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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1883/11

1.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he admit—

- (i) that the construction work of the elevated water supply project at Gajamangama in Hungama of Hambantota District has been stopped half way ; and
- (ii) as a result the people of the aforesaid area are undergoing severe hardships?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action will be taken to carry out the construction work of the aforesaid project speedily ;
- (ii) whether funds have been allocated for that purpose; and
- (iii) if so, the date on which the aforesaid construction work will be commenced?

(c) If not, why?

2147/11

2.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the date on which Maho water supply scheme, which was constructed in the latter part of the year 2005 to cater to the water requirements of Maho town in Maho Divisional Secretariat Division was commissioned;
- (ii) the capacity of the aforesaid scheme; and
- (iii) the number of families benefitted by the aforesaid scheme?

(2)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the estimated cost and the actual expenditure of the aforesaid water supply scheme;
 - (ii) of the persons who carried out the construction work of the aforesaid scheme;
 - (iii) of the persons who allocated funds for the aforesaid scheme; and
 - (iv) of the current position of the aforesaid scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

2195/'11

3.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Lanka Puthra Development Bank for the last 5 years per year basis;
- (i) the total capital and reserves employed;
 - (ii) the return on equity and the return on assets;
 - (iii) the total number of staff and the cost per employee;
 - (iv) the above information as a comparison with a private sector banking institution;
 - (v) the non-recurrent cost;
 - (vi) the amount paid to the government as levies and duties; and
 - (vii) the profit or the loss?
- (b) If not, why?

2225/'12

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “සැමට නිවසක් - හිතට සෙවණක්” programme of the Mahinda Chinthana— A vision for the future manifesto that funds would be allocated to build 5000 houses around the relevant universities or to provide a suitable plot of land for that purpose in order to fulfill the housing need of the university community ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether funds have been allocated for the above purpose;
 - (ii) if so, the total amount of money so allocated; and
 - (iii) whether those funds have been allocated to build houses or to provide plots of land ?

(3)

(c) If not, why?

2293/12

5.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state the measures that have been taken by the government for the development of the education sector in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces after winning the war?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) the names of the foreign institutions and non-governmental organizations that granted aids;

(ii) separately, the value of the financial aid given by each of those institutions annually; and

(iii) separately, in relation to the relevant projects, the financial provisions allocated by the government annually during the period from the year 2009-2012;

for the development of education in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces after the war ?

(c) If not, why?

2490/12

6.

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

(a) Is he aware that Mrs. Y.H. Minoli of Kosgama has died while serving at Arka Palace in Riyadh of Saudi Arabia?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether the reason for Mrs. Minoli's death has been revealed by now;

(ii) whether that reason has been confirmed by a post-mortem report ;and

(iii) whether action has been taken by now to pay compensation or any other allowance to her relatives including her husband on her death ?

(4)

(c) If not, why?

2492/'12

7.

Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau has issued permits for sand mining within Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) if so, of the number of permits that have been issued;
- (iii) of the names and addresses of those permit holders;
- (iv) of the names of the places where they have been permitted to engage in sand mining ;
- (v) whether there are any conditions which the permit holders should adhere to when they engage in sand mining; and
- (vi) if so, what those conditions are ?

(b) If not, why?

2524/'12

8.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the date on which each of the national ceremonies organized in relation to admitting students to grade one, distributing text books, distributing uniforms, awarding certificates to students who have got through grade 5 scholarship examination and commencement of Sapiri Schools project was held during the year 2011;
- (ii) the venue of each of those ceremonies; and
- (iii) the amount of money spent on each of them ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total amount of money spent for holding all the national ceremonies mentioned in (a) above; and
- (ii) of the manner in which the aforesaid amount of money was obtained ?

(c) If not, why?

2546/12

9.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the names of the persons and institutions that have been supplying food to the Sri Lanka Army, the Air Force and the Navy since the year 2009 up to now;
- (ii) whether tenders were called when selecting the above mentioned persons or institutions ;
- (iii) if so, of the names of the persons and institutions that submitted tenders for the above mentioned purpose;
- (iv) of the bids submitted by each of those persons or institutions; and
- (v) of the bids submitted by the persons and institutions that were selected?

(b) If not, why?

2850/12

10.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately, the certified price of the government paid for a Kilogram of Samba and Nadu varieties of paddy at present ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the cost of production of a Kilogram of paddy at present; and
- (ii) the method employed to calculate that cost ?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether farmers are paid a sufficient certified price for a kilogram of paddy, in comparison to the cost of production; and
- (ii) if not, the steps intended to be taken to raise the certified purchasing price of paddy ?

(d) If not, why ?

2883/12

11.

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately—

- (i) the number of students who study in each of the classes from grade one to grade thirteen;
- (ii) whether students other than those who were selected at the interview have been admitted to grade one;
- (iii) the names of the students who have been admitted to grade one in that manner;
- (iv) whether students have been admitted to other grades except for grade one; and
- (v) the names of the students who have been admitted to other grades;

in the national schools situated within the Galle Education Zone, in the year 2012 ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether there are legal documents which authorized the admission of students other than the students who were selected at the interview to the aforesaid schools; and
- (ii) whether he will submit those documents to this House ?

(c) If not, why ?

1884/11

12.

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

(a) Is he aware that the people of the area are highly inconvenienced due to the shortage of drugs prevailing in the Ayurvedic Dispensary situated in the Mulatiyana Divisional Secretariat premises of Matara District?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether speedy action will be taken to overcome the shortage of drugs prevailing in the aforesaid dispensary;
- (ii) if so, of the time required for it?

(7)

(c) If not, why?

2148/11

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, of the number of employees recruited to the National Lotteries Board in each of the years during the period from the year 2005 to date;
- (ii) of the approved cadre of the aforesaid institution;
- (iii) of the shortage or the excess of the staff existing at the aforesaid institution;
- (iv) of the reasons if recruitments have been made exceeding the approved cadre; and
- (v) of the name and designation of the person in authority who granted approval for the recruitment of excess staff ?

(b) If not, why?

2196/11

14.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of houses built in Colombo District by the government in the year 2011;
- (ii) the number of houses expected to be constructed in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014; and
- (iii) the amount of money allocated for the aforesaid constructions of houses?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the newly built houses are given free;
- (ii) if not, the price at which those houses are sold or rented; and
- (iii) the basis on which those houses are allocated?

(c) If not, why?

2226/12

15.

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

(a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “සැමට නිවසක් - හිතට සෙවණක්” programme of the Mahinda Chinthana manifesto that 25 public service housing schemes similar to the Jaltara, Edmonton and Torrington housing schemes, which will be centered around the main town of each of

the districts in which they serve, would be commenced for public sector and corporation employees who do not have houses ?

- (b) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the year in which the housing projects were commenced as per the above pledge;
 - (ii) the number of towns in which the housing projects have been completed by now;
 - (iii) the names of the aforesaid towns; and
 - (iv) the number of families of public sector and corporation employees who have been settled in the houses of which the construction work has been completed ?
- (c) If not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

*1.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Regulations under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wild Life under Section 30 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) read with the Section 71 of the said Act, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1774/27 of September 6th, 2012, which were presented on 11.10.2012, be approved.

