr. K.A. Senadheera has committed acts of misconduct in terms of the section 31 in paragraph XLVIII of the Establishment Code?
- (b) If so, will he state—
- (i) the disciplinary action taken against the aforesaid officer and the date;
 - (ii) the reasons if disciplinary action is not taken; and
 - (iii) the reasons for appointing Mr. Senadheera, against whom allegations of misconduct have been leveled, to the aforesaid post despite objections by employees?
- (c) Will he state whether the other recommendations of the aforesaid report will be implemented?
- (d) If not, why?

1101/11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately of the number of families and people affected and the number of houses damaged in each district due to the rainy weather that prevailed in December 2010 and January 2011;
 - (ii) separately of the amount allocated for each district to face this disaster situation;
 - (iii) whether financial support is provided to compensate for the property destroyed due to the aforesaid disaster situation; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money provided for each family, if financial support is provided ?
- (b) If not, why ?

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the period from 1995 to 2000 per year basis—
 - (i) the total work force of the country;
 - (ii) the private sector and public sector work force separately;
 - (iii) the total work force in public sector for 3 Forces, Police and Auxilliary service separately and the rest of the public service separately; and
 - (iv) whether all above in public sector are pensionable?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether any non confirmed temporary appointments were made in public sector for last 15 years;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the appointments;
 - (iii) the impact of those appointments to the salary bill of the government on per year basis;
 - (iv) as to when they are being confirmed;
 - (v) whether they are pensionable in future; and
 - (vi) if so, as to when the government has made provisions for the purpose?
- (c) If not why?

1102/'11

5.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of tanks that were destroyed due to the rain that was experienced in January 2011;
 - (ii) the allocations that have been made by the government to renovate the destroyed tanks;
 - (iii) the number of tanks that have been renovated so far out of the number of tanks that were destroyed;
 - (iv) the number of tanks that have not been renovated; and
 - (v) the reasons for the failure to renovate those tanks ?
- (b) If not, why?

6.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a severe shortage of operation theatres, surgical equipments and other physical resources at the Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital in Colombo; and
 - (ii) the doctors have to remain idle as a result of the shortage of physical resources?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to obtain the required physical resources speedily in order to remedy this situation, and protect children's health;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to construct new buildings within that hospital as a remedy for this situation;
 - (iii) if so, whether the necessary financial allocations have been made; and
 - (iv) of the timeframe within which those buildings are scheduled to be constructed?
- (c) If not, why?

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the construction of Hambantota Mahinda Rajapaksa port was completed and its commercial operations were started;
 - (ii) the number of ships, boats and vessels that have docked at Hambantota port from the date it was opened;
 - (iii) the number of staff working in the port; and
 - (iv) the salary contribution per month?
- (b) Will he inform this house of the balance sheet of the Hambantota port as at to date?
- (c) If not why?

1104/11

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the daily L.P. Gas output of the Supugaskanda Oil refinery;
 - (ii) separately, the L.P. Gas output from January last year upto date on monthly basis;
 - (iii) separately the amounts of Gas sold monthly during that period; and
 - (iv) the price in rupees, at which a tone of L.P. Gas is sold ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether L.P. Gas produced at the latter part of December last year and the early part of January this year was burnt without being used for any purpose;
 - (ii) if so, the volume of the Gas so burnt; and
 - (iii) the reasons that led to the burning of L.P. Gas as mentioned above ?
- (c) If not, why?

1108/11

9.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of students in the government schools coming under the Provincial Council in Matara district, who have passed the Grade Five Scholarship Examination from the year 2000 up to now ;and
 - (ii) the amount received annually as the scholarship grant by a student during the aforesaid period, separately for each year?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) certain scholarship holders in some of the aforesaid schools have not received the scholarship grant for a period of six months to two years ; and
 - (ii) the current scholarship grant is not sufficient in terms of the current cost of living?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether measures will be taken to pay the scholarship grant in arrears speedily ;
 - (ii) whether measures will be taken to increase the scholarship grant paid at present ; and
 - (iii) if such increase is granted the amount of it and the date from which it would be effective?
- (d) If not, why?

Friday, August 26, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0594/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state for the last 8 years on per year basis —
 - (i) the amount of money spent on Capital Loan Payments and Interest for the Loans paid to public servants; and
 - (ii) the name and the amount of any other Recurrent Expenditure incurred on public service of which value was more than 25 Billion Rupees ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1109/11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of students in the National schools of Matara district, who have passed the Grade Five Scholarship Examination from the year 2000 up to now ;and
 - (ii) the amount received annually by a student as the scholarship grant within the said period, separately with respect to each year?
- (b) If not, why?

1134/11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the acreage of paddy lands destroyed by floods in each district from November 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) separately of the loss incurred in each district due to the aforesaid destruction;
 - (iii) whether financial assistance will be provided for the destruction caused to the paddy lands;
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated for that purpose; and
 - (v) the amount of financial assistance provided for one acre of paddy land that has been destroyed ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1063/11

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the total amount in US Dollars to be paid at the end of the period of loans or grants lent for last 15 years by the countries and institutions as follows; China, USA, India, IMF, World Bank, ADB, JBIC and EU ; and
- (ii) the average pay back period of loans per country or institution separately ?

(b) If not why?

1110/11

5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the students of Subodhi Kanishta Vidyalaya administered by the Jayawardhanapura Zonal Education Office in Colombo district are admitted to Rahula Girls' School in Malambe for Grade Six;
- (ii) in admitting students to Grade Six, the principal of that school charges Rs. 3162/= per student as facilities and other fees and issues receipts; and
- (iii) another six thousand rupees purported to be the expenditure on desks and chairs is charged without issuing receipts, in addition to the aforesaid amount?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the principal of Rahula Girls' School of Malabe has any authority to charge money in the aforesaid manner; and
- (ii) if not, whether an investigation on the aforesaid charging of money would be carried out ?

(c) If not, why?

6. Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of seed paddy in the possession of the government at present;
 - (ii) of the acreage of paddy lands that can be cultivated by using the aforesaid amount of seed paddy;
 - (iii) whether there is a stock of seed paddy in the possession of the government for the use in a natural disaster;
 - (iv) whether that stock of seed paddy is sufficient to cultivate the current extent of paddy lands;
 - (v) if not, the course of action that will be taken in that regard; and
 - (vi) of the reasons for the government for not having a sufficient stock of seed paddy in its possession ?
- (b) If not, why ?

7. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the areas that the Export Development Board helps the small and medium scale selected exporters ; and
 - (ii) the total cost incurred by EDB on five areas of assistance identified out of the above?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of staff members in the EDB;
 - (ii) whether the staff members have been allocated on product range or country basis to which products are exported or they are in a pool in order to assist the exporters where ever it is possible;
 - (iii) the names of the specialists in EDB; and
 - (iv) the areas they are specialized in?
- (c) If not, why?

1111/11

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a competitive examination was conducted in 2010 to recruit Banking Management Assistants to the Bank of Ceylon?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Management Assistant Appointments have been made by now, on the results of that examination;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which the appointments were made;
 - (iii) of the date on which those appointments will be made, if appointments have not yet been made on the results of the examination; and
 - (iv) the cut off mark which makes a candidate entitled to be appointed to the above post?
- (c) If not, why?