*2.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Bill— Second Reading.

*3.

Appropriation Bill— Second Reading.

*4.

Divineguma Bill—Second Reading.

*5.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.1),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the State of Kuwait for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 05th November 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for

the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*6.

The Minister of External Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (No.2),— That this Parliament resolves under Article 157 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, that the Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, signed on 22nd October 2009, being an Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments in Sri Lanka of such foreign State, its nationals or of corporations, companies and other associations incorporated or constituted under its Laws, which was presented on 07.09.2011 be approved, as being essential for the development of the national economy.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*7.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenepura General Hospital 2009,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Sri Jayawardenepura General Hospital together with the Auditor-General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2009 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, which was presented on 19.10.2011 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 03.11.2011)

*8.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Vijaya Kumaratunga, Memorial Hospital, Seeduwa 2008,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Vijaya Kumaratunga, Memorial Hospital, Seeduwa together with the Auditor-General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2008 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, which was presented on 24.02.2011 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 05.04.2011.)

*9.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the Vijaya Kumaratunga, Memorial Hospital 2009,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the Vijaya Kumaratunga, Memorial Hospital together with the Auditor-General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2009 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,

which was presented on 11.11.2011 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 19.06.2012.)

*10.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation 2009,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Corporation together with the Auditor-General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2009 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, which was presented on 19.10.2011 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 03.11.2011.)

*11.

The Minister of Health,— Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka 2010,— That the Annual Report and Accounts of the State Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Corporation of Sri Lanka together with the Auditor-General's observations prepared for the year ended 31.12.2009 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, which was presented on 07.06.2012 be approved.

(Considered by the Consultative Committee on Health on 19.06.2012.)

*12.

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.)

*13.

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.)

*14.

Order under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act,—Adjourned Debate on Question (08th September, 2011) Motion made and question proposed,— “ Order made by the Minister of Justice under subsection (2) of Section 7 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Special Provisions) Act, No.42 of 2007, and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1708/5 of May 30th, 2011, which was presented on 23.08.2011, be approved.”

*15.

The Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs,— Order under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance,— That the Order made by the Minister of Agrarian Services and Wildlife under subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance (Chapter 469) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1735/21 of December 06th, 2011, which was presented on 13.12.2011, be approved.

16.

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

17.

State Employees’ Development Finance Corporation (Incorporation) Bill— Consideration.

18.

Institute of Martial Arts (Incorporation) Bill — Consideration.

* *Indicates Government Business*

Wednesday, October 24, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1885/11

1.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the three storeyed building constructed at the Tissamaharama District Hospital in Hambantota District has been abandoned without being used ; and

(12)

- (ii) the aforesaid building has been abandoned without being used as a result of not providing the equipment required by it even though it was declared open?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) if so, whether necessary action will be taken to provide the aforesaid building with the equipment required by it and make it available for the use of the public ;
 - (ii) if necessary equipment is provided to it, the date on which it will be done ;
 - (iii) whether necessary allocations have been made for that purpose ;
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated ; and
 - (v) of the date on which the aforesaid building will be reopened for the use of the public?
- (c) If not, why?

2109/11

2.

Hon. John Amaratunga,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,— (5)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately —
 - (i) the number of shares held in Galadari Hotels Lanka PLC, Laughs Gas PLC and Ceylon Grain Elevators PLC by the Employees Provident Fund ;
 - (ii) the dates on which each lot of shares were purchased;
 - (iii) the price at which the aforesaid shares were purchased ;
 - (iv) the persons from whom the shares were purchased;
 - (v) if the said shares have been subsequently sold, the person or persons to whom they were sold, on per lot basis ;
 - (vi) the price at which the said shares were sold per each lot ; and

(vii) the names of the brokers involved in these transactions?

(b) If not, why?

2149/11

3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) separately, of the amount of money paid by the National Lotteries Board to its employees as attendance and transport allowances in each of the years from the year 2005 upto now;

(ii) whether approval of the treasury has been obtained for the aforesaid payments;

(iii) if so, whether the relevant documents will be tabled;

(iv) of the reasons, if the approval of the treasury has not been obtained; and

(v) of the person or persons who granted approval for the aforesaid payment ?

(b) If not, why?

2197/11

4.

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

(a) Will he state —

(i) whether an asset register is maintained in the Ministry of Transport;

(ii) if so, the person who maintains the aforesaid register;

(iii) the net asset value of the Ministry; and

(iv) the 5 most important assets in the Ministry?

(b) Will he also state—

(i) whether there are any fictitious assets found in the Ministry through assets verification;

(ii) if so, the names and the values of those assets; and

(iii) whether those assets have been brought into the books?

(c) If not, why?

2227/12

5.

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

(a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under the “සෑමට නිවසක් - නිතට

සෙවනක්” programme of the Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future Manifesto that funds would be allocated for the speedy implementation of a program to construct 15,000 houses to re-settle displaced persons from the Northern and the Eastern Provinces ?

- (b) Will he inform this House, of —
- (i) the amount of money allocated as per the above pledge;
 - (ii) the number of houses completed by now under the aforesaid programme; and
 - (iii) the number of families settled in those houses ?
- (c) If not, why?

2312/12

6.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of private higher education institutes affiliated to foreign universities that award degrees and post graduate degrees that are in operation in Sri Lanka at present with the approval of the government;
 - (ii) separately, the name, address, telephone number and the year of registration of each of the aforesaid institutes;
 - (iii) the government institution which monitors the standards of those institutes; and
 - (iv) the year in which a monitoring of standard was carried out last and the higher education institutes that were subjected to the aforesaid monitoring of standards ?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of private higher education institutes that award degrees and post graduate degrees which are in operation in Sri Lanka at present without the approval of the government; and
 - (ii) the institution under which such institutes should obtain registration?
- (c) Will he also state separately on annual basis the number of Sri Lankan students who have gone abroad and the number of students who migrated

to Sri Lanka for higher education from the year 2000 to 2010 ?

(d) If not, why?

2427/'12

7.

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Health,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

(i) the institution to which the main cafeteria of the Sri Jayawardenapura Hospital has been leased out; and

(ii) the date on which the hospital cafeteria was leased out to that institution ?

(b) Will he admit that the hospital cafeteria which is managed by the above institution provides food and beverages to the employees and patients at subsidised rates ?

(c) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether this cafeteria sells food items other than those made of wheat flour;

(ii) of the non wheat flour food items provided to diabetics by this cafeteria ; and

(iii) the provision of non wheat flour food to diabetics and other patients by this cafeteria is not sufficient ?

(d) If not, why ?

2491/'12

8.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

(i) a mother of three children Madugeta Gamage Dharmawathie residing at Nugekanda area in Hiyare, Akmeemana, who served in Baharain has been brought back to Sri Lanka by now is in a serious condition as she had been forced to swallow wire hooks by the woman who owned the house where she served; and

(ii) she has requested an entitlement under “Sahan Piyasa” insurance scheme implemented under the Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Welfare ?

(b) Will he state the steps taken by now to provide an entitlement to Mrs.

Dharmawathie under “Sahan Piyasa” insurance scheme ?

(c) If not, why?