1136/11

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
 - (i) of the number of elderly persons who receive the charity allowance paid to the elderly persons in the low income families, by the government;
 - (ii) of the amount paid to a recipient of the charity allowance per month; and
 - (iii) of the year in which the aforesaid charity allowance was amended last ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that the amount paid as the charity allowance at present is not at all sufficient in the face of the current economic scenario;
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to increase the aforesaid amount to commensurate with the current state of the economy; and
 - (iii) if so, the amount that will be increased ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Tuesday, September 06, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0040/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (5)

- (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?

1113/'11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a fee is charged from vehicles parked in the Colombo Municipal Council area?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of the locations where the fees are charged from vehicles parked within the limits of the Colombo Municipal Council area; and
 - (ii) the number of traffic wardens deployed in each of these places?
- (c) Is he aware—
 - (i) that in addition to the traffic wardens deployed opposite the Maradana police station, some outsiders too appear suddenly and charge money from the vehicles parked there; and
 - (ii) Mrs. H.D. Asoka who has been deployed permanently at the aforesaid location has been transferred to another location by now as a result of making queries from the authorities about the above situation?

- (d) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reason for transferring Mrs. Asoka as mentioned above; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to cancel the aforesaid transfer?
- (e) If not, why?

1141/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of money allocated by the government to provide relief to those who were affected by the floods that occurred in the Eastern province in January 2011; and
 - (ii) the amount of financial assistance received by a family unit under the above mentioned allocation?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a scheme is implemented to obtain a day's salary of public servants, with the intention of providing relief to those affected by the floods in the Eastern Province ; and
 - (ii) if so, of the income expected by the government through that scheme?
- (c) Will he admit that—
 - (i) It is not fair to obtain a day's salary of public servants for the people effected by the floods, while the government has already made allocations in that respect ; and
 - (ii) It is not a satisfactory scheme to provide funds to those people by cutting their own salaries as a considerable number of public servants are also there among the people displaced by the floods?
- (d) If not, why?

1070/'11

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (1)

- (a) Will he state on per year basis for last five years—
 - (i) the number of students sat for the G.C.E O/L examination;
 - (ii) the percentage passed the examination; and
 - (iii) the percentage passed - Maths, Sinhala, Science and English subjects separately?

- (b) Will he inform this House as to why there is a decline in the educational standard in government schools?
- (c) Will he state the total money spent on education for the last five years ?
- (d) If not, why?

1114/11

5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether marks have been awarded to candidates at the interview held in July 2010 as per the results of the competitive examination held in the year 2007 to recruit graduates to fill teacher vacancies in schools coming under the purview of the Southern Provincial Council, in addition to the marks obtained by them at the aforesaid examination ; and
 - (ii) if so, the methodology adopted in this regard?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether appointments have been granted by now to candidates who obtained lower marks disregarding the candidates who obtained higher marks at the competitive examination held in year 2007 ; and
 - (ii) the reasons for granting appointments to the candidates who obtained lower marks as mentioned above?
- (c) If not, why?

1142/11

6.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Petroleum Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a pipeline has been constructed across the sea to transport furnace oil to Kerawalapitiya;
 - (ii) if so, the points of starting and ending and the total length of the aforesaid pipeline;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on the construction of the said pipeline;
 - (iv) the sources of funding;
 - (v) the individual or individuals who granted permission for the construction of the aforesaid pipeline; and
 - (vi) whether the aforesaid pipeline is being used for the intended purpose by now?
- (b) If not, why?

1072/11

7.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to why the foreign nurses are being allowed to work in Sri Lanka when 25000 nurses are in service;
 - (ii) whether the private hospitals can train the nurses for their requirements; and
 - (iii) whether the nurses are insured by the government?
- (b) If not, why?

1115/11

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the In-service Advisors play a pivotal role towards a qualitative Development in Education ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the methodology followed in recruiting In-service Advisors; and
 - (ii) the privileges and allowances they are entitled to?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made to—
 - (i) create an in-service Advisors Service with a view to obtaining a more efficient service from the In-service Advisors by making them satisfied with their job; and
 - (ii) make their jobs more Secure through that?
- (d) If so, will he state the time that will be taken to do that ?
- (e) If not, why?

1143/11

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the countries from which coconuts were imported in accordance with the governments decision to import coconuts to tackle the coconut shortage that occurred recently; and
 - (ii) the number of coconuts that have been imported so far according the aforesaid decision?

- (b) Will he inform this house—
- (i) whether a stock of coconuts imported from Kerala has been destroyed or whether a decision has been taken to destroy them;
 - (ii) if so, the number of such coconuts;
 - (iii) of the reasons that led to a decision being taken to destroy those imported coconuts; and
 - (iv) of the money spent to import that stock of coconuts?
- (c) If not, why ?

Wednesday, September 07, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0995/10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether the president has got powers to pardon people who have been convicted;
 - (ii) if so, the number of people who were pardoned in last 3 years by the president;
 - (iii) the criteria used for the release;
 - (iv) the durations in which each of them had served the sentence at the time of release; and
 - (v) the name of any politician or related persons who were pardoned and released by the president for last three years?
- (b) If not, why?

1116/11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) principals who were absorbed into the Principals' Service while serving in the Teachers' Service subsequent to the passing of the competitive examination to recruit principals, are paid a lower salary than that of their previous service; and
 - (ii) they are subject to severe mental agony and economic hardships as a result?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to place this group, who are engaged in school administrative activities with immense dedication, in a higher salary scale than the scale they received previously while serving in the Teachers' Service;
 - (ii) whether a scheme has been prepared for this purpose by now;
 - (iii) if not, the timeframe in which such a scheme will be prepared?
- (c) If not, why?

1161/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that a land of or nearly 400 acres owned by the government is located in Alankuda, Kalpitiya in Puttlam district?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the previous owners of that land;
 - (ii) whether that land has been fragmented and sold or leased out;
 - (iii) of the person or persons who granted permission to sell or lease out the aforesaid land in that manner; and
 - (iv) of the names of the persons who purchased or leased that land and the extent of land provided to each person, separately ?
- (c) Will he state, the current situation with respect to the aforesaid land ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1117/'11

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Pasgoda family Health Care centre located in the Pasgoda Divisional Secretariat Division in the Matara district has been in a dilapidated condition for many years?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements will be made to repair this building and thereby deliver a better health Service to the people of the area;
 - (ii) whether allocations have been made for this by now;
 - (iii) the amount, so allocated; and
 - (iv) the date on which repair work of the aforesaid building will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

1129/11

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he state on per year basis for last five years—
 - (i) the main importing items to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the volume and value of each item; and
 - (iii) the main countries from which those items were imported?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether any action has been taken by the government to discourage aforesaid imports; and
 - (ii) if so, the actions that were taken?
- (c) If not why?

1178/11

6.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount spent by the government annually from 2005 to 2010 to provide Rs. 200/- per month for the purchase of milk for children from birth up to five years, as per 2005 Mahinda Chinthana Manifesto; and
 - (ii) the number of children who receive that benefit by 2011?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to increase that allowance with the increase in milk prices by 2011, in comparison to 2005?
- (c) If not, why ?