2525/'12

9.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately in relation to each Provincial Council—

(i) the number of schools which were under the purview of Provincial Councils; and

(ii) the number of students and teachers in the aforesaid schools;

as at 31st December 2011?

(b) Will he inform this House separately of the amounts of money allocated by the Provincial Ministries of Education of each Provincial Council to the schools coming under the purview of the aforesaid Provincial Councils in relation to the year 2012 ?

(c) If not, why ?

2851/'12

10.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Social Services,—(1)

(a) Will he state whether —

(i) “elders identity cards” are issued under the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act, No. 9 of 2000; and

(ii) it has been stated on the reverse of the aforesaid identity card that the holder of the identity card should be given priority in services such as health and banking, police and legal advice, postal and pension and office activities ?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the legislation drafted and the regulations imposed by the government to accord the above priority;

(ii) whether such laws and regulations are submitted to the Parliament; and

(iii) if not, the reasons for same ?

(c) Will he state whether measures will be taken as soon as possible to issue a legally empowering circular and /or regulation for giving priority to senior citizens at least in meeting doctors, attending clinics and obtaining

medicines at government hospitals ?

(d) If not, why ?

1886/11

11.

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

(a) Is he aware that although a period of more than two years have elapsed since the foundation stone was laid for the reconstruction of the Ambalangoda rest house in Galle District after its buildings had been demolished, the aforesaid construction work has not yet been commenced?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the reasons for stopping the reconstruction work of the aforesaid rest house halfway ;

(ii) whether allocations have been made for the aforesaid construction ; and

(iii) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated?

(c) Will he inform this House—

(i) as to how the Ruhunu Tourist office got powers to demolish the aforesaid buildings which belong to the Ambalangoda Urban Council ;

(ii) whether the aforesaid construction work will be recommenced ; and

(iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?

(d) If not, why?

2150/11

12.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the value of the lottery ticket started for raising funds for Airport and Aviation Authority in the year 1992;

(ii) of the number of tickets of the aforesaid lottery that have been printed up to now;

(iii) of the name of that lottery;

(iv) separately, of the profit earned or the loss incurred annually through the aforesaid lottery;

(v) of the date on which the draw of the aforesaid lottery was held;

(vi) of the prizes distributed under the aforesaid lottery;

(vii) whether the expected targets of starting the aforesaid lottery have

been achieved; and
(viii) if so, whether details pertaining to those targets will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

2198/11

13.

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

(a) Will he state —

- (i) whether an asset register is maintained in the Ministry of Economic Development;
- (ii) if so, the person who maintains the aforesaid register;
- (iii) the net asset value of the Ministry; and
- (iv) the 5 most important assets in the Ministry?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether there are any fictitious assets found in the Ministry through assets verification;
- (ii) if so, names and the values of those assets; and
- (iii) whether those assets have been brought into the books?

(c) If not, why ?

2228/12

14.

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

(a) Is he aware that a pledge was made under “සැමට නිවසක් - හිතට සෙවණක්” programme of the Mahinda Chinthana - A vision for the future manifesto that plans would be prepared for the construction of six hundred thousand new houses with the full intervention of the government to grant ownership for one’s own house for all those without houses within the next six years ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the above mentioned plans are being implemented by now; and
- (ii) if so, the number of families who have been granted houses by

now ?

(c) If not, why?

2526/'12

15.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House of —

- (i) the number of national schools that were there in this country as at 31st December 2011; and
- (ii) the number of students and the number of teachers at those schools;
- (iii) the total amount of money allocated for national schools for the year 2012;
- (iv) the number of national schools where vacancies for Principals exist at present;
- (v) the number of students who applied for admission to the Grade one of the national schools in the years 2011 and 2012; and
- (vi) the number of students who have been admitted to those schools out of those who applied for admission ?

(b) If not, why?

Thursday, October 25, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1887/'11

1.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the people of the area have faced immense difficulties as a result of the amount of water provided to the houses on Malwarusha Thimbiripola Pirivena Road of Algoda in Dehiowita Pradeshiya Sabha area in Kegalle District is not sufficient for their use?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons that led to the aforesaid situation ;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to restore the water supply speedily by overcoming the reasons that led to the aforesaid situation ; and

(iii) if so, the period of time taken for it?

(c) If not, why?

2027/'11

2.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs,—(3)

(a) Will he admit that—

(i) women and small children are employed as domestic aids, baby sitters and garden keepers through informal and irregular means at present; and

(ii) small children and women working in that manner are often subjected to various kinds of torture?

(b) Will he state—

(i) whether measures will be taken to establish an institution with a proper procedure for the registration of those who seek employment for the aforesaid jobs to eliminate the torture of children and women in the aforesaid manner and for the benefit of both the employees and employers; and

(ii) whether necessary steps will be taken to provide, only those who have been registered with an institution thus established with the jobs mentioned in a (i) above, in a proper manner?

(c) If not, why?

2151/'11

3.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the value of the lottery ticket started for raising money for the Weeravila Airport Fund in the year 2007;

(ii) of the number of tickets of the aforesaid lottery that have been printed up to now;

(iii) of the name of that lottery;

(iv) separately, of the profit earned or the loss incurred annually through the aforesaid lottery;

(v) of the date on which the draw of the aforesaid lottery was held;

(vi) of the prizes distributed under the aforesaid lottery;

(vii) separately, of the amount of taxes or rent paid annually by the Lotteries Board to the Airport and Aviation Company for the purpose of conducting the aforesaid lottery;

(viii) whether the expected targets of starting this lottery have been achieved; and

(ix) if so, whether details pertaining to those targets will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

2199/'11

4.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Livestock and Rural Community Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state for last 4 years on per year basis pertaining to the MILCO Private Ltd—

(i) the profit or the loss ;

(ii) the number of staff working in the entity and profit and cost per employee; and

(iii) the amount of duties or levies paid to the government?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the paid up capital and reserves employed in MILCO Private Ltd to-date; and

(ii) as to how the fertilizer subsidy given to the same entity is reimbursed by the government?

(c) If not, why?

2527/'12

5.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he submit to this House—

(i) of the number of schools that had been selected for the Sapiri School Project by 31st January 2012;

(ii) of the amount of money expected to be spent for the implementation of the aforesaid Project in the year 2012;

(iii) of the way in which the aforesaid financial allocations have been received by now; and

(iv) separately, of the amount of money given to each of the aforesaid schools that were selected as Sapiri Schools during the 1st quarter of

the year 2012 ?

(b) If not, why?

2548/12

6.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, at district level, of the number of complaints of rape, sexual harassment and child abuse received by the Sri Lanka Police from the year 2009 up to now; and
- (ii) of the number of complaints regarding which investigations have been completed out of the number of complaints mentioned in a (i) above ?

(b) If not, why?

2781/12

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a news item with visuals showing someone displaying a LTTE flag at the May Day rally of the joint opposition held in Jaffna on 01.05.2012 was aired over the Independent Television Network;
- (ii) whether this May Day rally was videoed by a media person or a group of the Independent Television Network; and
- (iii) if not, the name of the person who handed over the video tape showing the displaying of a LTTE flag to the Independent Television Network ?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) as to how the authenticity or genuineness of the above video was verified;
- (ii) the number of times the aforesaid visuals were aired; and
- (iii) the dates on which the aforesaid visuals were aired and the times at which they were aired;

by the Independent Television Network ?