1118/11

7.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Teacher Centres established throughout the island at present;
 - (ii) separately of the amounts of money allocated for Teacher Centres on district basis from year 2005 to year 2010; and
 - (iii) the services provided by these Teacher Centres ?

- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the methodology followed in recruiting Managers for Teachers Centres; and
 - (ii) the qualification required to hold that position and the privileges they are entitled to?
- (c) Is he aware that—
- (i) a group of teachers have been attached as Managers of Teacher Centres without following the proper recruitment procedure; and
 - (ii) qualitative development in Education cannot be achieved by recruiting unqualified persons to that post?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to appoint qualified managers to those Teacher Centres to which persons without due qualifications have been attached as managers; and
 - (ii) if so, the time that will be taken for it?
- (e) If not, why?

1133/11

8.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the total number of electricity consumers served by the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) the number of consumers of CEB coming under the categories as follows separately: Domestic, Government Institutions, Industrial Institutions, Religious Institutions and others; and
 - (iii) the consumption of electricity by each user category as a percentage of total production ?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the rates charged for the electricity from the user categories in (a)(ii) for last three years to date; and
 - (ii) the changes of rates during the aforesaid period as a percentage?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the loss incurred by the CEB per month from January 2011 to date; and
 - (ii) the contribution by each of the aforesaid user category of electricity to the loss in CEB in percentages and actual values separately?
- (d) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of tea estates belonging to Janatha Estate Development Board and their names;
 - (ii) out of them, the number of tea estates with respect to which arrangements for privatization have been made; and
 - (iii) the names of those estates; and
 - (iv) the reasons for the privatization of those estates?
- (b) Will he admit that privatization of estates in the aforesaid manner amounts to a breach of the pledges made to the public under Mahinda Chinthana policies?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, September 08, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state for the last 10 years per year basis—
 - (i) the total Actual Expenditure (Net Economic Outturn) of the government ;
 - (ii) the revenue of the government earned by direct and indirect taxes separately;
 - (iii) the Capital and Recurrent expenditure of the government ;
 - (iv) the GDP of the country ; and
 - (v) the budget deficit of the Government?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) as to how it is financed and give the interest cost for the loans taken to bridge the budget deficit; and
 - (ii) whether it is possible to afford this lifestyle and the country is heading for a debt trap?
- (c) If not, why?

1119/'11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that there is a severe shortage of physical and human resources in the School Dental Clinics which are operative at government schools in the Southern Province ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether immediate action will be taken to provide the aforesaid School Dental Clinics with necessary physical and human resources in order to protect the dental health of children;
 - (ii) if so, the period of time taken for it; and
 - (iii) whether financial allocations have been made in that regard ?
- (c) If not, why?

1182/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of international ships that have docked at the Hambantota Port as at present;
 - (ii) the dates on which they docked at the aforesaid port and their countries of origin; and
 - (iii) separately, the names of the goods brought by each of those ships along with the weight of their stocks (in tonnes)?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the goods exported from this country through this port; and
 - (ii) the number of ships that have set off from this port with goods ?
- (c) If not, why?

0598/'10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the Gross Domestic Production (GDP)projected for the next 8 years;
 - (ii) the per Capita Income for the last 8 years on per year basis, to date;
 - (iii) the per Capita Debt for the last 8 Years on per year basis, to date; and
 - (iv) the values of the per Capita Earning and Debt as at 01/01/1994, 01/01/2005 and 01/08/2010?
- (b) If not, why?

1120/11

5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether approval has been obtained for two Cabinet Memoranda relating to granting Government teaching appointments to those who are involved in teaching in the Dhamma Schools, having passed the 'Dharmacharya' examination;
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to give government teaching appointments to the aforesaid set of teachers during the year of 2600th 'Sambuddhathwa Jayanthi'; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which such appointments will be made?

(b) If not, why?

1183/11

6.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of State Resources and Enterprise Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the production activities of the rubber factory of the Moneragala estate owned by the Janatha Estate Development Board have been stopped by now;
- (ii) if so, the reasons for it;
- (iii) of the name of the institution to which the latex harvested from the aforesaid estate is supplied;
- (iv) of the amount of money paid for one unit of latex (Kilos or litres) purchased by the aforesaid institution; and
- (v) of the market price of a unit of latex at present ?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether plans have been made to sell or lease out the aforesaid factory along with the estate that belongs to it; and
- (ii) if so, the reasons for it ?

(c) If not, why?

1121/11

7.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) eleven years have lapsed since the laying of the foundation stone for the construction of the Omantha bridge across the Bentara river connecting the Omantha Grama Niladhari Division in the Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division of the Galle District and the 787 D Thotaha Grama Niladhari Division of the Walallawita Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) construction activities have not been carried out yet; and
 - (iii) a large number of people of the area have been deprived of benefits as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether speedy action will be taken to construct the aforesaid bridge;
 - (ii) whether funds have been allocated for this purpose;
 - (iii) if so, the total amount allocated; and
 - (iv) of the date on which the construction activities of the bridge will commence?
- (c) If not, why?

1184/11

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a programme will be implemented to remove the officers and soldiers of the regular service from the Army;
 - (ii) if so, the basis on which it will be done;
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to remove the soldiers who deserted the army and re-joined the service, as a punishment; and
 - (iv) if so, what compensation or privileges will be provided to them?
- (b) Will he admit that it is a severe injustice to remove from the service of the Army as a punishment in addition to the punishments given when the army deserters were recruited to the Army again ?
- (c) If not, why?

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is alarming trend in earth slips in the country;
 - (ii) the worst affected areas that are earmarked as vulnerable areas; and
 - (iii) the actions being taken by the government regarding this serious matter?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of people died owing to earth slips in the country in 2010 and 2011 separately; and
 - (ii) the amount of money donated by the government as grants on behalf of the diseased persons?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, September 09, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(2)

- (a) Will he state for the next 3 years—
 - (i) the future arrangements made for the Sri Lankan Cricket team ;
 - (ii) the names of the countries to be visited by the Sri Lankan Cricket team and countries of visiting Sri Lanka ;
 - (iii) the number of Test and One Day Matches to be played; and
 - (iv) the revenue expected and the cost that is to be incurred?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the total cost of the “Sri Lanka Cricket” per month ;
 - (ii) the list of people working in the “Sri Lanka Cricket” and the names of those who receive monthly remuneration or salaries above 50,000/- ; and
 - (iii) the overhead factor of the “Sri Lanka Cricket” per month?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (4)

- (a) Will he state —
 - (i) whether the land on which Sooriyawewa Cricket Stadium in Hambanthota is built was transferred by the government to an outside party by way of leasing or any other method;
 - (ii) to whom it was transferred in that manner;
 - (iii) the amount for which that land was transferred, the year in which it was transferred and the extent of the land;
 - (iv) the party to whom the ownership of that stadium will be transferred once it is completed;
 - (v) the period of time and amount for which it will be transferred;
 - (vi) the annual income expected through it ?
- (b) Will he state —
 - (i) the total amount spent on the construction of the aforesaid stadium;
 - (ii) whether that amount was spent by the government, a government institution or by Sri Lanka Cricket or some other institution;
 - (iii) if so, the amount spent by each party, separately?
- (c) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the persons who provide consultancy for designing and architecture of this stadium; and
 - (ii) the amount spent on the playground, pavilion, light bulbs for day and night and the amount expected to be spent on the annual maintenance, separately ?
- (d) If not, why?