(c) If not, why?

1888/11

8.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Culture and the Arts,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the building constructed for the Dickwella-Kumaratuga Folk Museum which is situated in the Dickwella Pradeshiya Sabha area in Matara District is decaying at present; and
- (ii) the construction activities of the building have not been carried out according to the required standard?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether actions will be taken to renovate the aforesaid building; and
- (ii) if so, of the date on which the aforesaid activities will commence?

(c) If not, why?

2152/11

9.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the names of the Buddhist monks who contested the election conducted to select the Chief Incumbent of the Sripada Vihara, held on 25th November 2011;
- (ii) the number of Buddhist monks who were eligible to vote at this election; and
- (iii) whether lay persons have been granted the opportunity of voting ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether there was an incident of those Buddhist monks who are eligible for voting being abducted or Buddhist monks arriving at the polling station being harassed;
- (ii) if so, whether the persons involved in that incident have been identified;
- (iii) of the courses of action to be taken against them; and

(iv) whether the ministers of the government and peoples representatives had been entrusted with any duty in relation to that election ?

(c) Will he state—

(i) whether he admits the fact that incidents leading to divisions among the Buddhist monks which is a grave unwholesome act took place during that period;

(ii) if so, the courses of action to be followed against it; and

(iii) the courses of action to be followed to prevent such incidents from happening in the future ?

(d) If not, why ?

2200/' 11

10.

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

(a) Will he state —

(i) whether an asset register is maintained in the Ministry of Finance and Planning;

(ii) if so, the person who maintains the aforesaid register;

(iii) the net asset value of the Ministry; and

(iv) the 5 most important assets in the Ministry?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether there are any fictitious assets found in the Ministry through assets verification;

(ii) if so, names and the values of those assets; and

(iii) whether those assets have been brought into the books?

(c) If not, why?

2230/' 12

11.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the number of government schools that were closed down during the period from 2005 to 2010;

(ii) whether he admits the fact that the main reason for the closure of schools is that they have not been provided with sufficient resources; and

(iii) if not, of the reasons for the closure of the aforesaid schools ?

(b) If not, why?

2529/12

12.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a project to provide laptop computers to university students is being implemented by the Ministry of Higher Education;
- (ii) the criteria adopted for selecting undergraduates to provide computers;
- (iii) the number of undergraduates who have been provided with laptop computers by now;
- (iv) the period of time that will be taken to provide laptop computers to the other undergraduates;
- (v) the total amount of money expected to be spent for the project; and
- (vi) the programme that will be prepared to obtain the aforesaid amount of money ?

(b) If not, why?

2554/12

13.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether any aircrafts have been purchased for the Sri Lanka Air Force after 30th May 2009;
- (ii) if so, of the number of aircrafts that have been purchased separately on the basis of each type of aircraft;
- (iii) whether a tender procedure has been followed in purchasing them;
- (iv) if so, the names of the companies that submitted tenders for the above purpose;
- (v) the bids submitted by each of those companies;
- (vi) the basis on which companies were selected for the purchasing of aircrafts;
- (vii) the total amount of money spent on purchasing the above mentioned aircrafts;

(viii) the reason for purchasing the abovementioned number of aircrafts ?

(b) If not, why?

2853/12

14.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Environment,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that a project called “Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant” is being implemented in the Kanyakumari District in the State of Tamilnadu in India?

(b) Will he state—

(i) the capacity of the aforesaid nuclear power plant;

(ii) the distance to the territorial waters of Sri Lanka from the aforesaid nuclear power plant;

(iii) the distance to Sri Lanka from the place where the aforesaid nuclear power plant is situated;

(iv) whether the Site Evaluation Study Report of the aforesaid nuclear power plant has been received by the Sri Lankan government;

(v) whether the Safety Analysis Report of the aforesaid nuclear power plant has been received by the Sri Lankan government; and

(vi) whether the above mentioned reports will be tabled?

(c) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the studies conducted by the Sri Lankan government on the possible impacts on the environment of Sri Lanka that can be caused by the aforesaid power plant;

(ii) whether the reports of those studies will be submitted to this House; and

(iii) of the steps taken by the government of Sri Lanka to prevent damage caused to the environment of Sri Lanka by the aforesaid nuclear power plant ?

(d) If not, why?

2232/12

15.

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

(a) Will he admit that a number of measures are being taken to deprive the tenant farmers of their tenant rights even at present through the protection of their tenant rights was expected through the Agrarian Development (Amendment) Act No 46 of 2011 ?

(b) If so, will he inform of this House, the measures that will be taken to rectify the aforesaid situation ?

(c) If not, why?

Friday, November 09, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1370/11

1.

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

(a) Is he aware that —

- (i) the Weligama Urban Council has taken over an extent of 18.235 perches from the land known as Thanigahawatta, at No 153/1, new Galle road, Kapparatota, Weligama belonging to Mr. S.T.K. Jayaweera and brothers at 'Darshana', kapparatota, Weligama in the Weligama Pradeshiya Sabha area;
- (ii) though it is now nearly a year since this taking over, no compensation has been paid so far; and
- (iii) the Weligama Urban Council has now put up buildings covering the adjoining lands belonging to Mr. S.T.K. Jayaweera and brothers in addition to the land taken over by way of a Gazette Notification?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) the reasons for not paying compensation against the land that was taken over;
- (ii) if compensation will be paid, the time it will take; and
- (iii) the amount that will be paid as compensation?

(c) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a compensation will also be paid against those portions of lands which were used to put up the buildings mentioned in (iii) above;

(ii) if so, the amount to be paid as compensation?

(d) If not, why?

1543/11

2.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the monthly salary payable to a Cabinet Minister from 1st June 2011;
- (ii) of the other perks that a Minister and the staff assigned to a Minister enjoy per month;
- (iii) of the monthly salary payable to Deputy Ministers from 1st June 2011 ; and
- (iv) of the other perks that a Deputy Minister and his staff enjoy per month?

(b) Will he also state —

- (i) the monthly salary drawn by a Minister or a Deputy Minister if he or she is paid the monthly salary entitled to a Member of Parliament;
- (ii) whether the Ministers/Deputy Ministers enjoy the benefits referred to in part (a) as a Member of Parliament;
- (iii) whether the Ministers/ Deputy Ministers are paid a sufficient salary; and
- (iv) if so, as to how the matter is rectified?

(c) If not, why?

1903/11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether the ownership of Carlton Sports Network is with the government or an institution affiliated to the government;
- (ii) if its ownership is with a private institution, the name/names and address/addresses of the owner/owners of that institution; and

- (iii) the names and addresses of the Board of Directors of that institution?
- (b) Will he inform this House of—
 - (i) the date on which telecasting of Carlton Sports Network was started or is due to be started;
 - (ii) the frequency range allocated for the purpose of starting that channel;
 - (iii) the period of time for which telecasting rights were granted to Carlton Sports Network; and
 - (iv) the documents that granted approval for starting that channel and the agreements relevant to the granting of broadcasting rights?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount paid for starting that channel; and
 - (ii) whether the documents relevant to the aforesaid payment will be submitted?
- (d) If not, why?