1122/11

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether formal counselling and vocational guidance units are run at the government schools in the Southern Province;
 - (ii) if so, the number of schools in which the aforesaid units are run;
 - (iii) the number of instructors who serve in the aforesaid schools after being given a formal training; and
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to establish these units in the remaining schools ?

(b) Will he inform this House whether he will take steps to establish satisfactory counseling and vocational guidance units at government schools ?

(c) If not, why?

0768/10

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) the number of foreign students who enrolled in local universities from year 2006 to 2010 on per year and per country basis separately;

(ii) the fields of study for which they have been enrolled; and

(iii) the amount of foreign exchange received by Sri Lanka from the aforesaid students on per year basis?

(b) Will he state whether an alternative programme will be introduced to attract more foreign students to local universities?

(c) Will he also state—

(i) the number of local students lose out owing to foreign students coming into the local university system; and

(ii) as to how this problem is resolved?

(d) If not, why?

1125/11

5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) machinery, pipes and fittings worth approximately Rs. 30000 million are decaying unguarded at the Polwatta main warehouse complex of National Water Supply and Drainage Board situated on Thelawala Road, Ratmalana;

(ii) less than 15 security personnel have been deployed for the protection of this huge warehouse complex about 10 acres in extent and the pumping station; and

(iii) the number of security personnel and other employees deployed is not sufficient ?

- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether plans have been made to increase the security provided to that warehouse complex and ensure the safety of the machinery and other items that remain unguarded; and
 - (ii) if so, that planned system is ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1162/11

6.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the land belonging to Sri Lanka Army which is located in front of Galle Face, Colombo, has been provided for a Hotel project;
 - (ii) the acreage of the land provided as mentioned above;
 - (iii) the value of the aforesaid land according to the valuation carried out by the government valuer; and
 - (iv) the amount charged per acre of that land in providing it for the hotel project ?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the tender procedure has been followed in providing the aforesaid land;
 - (ii) if so, the names of the parties who have submitted tenders; and
 - (iii) the bids submitted by each of the aforesaid parties ?
- (c) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the number of rooms in the hotel to be constructed on that land; and
 - (ii) the category under which that hotel would come in terms of star rating ?
- (d) If not, why ?

1126/11

7.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Minor Exports Crop Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that the Cultivators of Sugarcane, the main cash crop in about eight Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Moneragala district, are faced with immense economic hardships owing to the slowly increasing sugarcane prices as against the ever increasing fertilizer and sugar prices?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether arrangements have been made to make the fertilizer subsidy available to the sugarcane industry to stabilize the economy of the sugarcane cultivators;
 - (ii) if so, what the planned subsidy is; and
 - (iii) the date on which the subsidy scheme will be launched?
- (c) If not, why?

1185/11

8.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of war heroes who became disabled during the last war period;
 - (ii) out of them, the number of war heroes who have been provided with houses in line with the pledge, “ Providing houses within three years to all the war heroes who became disabled sacrificing their limbs on our behalf”, mentioned in the 2005 Mahinda Chinthana Policy;
 - (iii) of the number of war heroes who have not been provided with houses;
 - (iv) of the reasons for not providing them with houses?
- (b) If not, why?

1187/11

9.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 5 years on per year basis separately—
- (i) the total consumption and per capita consumption of Garlic;
 - (ii) the local production of garlic and cost of production per one kilogram of garlic;
 - (iii) the import content; and
 - (iv) the value of the import content of garlic?
- (b) If not, why?

Tuesday, September 20, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0645/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Labour and Labour Relations,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) as to when the minimum salaries of the private sector will be increased;
 - (ii) the amounts in Sri Lankan rupees to be increased in salaries of the various categories in the private sector separately; and
 - (iii) the last occasion in which the salaries of the private sector employees were increased over the last 10 years?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) as to when the salaries of the Public Sector going to be increased;
 - (ii) the amount to be increased; and
 - (iii) the minimum pensionable salaries for the various categories of the Public Service?
- (c) If not, why?

1152/'11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements are being made to close down the Textile Quota Board;
 - (ii) if so, whether it has been planned to transfer or sell the assets of that institution to some other institution;
 - (iii) of the total amount of assets owned by that Board at present; and
 - (iv) of the number of permanent and casual workers employed in that institution at present?
- (b) Will he admit the fact that a large number of employees who served in the Textile Quota Board will have to face immense economic hardships if it is closed down?
- (c) Will he inform this House of the course of action being followed to assure those employees of their job security?
- (d) If not, why?

1153/11

3.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of National Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of Buddhist religious places of worship officially declared in Sri Lanka as places of worship of national importance that should be preserved under the Antiquities Ordinance;
 - (ii) separately at the district level, the names and addresses of such places and the date on which each such place was declared and gazetted and the gazette number ;
 - (iii) whether scheme has been prepared by now to conserve those Buddhist religious places of worship; and
 - (iv) if so, what that scheme is ?
- (b) If not, why ?

1188/11

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (1)

- (a) Will he state on per year basis for the last five years—
 - (i) the total consumption and per capita consumption of wheat flour;
 - (ii) the amount of wheat flour locally produced;
 - (iii) the production cost per 1Kg of wheat flour in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) the content of wheat flour that was imported; and
 - (v) the value of the imported volume of wheat flour ?
- (b) Will he also state separately all taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on 1Kg of wheat flour imported and produced locally?
- (c) If not why?

1154/11

5.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of a plan to provide water to the Hambantota district by constructing a dam across the Urava River at Denkandeliya village in the Pasgoda Divisional Secretariat Division of the Matara district ;
 - (ii) if so, the date of commencement of development activities of the aforesaid project;
 - (iii) the amount estimated to be spent for this purpose; and
 - (iv) the sources of funding of the aforesaid project ?

- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) in addition to the above mentioned location, surveying activities are being carried out at present to construct a dam further down the Urala River at Ampanagala village, too; and
 - (ii) due to the reservations of the residents of the area with regard to the exact location of the project, cultivation of permanent crops and construction of houses have come to a halt for a period of about 10 years?
- (d) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the exact location for the commencement of the project has been decided by now; and
 - (ii) if so, that location ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Wednesday, September 21, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0647/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he admit that during 2009 January - May, an active shortage of Foreign Exchange was prevailing in the country?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the various schemes offered by the Central Bank in order to attract Foreign Exchange;
 - (ii) the schemes still remain out of them; and
 - (iii) whether there was a special 20% added on to NRFC Account Holders and it is still functioning?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) the schemes offered by the Budget of 2009 and in mid 2009 to encourage the savings;
 - (ii) the interest rates offered then and what is prevailing now;
 - (iii) whether a bonus of 20% on savings by Senior Citizens was given;
 - (iv) if so, until what date it was operating; and
 - (v) as to how the Senior Citizens are being assisted now?
- (d) If not why?

2. Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately of the number of dengue patients reported from each Divisional Secretariat Division in Matara district in the years 2009 and 2010; and
 - (ii) of the manner in which the number of dengue patients reported in 2010 from each of those Divisional Secretariat Divisions has differed comparatively from the number reported in 2009 ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the contributory factors for the spread of dengue in Matara district have been identified;
 - (ii) if so, what they are; and
 - (iii) of the programme that has been proposed or implemented to rid the area of those contributory factors ?
- (c) If not, why ?

3. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the Government Institution that monitors Financial Activities and Regulations in the country; and
 - (ii) as to when the Central Bank of Sri Lanka was brought into existence?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the reason for bankruptcies of Finance Companies that have gone bankrupt from 2005 to date ; and
 - (ii) the actions being taken by the Supervising Unit of Central Bank whilst the aforesaid Finance Companies have been badly run?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the total money in default by Cash Finance Companies ;
 - (ii) the number of depositors, who were paid;
 - (iii) the amount paid to them ; and
 - (iv) the name of the Governor of the Central Bank during the aforesaid period?
- (d) If not, why?

1157/11

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the shares of Lanka Marine Services were transferred to the government consequent to a court order ;
 - (ii) the name under which the aforesaid institution is currently being run;
 - (iii) whether the shares of the aforesaid institution have been sold to other institutions; and
 - (iv) if so, the names of such institutions ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of fuel tanks being constructed for supplying oil to ships arriving at the Magampura Port, Hambantota;
 - (ii) whether there is a plan to lease out the aforesaid fuel tanks to a foreign company or companies; and
 - (iii) if so, the names of companies for which the tanks are expected to be leased ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1190/11

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Resettlement,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in each camp separately;
 - (ii) as to why there is a delay in the moving out of the IDP camps;
 - (iii) whether there are Sinhalese, Tamils or Muslims in the IDP camps; and
 - (iv) the age groups of the displaced persons in aforesaid camps?
- (b) If not, why?

1158/11

6.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that —
 - (i) the timber of the roof of the teachers quarters of the Mara / Atapattukanda Kanishta Vidyalaya administered by the Mulatiyana Divisional Education Office coming under the pruvieu of the Mulatiyana Education Zone in the Matara District, has decayed and its doors, windows and walls are in a state of severe dilapidation; and
 - (ii) the existence of such dilapidated teachers quarters poses a risk to the activities of the students of the aforesaid school ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to dismantle the above mentioned hazardous teachers quarters and construct new teachers quarters ;
 - (ii) if so, whether allocations have been made for this purpose by now;
 - (iii) the amount allocated;
 - (iv) the date of commencement of the construction of the teachers quarters; and
 - (v) the proposed date for the completion of the construction ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Thursday, September 22, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0686/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the amount of gold reserves of the government of Sri Lanka auctioned through the Central Bank as at 01st September 2010;
 - (ii) the value of the gold auctioned as above, in US dollars and Sri Lankan Rupees separately ;
 - (iii) the prices at which the Gold was bought by the Government; and
 - (iv) whether any confiscated Gold has being added to the Central Bank Reserves?
- (b) Will he inform—
- (i) whether any gold owned by the government has been sold during last 2 years;
 - (ii) if so, the selling price of the gold; and
 - (iii) whether such sale of gold was done through tenders or auctions?
- (c) If not, why?

1160/'11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Minor Exports Crop Promotion,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the area brought under cinnamon cultivation in Matara district, during the period from 2005 up to 2010; and
 - (ii) separately, the subsidy provided per hectare for new cultivation and re-cultivation of cinnamon ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the subsidy provided to the cinnamon cultivators at present is sufficient;
 - (ii) if not so, whether allocations have been made by the 2011 budget to increase that subsidy; and
 - (iii) of the amount allocated ?
- (c) If not, why ?

0691/10

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the number of Licences issued to establish Commercial Banks in Sri Lanka to date from the inception of the Central Bank;
 - (ii) the number of branches operating under each main Bank separately;
 - (iii) the paid up share capital of aforesaid banks; and
 - (iv) the required share capital for Commercial Banks as at to date?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) whether any of the above banks of which Head quarters is in Sri Lanka has remitted money to buy an Overseas Bank; and
 - (ii) if so, the name of the Bank and the value of the money approved by the Bank?
- (c) Will he inform—
- (i) the number of licenses issued for Non Commercial Banks ;
 - (ii) the number of non Commercial Banks currently operating in Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) the share capital of those Banks;
 - (iv) whether any Commercial or Non Commercial bank has gone bankrupt; and
 - (v) If so, the names of those banks and their directors ?
- (d) If not why?

1273/11

4.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Kaduruwana Tea Factory located at the Pitabeddara Pradeshiya Sabha area in the Matara District and initiated under the auspices of the Sri Lanka Southern Development Authority has been left abandoned and unused for a period of six years; and
 - (ii) the abandoning of the aforesaid factory which is a national resource has caused a huge loss to the national economy ?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the total cost incurred on the construction of the aforesaid tea factory;
 - (ii) the reasons for it being left unused and abandoned;
 - (iii) whether a scheme will be launched forthwith to commence the production activities of the tea factory and purchase green tea leaves from tea planters of the area; and
 - (iv) if production activities are to be commenced, the time to be taken for this purpose ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1307/11

5.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (1)

- (a) Will he state for years 2010 and 2011 separately—
- (i) the total cost for renting or leasing of buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Finance and Planning;
 - (ii) the square footage rate of rented or leased buildings; and
 - (iii) the leasing period of the buildings?
- (b) Will he also state in relation to the Ministry of Finance and Planning for aforesaid years separately—
- (i) the total money spent on hiring or leasing of vehicles which do not belong to any of the ministry related entities;
 - (ii) the total number of vehicles owned;
 - (iii) the other out-sourced services;
 - (iv) the cost incurred in out-sourced services mentioned above;
 - (v) the number of people who have been contracted on out-sourced basis; and
 - (vi) the total staff strength?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, September 23, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0330/10

1.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Highways,— (4)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) separately, the extent of lands acquired annually for 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?

0763/10

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which the Air Lanka was privatized and the value of it;
- (ii) the date on which the shares of the Sri Lankan Air Line was repossessed and the cost incurred for it; and
- (iii) the extent of funds allocated to the Sri Lankan Air Line since the management is taken over?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the amounts of debts or loans obtained by the Sri Lankan Air Line;
- (ii) the dates on which those loans were obtained and the names of the institutions from which that money was borrowed;
- (iii) the debt servicing for the Sri Lankan Air Line for the period from 2010 to 2017 on per year basis;
- (iv) the profit and the loss for Sri Lanka Airlines from 2005 to 2011;
- (v) the profit made from ground handling for last 5 years on per year basis; and
- (vi) the details on bank guarantees given by the Government pertaining to the Sri Lankan Airlines?

(c) If not, why?

0770/10

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state separately, in year 2009 and 2010 —
 - (i) whether the liquor licenses were issued;
 - (ii) if so, the number of licenses issued under different categories;
 - (iii) the number of new licenses issued on district basis;
 - (iv) the revenue earned by issuing liquor licenses;
 - (v) whether any licenses have been cancelled; and
 - (vi) if so, the licenses which were cancelled as per above ?
- (b) If not, why?