2028/11

4.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—(5)

- (a) Will she inform whether there is a methodology to obtain information on the new inventions, new discoveries and machinery produced by the talented craftsmen living in various parts of this country?
- (b) Will she admit the facts that—
 - (i) most of the new inventors of this country are unable to improve their inventions and make progress for want of a strong economic footing ; and
 - (ii) those with necessary means in the society are reluctant to help this category of people financially?
- (c) Will she state whether she will take necessary steps to—
 - (i) subject to a correct evaluation the benefits accrued to the economy and the people of this country through the products of the new inventors ; and
 - (ii) encourage the inventors who have produced useful new inventions

and promote the production of such items as an industry?

(d) If not, why ?

2106/'11

5.

Hon. (Mrs.) Rosy Senanayake,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately on district basis the number of government schools in terms of their medium of instruction;
- (ii) separately the number of National schools, Provincial schools, Novodya schools and Isuru schools;
- (iii) the number of primary and secondary schools; and
- (iv) the number of schools that belong to the 1000 secondary schools project;

in relation to the schools operative in the plantation sector in Sri Lanka at present ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately, at district or zonal level, the results of Grade 5 Scholarship Examination, Ordinary Level Examination and Advanced Level Examination of the students in the plantation sector for the last 5 years; and
- (ii) of the measures taken to ensure that the students in the plantation sector can obtain better results ?

(c) If not, why?

2296/'12

6.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the years in which the projects named “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” were commenced;
- (ii) the objectives of starting “ Isuru Schools” and “ Navodya Schools”; and
- (iii) whether the aforesaid projects are implemented even at present ?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the amount of local funds provided;
- (ii) the amount of foreign funds provided; and

(iii) the institutions that have granted foreign funds, the amount of funds granted and the relevant years separately;

for “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” projects ?

(c) Will he also state—

(i) at district level, the number of schools developed under the aforesaid projects from the year of commencement upto now;

(ii) separately, the number of “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” expected to be developed in the next 10 years under the aforesaid projects; and

(iii) the number of “Isuru Schools” and “Navodya Schools” which are included in the project of 1000 secondary schools implemented at district level ?

(d) If not, why?

2378/12

7.

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage,— To ask the Minister of External Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

(i) the number of foreign tours undertaken by the government in the year 2011 with the objective of strengthening friendly diplomatic relationships for the development of Sri Lanka and soliciting international support required to minimize foreign influence tarnishing the image of Sri Lanka;

(ii) the names of those who participated in the aforesaid foreign tours;

(iii) the amount of money spent on them; and

(iv) the benefits accrued to the country as a result of the aforesaid foreign tours ?

(b) If not, why ?

2503/12

8.

Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,— (2)

(a) Will he state separately—

(i) the number of media personnel who had registered with the

government in each of the years during the period from the year 2005; and

- (ii) the number of media personnel who disappeared and the number of media personnel who were killed during the aforesaid period ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, of the number of registered newspapers, radio channels, television channels and websites as at 2011;
 - (ii) of the number of media institutions which were banned during the period from the year 2005 up to now; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for banning each of the aforesaid media institutions ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2530/12

9.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the decision to conduct leadership training courses for university students was taken;
 - (ii) of the number of batches of students to whom the aforesaid training has been provided by now;
 - (iii) separately, of the number of children included in each batch that participated in the aforesaid training course;
 - (iv) of the places at which the leadership training was provided to students;
 - (v) of the number of military camps which were used as training centres out of the aforesaid places;
 - (vi) separately, of the number of students who received training at each of the aforesaid places;
 - (vii) separately, of the amount of money spent for the aforesaid training in each year; and

(viii) the expenditure head from which the aforesaid money was spent ?

(b) If not, why?

2549/12

10.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether complaints have been received by the Sri Lanka Police, regarding incidents of a extortion in the fish market at Peliyagoda ;
- (ii) of the steps that have been taken so far upon the investigations conducted on these complaints;
- (iii) of the number of persons taken into custody upon these complaints ; and
- (iv) whether a list of names of the persons so apprehended will be submitted to this House ?

(b) If not, why ?

2776/12

11.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

(a) Will he state whether a building has been constructed by the Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha at Niwdawa in Bandaragama for the use of a project under which food stuffs are dried and made available in packets by using machines?

(b) If so, will he inform this House in relation to the aforesaid project—

- (i) of the year of commencement;
- (ii) of the amount of money invested;
- (iii) of the number of jobs that have been provided by now; and
- (iv) of the income generated from the date of commencement?

(c) If not, why?

1889/11

12.

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

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) the mortuary of the Mawarala Divisional Hospital situated at Hakmana area in Matara District is in a very dilapidated condition ; and

(34)

- (ii) the people of the area are faced with severe difficulties as a result of the aforesaid shortcoming prevailing at this Hospital, which is situated in a very difficult area?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to renovate the aforesaid building soon ;
 - (ii) whether allocations have been made for this purpose by now ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which the renovation work will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

1907/11

13.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Mass Media and Information,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements have been made to provide the Carlton Sports Channel (CSN) with cassettes or hard discs belonging to the National Television, which contain recordings of sports events;
 - (ii) if so, the reasons for providing, them as mentioned above;
 - (iii) of the basis on which such cassettes or hard discs were provided; and
 - (iv) of the amount of money paid by the Carlton Sports Channel to the National Television for obtaining those cassettes?
- (b) Will he submit to this House—
 - (i) if the Carlton Sports Channel has made a request to obtain those cassettes or hard discs, the details of persons who made that request;
 - (ii) the letter relevant to the aforesaid request; and
 - (iii) the name and the designation of the officer who gave permission for the aforesaid cassettes and hard discs to be released by the National

Television?

(c) If not, why?

2089/'11

14.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the steps that have been taken by the government for the protection of the Hindu shrines in our country ;
- (ii) separately, the amount of money spent for the aforesaid purpose in each year 2005-year 2010 ; and
- (iii) whether the amount allocated for the above purpose was adequate?

(b) If not, why?

2201/'11

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the number of houses built in Kalutara District by the Ministry in year 2011;
- (ii) the number of houses expected to be constructed in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014; and
- (iii) the amount of money allocated for aforesaid constructions of houses?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the newly built houses are given free;
- (ii) if not, the price at which those houses are sold or rented; and
- (iii) the basis on which those houses are allocated?

(c) If not, why?

Saturday, November 10, 2012
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1380/11

1.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— To ask the Minister of Sports,— (3)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) as to when Sri Lanka was informed by the Cricket World Cup Council that Sri Lanka will be co-hosting the World Cup for year 2011 ;
- (ii) the amount of money spent on upgrading the prevailing cricket grounds for the World Cup matches ;
- (iii) names of the persons authorized to approve expenditure on upgrading of prevailing cricket grounds and construction of new cricket grounds; and
- (iv) whether the constructions of grounds were complied with the approved expenditure?

(b) If not, why ?

1579/11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Postal Services,—(3)

(a) Is he aware that the Officers' Hostel located at the Kalutara Main Post Office in Kalutara District is in a dilapidated condition?