1193/11

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (1)

- (a) Will he state on per year basis for the last 5 years—
 - (i) the total consumption and the per capita consumption of dried chilli;
 - (ii) the amount of dried chilli produced locally;
 - (iii) the production cost per 1Kg of dried chilli in Sri Lanka;
 - (iv) the content of dried chilli that was imported; and
 - (v) the value of the imported volume of dried chilli ; and
 - (vi) the real subsidy given to dried chilli by the government with evident ?
- (b) Will he also state separately all taxes (direct and indirect) imposed on 1Kg of dried chilli imported and produced locally?
- (c) If not why?

Tuesday, October 04, 2011

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1066/11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House, based on the recent census and statistics—
 - (i) number of villages in the country;
 - (ii) number of families live averagely in a village;
 - (iii) number of Grama Niladari Divisions and Grama Niladary posts in the country; and
 - (iv) number of Divisional Secretaries in the country ?

- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) Number of villages per each Province, District, Electorate, Divisional Secretariat and Grama Niladari Division separately;
 - (ii) total population per district; and
 - (iii) as to when the next official census is going to be taken place?
- (c) If not, why?

1067/'11

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the countries in which the trade promotion have been done; and
 - (ii) the level of success of those trade promotions?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the number of Export Development Board (EDB) employees stationed overseas ;
 - (ii) the names of aforesaid employees and the countries that they are stationed; and
 - (iii) the names of the commodity items that the EDB has helped to export overseas?
- (c) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the EDB has assisted the exporters to travel overseas; and
 - (ii) if so, the name of companies assisted and cost incurred by EDB for the same in years 2009 and 2010?
- (d) If not, why?

1068/'11

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the preferential, bilateral and regional trade agreements that are in place with Sri Lanka separately;
 - (ii) whether there are ongoing negotiations on new agreements with any country;
 - (iii) the current situation on TIFA with USA; and
 - (iv) names of the officials handling the preferential trade agreements?
- (b) Will he also state as to why Sri Lanka is not effectively pushing trade with the Asian countries?
- (c) If not why?

Wednesday, October 05, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1199/'11

1. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,— (1)

- (a) Will he state for last 5 years on per year basis—
 - (i) the total consumption and per capita consumption of coconut ;
 - (ii) the imported amount of coconut;
 - (iii) the value of imported coconut; and
 - (iv) the real subsidy given to coconut importers by the government with evidence to confirm it?
- (b) Will he also state the direct and indirect taxes imposed on coconuts produced locally and coconuts imported, separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1200/'11

2. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the countries to which Sri Lankans go for employments in the years of 2010, 2009, 2008, and 2007;
 - (ii) the number of males and females went to those countries for employments on per year basis in aforesaid years separately;
 - (iii) the average salary earned by them; and
 - (iv) whether there is a minimum salary that they are to be received?
- (b) If not, why?

1305/'11

3. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare,— (1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the 20 biggest foreign employment agencies operating in the country at present;
 - (ii) the number of persons sent overseas by the aforesaid agencies for the last 3 years on per year basis; and
 - (iii) the benefits given to those foreign employment agencies by the government?
- (b) if not, why?

Thursday, October 06, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1308/'11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Health,— (1)

- (a) Will he state for years 2010 and 2011 separately —
 - (i) the total cost for renting or leasing of buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Health;
 - (ii) the square footage rate of rented or leased buildings; and
 - (iii) the leasing period of the buildings?
- (b) Will he also state in relation to the Ministry of Health for aforesaid years separately—
 - (i) the total money spent on hiring or leasing of vehicles which do not belong to any of the ministry related entities;
 - (ii) the total number of vehicles owned;
 - (iii) the other out-sourced services;
 - (iv) the cost incurred in out-sourced services mentioned above;
 - (v) the number of people who have been contracted on out-sourced basis; and
 - (vi) the total staff strength?
- (c) If not, why?

1309/'11

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,— (1)

- (a) Will he state for years 2010 and 2011 separately —
 - (i) the total cost for renting or leasing of buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Mass Media and Information;
 - (ii) the square footage rate of rented or leased buildings; and
 - (iii) the leasing period of the buildings?

- (b) Will he also state in relation to the Ministry of Mass Media and Information for aforesaid years separately—
- (i) the total money spent on hiring or leasing of vehicles which do not belong to any of the ministry related entities;
 - (ii) the total number of vehicles owned;
 - (iii) the names of the other out-sourced services;
 - (iv) the cost incurred in out-sourced services mentioned above;
 - (v) the number of people who have been contracted on out-sourced basis; and
 - (vi) the total staff strength?
- (c) If not, why?

1310/11

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Economic Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state for years 2010 and 2011 separately —
- (i) the total cost for renting or leasing of buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Economic Development;
 - (ii) the square footage rate of rented or leased buildings; and
 - (iii) the leasing period of the buildings?
- (b) Will he also state in relation to the Ministry of Economic Development for aforesaid years separately—
- (i) the total money spent on hiring or leasing of vehicles which do not belong to any of the ministry related entities;
 - (ii) the total number of vehicles owned;
 - (iii) the other outsourced services;
 - (iv) the cost incurred in outsourced services mentioned above;
 - (v) the number of people who have been contracted on outsourced basis; and
 - (vi) the total staff strength?
- (c) If not, why?

Friday, October 07, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0771/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the government in the last 6 years has borrowed in order to finance the government actions;
- (ii) the projected total debt repayment in terms of capital and interest cost for year 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- (iii) the total debt repayment in terms of capital and interest cost for year 2003, 2004, and 2005;
- (iv) the balance of payments deficit in years 2008, 2009 and 2010; and
- (v) the envisage balance of payments deficit or amounts in year 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014?

(b) If not, why?

1311/'11

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (1)

(a) Will he state for years 2010 and 2011 separately—

- (i) the total cost for renting or leasing of buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Power and Energy;
- (ii) the square footage rate of rented or leased buildings; and
- (iii) the leasing period of the buildings?

(b) Will he also state in relation to the Ministry of Power and Energy for aforesaid years separately—

- (i) the total money spent on hiring or leasing of vehicles which do not belong to any of the ministry related entities;
- (ii) the total number of vehicles owned;
- (iii) the names of the other outsourced services;
- (iv) the cost incurred in outsourced services mentioned above;
- (v) the number of people who have been contracted on outsourced basis; and
- (vi) the total staff strength?

(c) If not, why?

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (1)

- (a) Will he state for years 2010 and 2011 separately —
 - (i) the total cost for renting or leasing of buildings which are not owned by the Ministry of Defence;
 - (ii) the square footage rate of rented or leased buildings; and
 - (iii) the leasing period of the buildings?
- (b) Will he also state in relation to the Ministry of Defence for aforesaid years separately—
 - (i) the total money spent on hiring or leasing of vehicles which do not belong to any of the ministry related entities;
 - (ii) the total number of vehicles owned;
 - (iii) the other outsourced services;
 - (iv) the cost incurred in outsourced services mentioned above;
 - (v) the number of people who have been contracted on outsourced basis; and
 - (vi) the total staff strength?
- (c) If not, why?

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations under the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage ;
 - (ii) the total cost of the aforesaid Ministry per month and per year ;
 - (iii) the number of permanent staff and the total emoluments paid to them per month ; and
 - (iv) the total cost of the Minister and Deputy Minister of Water Supply and Drainage and their Staff per month,

pertaining to the years of 2010 and 2011 separately ?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,— (4)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the date on which the Local Government Election was held in 2006;
 - (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?

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— (3)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the Government of Sri Lanka has gifted lands to other countries since attaining independence;
 - (ii) if so, the number of perches or acres given;
 - (iii) the purpose of giving such lands;
 - (iv) whether Sri Lanka has received similar lands in reciprocity in the countries to which the local lands were given; and
 - (v) if so, the country, the date and extent of land received?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, October 19, 2011
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0656/'10

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the 10 biggest government departments in the country;
 - (ii) as to how they are deemed as within the 10 biggest departments;
 - (iii) the capital deployed in to each entity and the number of workers at present;
 - (iv) the profit or loss of each department for the last 5 years to date on per year basis; and
 - (v) the market share of each department?
- (b) Will he state whether the loss making entities out of aforesaid departments could be made profitable?
- (c) If not, why?

0657/'10

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the 30 biggest state owned enterprises in the country;
 - (ii) as to how they are deemed as within the 30 biggest state owned enterprise ;
 - (iii) the capital deployed in to each entity and the number of workers at present;
 - (iv) the profit or loss of each entity for the last 5 years to date, on per year basis; and
 - (v) the market share of each state owned enterprise?
- (b) Will he state whether each loss making entity out of aforesaid enterprises could be made profitable?
- (c) If not, why?

0687/'10

3.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Power and Energy,— (2)

- (a) Will he state separately—
 - (i) the total power generation in the country and its percentage of hydro and thermal power; and
 - (ii) the quantity of thermal power generated by the CEB and the private sector ?

- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the production cost of electricity generated by the CEB, including amortization, interest charges and loan repayments;
 - (ii) the unit price of the thermal power generated and the contracted period to provide it by the private sector to the CEB;
 - (iii) whether there is any clause on default payments in the agreements on buying of thermal power;
 - (iv) whether there is any development activities based on Solar Power and Wind Power; and
 - (v) if there is no such activities, the reasons for not using those renewable energy sources?
- (c) Will he inform this House the average unit price of—
- (i) power generated by the state sector;
 - (ii) purchasing from the private sector; and
 - (iii) selling for the commercial sector and the domestic consumers ?
- (d) If not why?

Thursday, October 20, 2011

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

0723/10

1. Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,— (2)
- (a) Will he state—
- (i) Whether H.E the President has presided a meeting of the Export Council at least once a year, as per the provisions of the Sri Lanka Export Development Act;
 - (ii) the relevant parties that the government export policies are made; and
 - (iii) as to when such policy making was last done ?
- (b) Will he also state—
- (i) the names of the companies and the amount of money allocated to them under Section 13 of Sri Lanka Export Development Act, in the years 2009 and 2010 separately on per year and per entity basis; and
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated to Export Development Board by the government in the years 2009 and 2010 separately, rather than refunding of Cess ?
- (c) If not, why?

2.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Civil Aviation,— (2)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date commenced the operations, the initial capital and the total capital invested to date of Mihin Air;
 - (ii) the amounts of money infused to Mihin Air through Budgets and the date it was allocated;
 - (iii) the amount of money written off from its accounts and the date it was done;
 - (iv) the amount of capital injected as loans and the names of the banks granted the loans along with the dates granted; and
 - (v) the debt amortization per year?
- (b) Will inform this House—
 - (i) the total number of passengers and tonnage of cargo flown in Mihin Air per year to date;
 - (ii) the total revenue per year to date;
 - (iii) the required load factor to make Mihin Air profitable; and
 - (iv) the extent of load factor achieved as at today?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether the government has given any Bank Guarantees to Mihin Air; and
 - (ii) if so, the values and the purposes of giving them?
- (d) 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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7.

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 t h e subjects and functions of whose Ministries do not come within the purview of a Minister of the Cabinet or is not d e l e g a t e d 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.

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8.

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. (Ven.) Ellawala Medhananda Thero
Hon. C. A. Suriyaarachchi
Hon. (Mrs.) Sumedha G. Jayasena
Hon. Hunais Farook
Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana
Hon. Y. G. Padmasiri
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle
Hon. R. Duminda Silva
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura
Hon. Udith Lokubandara
Hon. Rohana Dissanayake
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa
Hon. Thenuka Vidanagamage
Hon. Dilum Amunugama
Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Janaka Bandara
Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne
Hon. V. K. Indika
Hon. Neranjan Wickremasinghe
Hon. Perumal Rajathurai

Hon. Lalith Dissanayake
Hon. (Alhaj) A. H. M. Azwer
Hon. A. P. Jagath Pushpakumara
Hon. Hemal Gunasekera
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Wijaya Dahanayake
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva
Hon. Lakshman Senewiratne
Hon. Dilan Perera
Hon. S. M. Chandrasena
Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka
Hon. Gunaratne Weerakoon
Hon. Mahinda Samarasinghe
Hon. Athauda Seneviratne
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. Salinda Dissanayake
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena
Hon. Nandimithra Ekanayake
Hon. J. R. P. Suriyapperuma
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda
Hon. (Miss) Kamala Ranathunga
Hon. Felix Perera
Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran
Hon. Neomal Perera
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena
Hon. H.R. Mithrapala
Hon. Jayarathne Herath
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithra Devi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen
Hon. (Mrs) Malani Fonseka
Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa

Hon. Saneerohana Kodithuvakku

Hon. Victor Antony

Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekera

Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara

Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader

Hon. Duminda Dissanayake

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala

Hon. M. L. A. M. Hizbullah

Hon. Janaka Bandara Tennakoon

Hon. Dayasritha Thissera

Hon. Arundika Fernando

Hon. Sanath Jayasuriya

Hon. S. B. Dissanayake

Hon. Anura Priyadharshana Yapa

Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into and report on the conduct of the Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament in violation of the Constitution of the Republic of Sri Lanka,—

Whereas reports have been received to the effect that the Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, who is a Member of Parliament of this august Assembly has either directly and / or indirectly participated in meetings, protest campaigns, discussions held in London by LTTE activists against the Government of Sri Lanka and His Excellency the President Mahinda Rajapaksa on the 29th of November 2010 and the preceding dates and that he has either directly and / or indirectly aided and abetted the said discussions and protests;

And whereas it has been reported that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament has directly participated in the preliminary discussions, persuading meetings and in related awareness activities in connection with the organization of the said protests;

And whereas matters have come to light that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament has maintained relationships of diverse nature with the LTTE and its supporters previously as well;

And whereas it has been revealed that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament has maintained and is maintaining very close links with LTTE activists and / or LTTE supporters in London and other major towns of Europe;

And whereas consequently it is apparent that Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament has clearly violated Article 157 A and the Sixth Amendment and the oath of the Constitution either through one or more of the above activities;

This House resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into the conduct of Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana, Member of Parliament with regard to the above matters and in respect of the above matters and report to this august Assembly;

- 2 (a) That the Committee and its Chairman shall be nominated by Mr. Speaker.

The Committee shall have the power to—

- (b) fix its quorum,
- (c) summon any person to appear before it and to procure any document and
- (d) examine witnesses under oath.

- 3 It shall also have the power to make interim reports from time to time and to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of Parliament.