(b) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether he would take steps to renovate this building expeditiously;
- (ii) whether allocations have been made for that purpose;
- (iii) if so, the amount of money so allocated; and
- (iv) the date on which the renovation work will be commenced?

(c) If not, why?

1868/11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(4)

(a) Will he state the number of—

- (i) permanent employees serving at Sri Lanka Telecom;

- (ii) regional offices of Sri Lanka Telecom situated island wide; and
- (iii) permanent employees serving at each of those offices separately?

(b) Will he inform this House separately, of—

- (i) the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges received by the Chief Executive Officer of Sri Lanka Telecom; and
- (ii) the monthly salary, allowances and other privileges received by the other executive officers of that institution?

(c) If not, why?

2090/'11

4.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the steps taken by the government for the protection of the Muslim shrines in our country ;
- (ii) separately of the amounts of money spent for the aforesaid purpose in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to 2010 ; and
- (iii) whether the amount allocated for the above purpose was adequate?

(b) If not, why?

2298/'12

5.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Will he state, separately of—

- (i) the educational reforms that were effected in the system of education in Sri Lanka after the Independence and the main objectives of introducing each of those reforms; and
- (ii) the changes that have been made to the school syllabuses under each of the above mentioned reforms ?

(b) If not, why?

2531/'12

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the hospitals attached to the Medical faculties in Sri Lanka with Professorial Units for clinical training;
- (ii) separately, the number of Professors, Medical Specialists, Doctors reading for post graduate studies (Senior Registrars and Registrars) and Senior Medical Officers attached to each Professorial Unit as at

31st March 2012; and

(iii) separately, the operating theatres available for the relevant activities in each Professorial Unit?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) the date on which the Professorial Unit of the Anuradhapura General Hospital assigned for clinical training of the Rajarata University, was opened ;

(ii) the number of medical students who are undergoing training at that Professorial Unit at present;

(iii) whether sufficient doctors, operating theatres, wards and equipment and staff required to maintain them are available at the above mentioned unit for the purpose of providing training to the undergraduates who are undergoing training there; and

(iv) if not, the time to be taken to fulfill those basic necessities ?

(c) If not, why?

2552/12

7.

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

(a) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether tenders were called to purchase tear gas, ammunition and equipment, masks, helmets, shields, rubber bullets and battons for the riot squad of the Sri Lanka Police in 2012;

(ii) separately, of the quantity of each of the items for which tenders were called, if tenders were called for purchasing them;

(iii) separately, the bids forwarded in relation to each item;

(iv) the amount of money allocated to make all the purchases mentioned above; and

(v) whether there is an urgent need to purchase those items ?

(b) If not, why?

2778/12

8.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Technology and Research,—(2)

(a) Will she inform this House—

(i) whether arrangements have been made to commence a project of installing a satellite in the sky above Sri Lanka for communication activities;

- (ii) if so, the objectives that are expected to be achieved through the aforesaid project; and
- (iii) of the estimated cost of the aforesaid project ?

(b) If not, why ?

2849/12

9.

Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare,— To ask the Minister of Co-operatives and Internal Trade,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether tenders were called through a paper advertisement published on 19th December 2011 to lease out a two-storey building that belongs to the Nuwara Eliya Multipurpose Co-operative Society;
- (ii) if so, the values of the bids that have been submitted; and
- (iii) the facts that are taken into consideration and given priority when tenders are called according to the accepted tender procedure ?

(b) Will he admit that—

- (i) bids with the values of Rs. 320,000/- and Rs. 355,000/- had been submitted to obtain the lease of the aforesaid building;
- (ii) the aforesaid building has been given to a person who has not even submitted a tender application;
- (iii) an irregularity has taken place when the aforesaid building was leased out; and
- (iv) as a result of the aforesaid building being given in an irregular manner the applicants have been caused an injustice and the relevant Co-operative Society has incurred a loss?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the reason for not giving the building for the highest bid;
- (ii) the amount of money charged by the Co-operative Society from the person who have been given the building at present;
- (iii) whether action will be taken to conduct a proper investigation into the aforesaid irregularity and cause justice to the tenderers; and
- (iv) if so, the period of time that will be taken for that ?

(d) If not, why ?

2868/12

10.

Hon. M. T. Hasen Ali,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Land Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that eventhough a 39.38 perch land belonging to Mr. M.I.M. Anzar residing at No. 295 B, Osmond Road, Sayindamarudu-7, was taken over for development work of Oluvil harbour in Ampara District by the Gazette Extraordinary bearing No. 1552/12 and dated 04.06.2008, compensation for that has not been paid up to now?
- (b) Will he state whether action will be taken to pay the compensation to which Mr. Anzar is entitled for that land speedily, as per the letter bearing No. AM/LA/293,294,300,306 and dated 30.12.2011 that was referred to the Secretary to the Ministry of Land by the Chief Valuer ?
- (c) If not, why ?

1890/'11

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether there is a plan to transfer the postal headquarters building situated at the D.R. Wijewardhena Mawatha to start a tourist hotel ;
 - (ii) if so, the name of the person to whom the aforesaid building is to be transferred or the name of the company to which it is to be transferred ;
 - (iii) the methodology followed when the aforesaid building is transferred ; and
 - (iv) the income expected by the government through it?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether plans have been made to remove and relocate the offices that are currently housed at the postal headquarters building ;
 - (ii) of the location so planned ; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which relocation activities will be commenced?
- (c) If not, why?

2153/'11

12.

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the location where Sri Lanka Carrom Head Quarters is run at present;
 - (ii) whether it is run on the basis of rent or lease;

(41)

- (iii) the place where carrom Head Quarters was located before it was shifted to the current location;
 - (iv) the reasons for shifting it from the aforesaid place; and
 - (v) the facilities available at the current location ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to give a permanent place to run the Sri Lanka Carrom Federation; and
 - (ii) of the measures that have already been taken and the measures that are to be taken in the future to safeguard the future of the game of Carrom ?
- (c) If not, why ?

2202/11

13.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House for the last 2 years on per year basis—
- (i) the total number of foreign tours made by the Minister and Deputy Minister of Economic Development separately ;
 - (ii) the names of the countries visited; and
 - (iii) the necessity to achieve the objective set in regarding the visits?
- (b) Will he state—
- (i) the number of officials accompanied by the Minister and Deputy Minister and the cost incurred for each visit separately; and
 - (ii) whether the funds used for the aforesaid tours were public money or money granted by the governments of the countries visited?
- (c) If not, why?

2256/12

14.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—

(42)

- (i) the percentage of unemployment in the Northern Province;
 - (ii) the steps taken to minimize unemployment in that Province; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to take those steps with time frames and targets ?
- (b) If not, why ?

2532/12

15.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) whether the percentage of foreign students admitted to each of the universities in Sri Lanka has been increased up to 5 % for the academic year 2010-2011;
 - (ii) if so, on the basis of the aforesaid percentage, the number of opportunities allocated for foreign students in each of the faculties for the above academic year separately;
 - (iii) separately, the number of foreign students who have entered each of the aforesaid faculties by now;
 - (iv) the existing number of vacancies for foreign students in each of the aforesaid faculties at present accordingly; and
 - (v) the measures adopted to fill the aforesaid vacancies ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to award scholarships for the foreign students who have entered the universities for the academic year 2010-2011; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which financial provisions are obtained for that purpose ?
- (c) If not, why ?