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9.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale

Hon. Harin Fernando,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into and report whether any Member of this august Assembly was involved in the protest campaign held at the “Heathrow” Airport in England,—

Whereas the Minister of Water Supply and Drainage and Chief Government Whip Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena has made a statement on the 2nd December 2010 in Parliament to the effect that,

“ If any Member of Parliament who has taken Oaths in this Parliament in terms of the Constitution has acted in breach of his oath and against the country by associating himself with a banned organization and an illegal group, being present at the Airport in England at the time of arrival of His Excellency the President, such Member of Parliament should be subjected to an inquiry forthwith by this House”;

And whereas the issue raised by Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena warrants serious investigation by this House above mentioned

We, the inquire into and report Members of Parliament, resolve that a Select Committee be appointed to determine,

- (a) the background that led to the allegation levelled by the Minister the Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena ; and
 - (b) whether any Member of this august Assembly was involved in the aforesaid protest campaign held at the “Heathrow” Airport in England.
- 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 of shall be presented to Parliament within three months of its first meeting or any such period as extended by Parliament.
- 3 That the Committee shall have power to,
- (a) fix its Quorum,
 - (b) summon any person to appear before it, to require any person to produce any document or record, to produce and receive all such evidence, written or oral, as the Committee may think it necessary for 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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10.

Hon. Karu Jayasuriya
Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. Harin Fernando
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. D. M. Swaminadan
Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. A.D. Champika Premadasa,— Vote of no confidence on the Hon. A.L.M. Athaulla, Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—

Whereas the Hon. A.L.M. Athaulla, Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils assured the House in the 4th of January 2011 that the Elections of Local Authorities will be held in March 2011 since the new terms of the Local Authorities are due to commence on 01st April 2011, when he said,

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Whereas Elections to Municipal Councils of Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura-Kotte and Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia and Urban Council of Kolonnawa have been now postponed and it is also reported that elections to some other Municipal Councils, Urban Councils and Pradeshiya Sabhas are also due to be postponed; and

The Minister uttered an untruth making deliberately a false statement and thereby mislead the House;

This House resolves that it has lost confidence in the ability of the Minister to continue to discharge his functions as the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils and is no longer a fit and proper person to hold office in the Cabinet of Ministers.

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Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Palitha Range Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma

Hon. Niroshan Perera

Hon. Abdul Haleem

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on what Legal Provisions, Kumaran Pathmanathan is held in custody and the charges are to be framed against him and other matters,—

Whereas Shanmugam Kumaran Tharmalingam alias Selvarasa Pathmanathan, alias Kumaran Pathmanathan more commonly known as “KP” has as per the announcement of the Government of Sri Lanka on the 7th of August, 2009 being in its custody for over an year now;

And whereas “KP” is on Interpol’s most wanted list for various charges including arms smuggling and criminal conspiracy;

And whereas he is also wanted by India’s law enforcement agencies in connection with the assassination of former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991 and for violation of the Terrorist Act and the Indian Explosive Act;

And whereas he is implicated both directly and indirectly in several terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka including the attack on the Sri Maha Bodhi and the Temple of the Tooth Relic;

And whereas he was the procurer of arms for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE);

And whereas he ran a global network of LTTE offices which were engaged in its weapons procurement, logistics and money laundering operations;

And whereas he was known to operate a shipping company which was involved in shipping arms and ammunition for the LTTE;

And whereas he is also said to have orchestrated several Bank robberies in Sri Lanka;

And whereas he was engaged in equipping the LTTE with an arsenal of weapons;

And whereas he is alleged to be in control of a vast amount of assets including 19 ships and bullion belonging to the LTTE;

And whereas a statement issued by the LTTE on 21st July, 2009 declared him the Leader of the LTTE;

And whereas UN Statement says that the LTTE have committed atrocities killing innocent people;

And whereas the Government says that the “KP” was the person who internationally collected money to finance the LTTE activities;

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

- (a) Under which legal provision KP is being held in custody;
- (b) Whether it is intended to frame charges against KP, and if so —
 - (i) Under what law he be charged,
 - (ii) What offences be included in the charge sheet,
 - (iii) When it is proposed to file charges against him, and
 - (iv) In which Court such charges be framed;
- (c) Whether requests have been made for his extradition and if so, which countries have made such requests and whether it is proposed to extradite him;
- (d) The fate and location of the assets of the LTTE which were in the possession of “KP” with particular reference to bullion and ships;
- (e) The Select Committee should also address itself to the question whether any official or officials are guilty of treacherous conduct and dereliction of duty in holding “KP” without proceeding against him under the laws of the country.

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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Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. Harin Fernando

Hon. Ruwan Wijewardene

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the disadvantage and loss to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation on the Hedging Agreements and steps to be taken against those responsible for the said Agreements,—

Whereas the total incompetence of the management of the Ceylon Petroleum, the Corporation has resulted in a judgment against them in a sum of US\$ 160 million;

And whereas there are two more judgments pending which if they so against the Corporation will result in the Corporation standing to lose another US\$ 60 million and US\$ 200 million respectively;

And whereas it is not clear whether these ill conceived Hedging Agreements were entered into as a result of incompetence or dishonesty.

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

- (a) How such a Hedging Agreements totally disadvantageous to the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation came to be entered into;
 - (b) Who were the officers in the Corporation responsible for these Agreements;
 - (c) The total loss to the Corporation as a result of these Hedging Agreements;
 - (d) The steps that should be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future;
 - (e) What action should be taken against those responsible for the Hedging Agreements;
 - (f) Any other matter that the Committee deems appropriate in the circumstances which has a bearing on these matters under consideration.
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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Hon. John Amaratunga

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. Mohan Lal Grero

Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare

Hon. Eran Wickramaratne

Hon. Tissa Attanayake

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on how the low quality petroleum was imported by the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and total loss to the Corporation and steps to be taken against those responsible for the imports under question,—

Whereas the administration of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation in the recent past has been found to be totally wanting;

And whereas it has now come to light that the Corporation has imported low quality petroleum;

And whereas this low quality petroleum has damaged thousands of vehicles, some even beyond repair;

And whereas damage has also been caused to several petrol pumps installed at numerous pumping stations;

And whereas this action of the Corporation has caused untold financial loss;

And whereas the powers that be have already found a scapegoat to take the blame;

And whereas the Minister has admitted that low grade petroleum had in fact been imported;

And whereas the Government has made several contradictory statements regarding this fiasco;

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

- (a) Why tender procedures were not followed in placing the order of this stock of petroleum;
- (b) Whether in fact low quality petroleum was imported by the Corporation;
- (c) The country from where such imports were made;
- (d) The total cost of the imports;
- (e) The total loss to the Corporation as a result of such imports;
- (f) Why no action was taken to prevent such imports;
- (g) Why no action was taken to reject the stocks that arrived if they were found to be low quality;

- (h) Why after having known that the imported stocks were low quality, they were dispatched to the several sheds in the country;
 - (i) Why the payment was made after it was discovered that the imported stocks were of low quality;
 - (j) Why the public were not informed that there was bound to be a shortage of petrol;
 - (k) The persons responsible for such imports;
 - (l) The steps that should be taken to prevent such occurrences in the future;
 - (m) What action should be taken against those responsible for these imports;
 - (n) Any other matter that the Committee deems appropriate in the circumstances which has a bearing on these matters under consideration.
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.

* *Indicates Government Business*