Monday, November 12, 2012

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1406/11

1.

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

- (a) Will he state separately on per year basis—
 - (i) the quantities and the values of 15 most important items drawing out the exchange from the country from 2005 to date; and
 - (ii) the countries from which those items were imported?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is possible to reduce the import volume of those items by replacing them with locally produced good and services or with a cheaper alternatives; and
 - (ii) if so, the value of the difference between importation and local production?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether the production of Sri Lankan based items has been encouraged through the Strategic Development Projects Act; and
 - (ii) if it is so, the corroborative evidence on per year basis; and
 - (iii) the possible exchange saving and the employment creation per year, consequent to the implementation of the aforesaid Act ?
- (d) If not, why?

1586/11

2.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) several years have elapsed since the construction work of the Heendeniyawela bridge which crosses Arawakoya at Sirisamanpura in the Ehaliyagoda Divisional Secretariat Division, was stopped halfway; and
 - (ii) as a result people in many villages are facing severe hardships?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the year in which the construction work of the aforesaid bridge was commenced;
 - (ii) the institution or institutions which provide allocation for the construction works;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for the construction work of the Heendeniyawela bridge;

- (iv) if so, the names of the institutions that submitted tenders;
 - (v) of the bids submitted by each institution; and
 - (vi) of the institutions to which the tenders were awarded and the values of those tenders ?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) of the reasons for stopping the construction work of the bridge halfway;
 - (ii) whether necessary action will be taken to construct the bridge;
 - (iii) whether allocations have been made for it; and
 - (iv) if so, the amount of money that has been allocated?
- (d) If not, why?

1870/'11

3.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology,—(3)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the daily income and the monthly income of the Division of Sri Lanka Telecom which provides telephone facilities through Internet, Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) ;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid Division has been closed down by now ;
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it was closed down ;
 - (iv) the reasons for closing down the aforesaid Division ; and
 - (v) the profit earned or the loss incurred by the aforesaid Division at the time it was closed down?
- (b) If not, why?

2092/'11

4.

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

- (a) Is he aware that the Farmers' Pension Scheme has become completely inactive by now?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately, of the amounts of money spent for implementing the

Farmers' Pension Scheme in each year during the period from the year 2005 up to 2010 ; and

(ii) of the steps that will be taken to strengthen the Farmers' Pension Scheme?

(c) If not, why?

2299/'12

5.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(3)

(a) Will he state—

(i) the programmes implemented by the Ministry of Education of the Central Government and Provincial Ministries of Education for the development of the field of education in the plantation sector from the year 2005 upto 2011; and

(ii) separately, the amount of money allocated for each of those programmes ?

(b) Will he also state—

(i) the various Non Governmental Organizations which have taken measures for the development of the field of education in the plantation sector; and

(ii) separately, the programmes implemented by each of those institutions and the value of the financial allocations made for those programmes ?

(c) If not, why ?

2534/'12

6.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he state separately on per year basis—

(i) the total number of Sri Lankan students who have gone abroad ;

(ii) the number of students who have gone to each country ; and

(iii) the number of aforesaid students who have gone abroad as per each degree course ;

in the years 2010 and 2011 to obtain the Bachelor's degree?

(b) Will he inform this House separately on per year basis—

(i) the number of Sri Lankan students who have gone abroad to obtain post graduate degrees in the years 2010 and 2011 ; and

(ii) the number of students who went abroad as per each country they

have gone to?

- (c) Will he state separately on per year basis the amount of foreign exchange that got channeled into foreign countries obtaining foreign degrees in the above years?
- (d) If not, why?

2854/12

7.

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) the partly completed Panadura Public Market is in a dilapidated condition at present; and
 - (ii) the lives of traders and customers are at risk owing to this condition ?
- (b) Will he admit the facts that—
 - (i) a health threat has emerged owing to the existing state of the Panadura Public Market; and
 - (ii) Panadura town is in need of a spacious new Market Complex to provide a better service to its people ?
- (c) Will he state the date on which the construction work of a new market complex to provide facilities to the traders who engage in business activities at the Panadura Market at present and the pavement hawkers of Panadura would be commenced ?
- (d) If not, why?

2555/12

8.

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of money received by the “Api Wenuwen Api” fund from July 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) of the procedures followed to raise money for the aforesaid fund;
 - (iii) separately, of the amounts of money spent out of the monies of the aforesaid fund during the period from month of July to 31st of

December 2010, in the year 2011 and upto now in the year 2012;

(iv) the projects or purposes on which the aforesaid monies have been spent ?

(b) If not, why ?

1891/'11

9.

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

(a) Will he admit that—

(i) several buildings belonging to the weekly fair of Nochchiyagama situated in the Nochchiyagama Pradeshiya Sabha area in Anuradhapura District have been left to decay without being used ; and

(ii) leaving these buildings to decay is a serious crime?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) whether there is a plan to use those buildings for some other useful purpose, if they are not being used ; and

(ii) if so, what that plan is?

(c) If not, why?

2154/'11

10.

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

(a) Will he state—

(i) separately, the loss incurred or the profit earned annually by Sri Lanka Tea Board, from the year 2005 to date;

(ii) the number of employees attached to Sri Lanka Tea Board, at present; and

(iii) the amount of money spent monthly for the payment of their salaries ?

(b) Will he inform this House—

(i) of the address of the place where the aforesaid institution is run;

(ii) whether that place has been obtained on permanent, lease or rent basis; and

(iii) if so, the amount of the rent paid monthly or yearly for the aforesaid place?

(c) Will he also state—

- (i) the assets owned by the Sri Lanka Tea Board;
 - (ii) the reasons, if the aforesaid institution incurs losses at present; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to lease out or sell the aforesaid institution ?
- (d) If not, why?

2203/'11

11.

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

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) all the government owned companies established during the last 10 years which are not audited by the Auditor General's Department;
 - (ii) whether the aforesaid companies are monitored by the Public Enterprise Department; and
 - (iii) if not, by whom in the Ministry of Finance and Planning, the above companies are audited ?
- (b) Will he also state for the last 10 years pertaining to the companies mentioned in (a) (i) —
- (i) the number of entities that have been charged a levy, or paid dividends to the government;
 - (ii) the number of entities that have been paid by the government without receiving any finance back;
 - (iii) the amount that has been paid by the government to each entity separately ;
 - (iv) whether those entities are netting an overall profit or loss for each year;
 - (v) the number of employees in each entity; and
 - (vi) the total capital employed to each entity by the government?
- (c) If not, why?

2257/'12

12.

Hon. Sajith Premadasa,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Planning,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
- (i) the percentage of unemployment in Eastern Province;
 - (ii) the steps taken to minimize unemployment in the aforesaid

Province;

(iii) whether action will be taken to take those steps with time frames and targets ?

(b) If not, why ?

2349/'12

13.

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— To ask the Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils,—(2)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately, the number of pre-schools registered under each Provincial Council by the year 2010; and
- (ii) the number of Provincial Councils which have formulated statutes or laws pertaining to the registration of pre-schools and pre-school teachers and are acting according to them?

(b) If not, why?

2537/'12

14.

Hon. Anura Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Sports,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the basis on which awarding the telecasting rights of international sports competitions to private channels in addition to the government television channels is done;
- (ii) of the television channel that telecast Commonwealth Bank Championship Cricket Tournament which was held recently;
- (iii) of the basis on which that channel was selected for that purpose; and
- (iv) whether action will be taken to permit all the television channels to telecast international sports competitions?

(b) If not, why?

2556/'12

15.

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

(a) Will he state—

- (i) separately at district level, the number of houses constructed for the soldiers up to now using the funds of “Api Wenuven Api”;
- (ii) the number of handed over to the families of soldiers out of the houses so completed;
- (iii) the gross value of such a house;
- (iv) the basis on which the families of soldiers were selected for giving

- those houses; and
- (v) the monthly amount that should be paid by a soldier for a house obtained ?
- (b) If not, why?

Friday, January 11, 2013

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. P.12/ 10
Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Making new Laws to regulate Contempt of Court proceedings,— That this Parliament resolves that new laws should be brought into regulate Contempt of Court proceedings as to strengthen democracy and to maintain a vibrant free media ensuring equal justice to all.
P.13/ 10
2. P.14/ 10
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.15/ 10
3. P.16/ 10
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.17/ 10
4. P.18/ 10
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.19/ 10
5. P.20/ 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.21/ 10
6. P.22/ 10
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.23/ 10
7. P.24/ 10

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.20/ 10

8.

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

9.

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

10.

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

11.

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

12.

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

13.

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

14.

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

15.

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

16.

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

17.

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

18.

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

19.

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

20.

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

21.

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.44/' 10

22.

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

23.

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

24.

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

25.

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

26.

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

27.

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.57/' 10

28.

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

29.

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

30.

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

31.

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

32.

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

33.

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.69/10

34.

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.75/10

35.

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

36.

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

37.

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

38.

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

39.

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

40.

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

41.

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

42.

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

43.

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

44.

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

45.

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

46.

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

47.

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

48.

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

49.

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

50.

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

51.

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

52.

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

53.

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

54.

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

55.

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

56.

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

57.

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

58.

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

59.

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

60.

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

61.

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

62.

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.105/'10

63.

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

64.

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

65.

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

66.

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

67.

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

68.

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

69.

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

70.

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

71.

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

72.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of Teacher Advisory 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 Advisory Service unit.

P.118/' 10

73.

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

74.

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

75.

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.123/' 11

76.

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

77.

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.127/'11

78.

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.129/'11

79.

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.

P.130/'11

80.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Appointing a Select Committee of Parliament on Election Procedures and the Conduct of Elections,— That this Parliament resolves that a Select Committee of Parliament on Election Procedures and the Conduct of Elections be appointed, on a permanent basis.

P.131/'11

81.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Prompt disbursement of EPF and ETF money,— That this Parliament resolves that provisions be introduced to repay all the subscribers of EPF and ETF their dues, one month after retirement from active employment.

P.132/'11

82.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Ensuring impartiality in State Media,— That this Parliament resolves that since State Media is the exclusive right of the citizens of Sri Lanka and since there has been regular politicization of the Government Media, equal treatment and equal opportunity must be ensured to all political parties registered in Sri

Lanka through State Media.

P.133/'11

83.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,—Language proficiency requirements in Public Service,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should make mandatory, by the year 2025, that all Public Servants must be able to work, correspond and speak in all 3 languages viz. Sinhala, Tamil and English.

P.134/'11

84.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Providing the Members of Parliament with a Decentralized Budget Allocation,— That this Parliament resolves that the 225 Members of Parliament be made entitled to a Decentralized Budget Allocation on a yearly basis which is totaling 1% of GDP that must be utilized 50% on capital expenditure and the balance on any basis the Member of Parliament desires on behalf of his voters based on guidelines of the Government.

P.138/'11

85.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Converting courses conducted by the universities into job-oriented courses,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic program should be drawn up for the co-ordination of public sector and private sector institutions with all universities with a view to providing employment opportunities for those graduated whereafter converting those degree courses conducted exclusively for scholarly education by all government and private sector universities of the island into job-oriented, professional degree courses.

P.139/'11

86.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting proper standards for vans transporting school children,— That this Parliament resolves that standards should be introduced for school vans in order to maintain a school van service with proper standards and to ensure the safety of school children who make use of this service, and a code of disciplinary rules should be introduced for maintaining good conduct among employees of school vans since school van services operated throughout the island do not meet the required standards and the conduct of some employees of school vans is not at a satisfactory level.

P.140/'11

87.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Regularizing the development and promotion of the coconut industry and coconut resources,— Since coconut occupied an important place in the commercial products, this Parliament resolves that meaningful steps be taken to regularize development and to promote coconut industry and coconut resources, which would grow as a significant contributor to the Gross Domestic Product of the country while sustaining the resources and its environment.

P.141/'11

88.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Increasing the plantation of Kithul to boost the Kithul industry,— Since the Kithul contributes immensely for the rural industries, this Parliament resolves that proper action must be taken to increase the number of new plantations in keeping with our ambitious plan of increasing the stock of Kithul for

vegetation so as to give a boost to the rural industry and the rural folk.

P.142/'11

89.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Ensuring a pollution free marine environment around Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that an action be taken to ensure a pollution free marine environment around Sri Lanka for a sustainable national development and the well being of its people and the economy by the year 2020.

P.143/'11

90.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Initiating action to develop cashew cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that an action must be initiated to develop cashew cultivation in order to help processing, marketing and plantation of cashew and allied products and thereby help Sri Lanka to become a leading producer and exporter of quality and value added cashew products

P.144/'11

91.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Development of traditional industries,— That this Parliament resolves that the traditional industries which have been dwindling in the Ampara District such as handloom, pottery, palmyra and reed products i.e. boxes, plates and mats, coir products and cane products be developed and thereby the livelihood opportunities of the people be created in order to have their income increased.

P.146/'11

92.

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Establishment of a proper control system for the arms trade,— That this Parliament resolves that a local system of legislation relevant to international treaties and conventions be established to alleviate malpractices, as the flowing in of weapons to countries like Sri Lanka as a consequence of the operation of arms trade internationally without any control and the irregular circulation of arms within such countries has resulted in posing serious obstacles to the freedom of the society and posing a threat and exerting pressure on a democratically elected government as well as causing the spread of malpractices like drugs and prostitution, and because of creation of a disciplined, law abiding and ethical society alleviating the aforesaid situation is one intention of Mahinda Chinthana Vision and also because of minimizing social conflict through the implementation of arms trade treaties and ensuring social welfare is the expectation of the present day world.

P.147/'11

93.

Hon. (Al-Haj) A. H. M. Azwer,— Undertaking extensive studies to explore the possibility of introducing the plantation of date palm,— That this Parliament resolves that an extensive study be undertaken to explore the possibility of introducing the plantation of date palm (*Phoenix dactylifera*) in our country since such an experiment undertaken in Kattankudy in the Batticaloa District is found to be successful, so that the people of our country will be afforded the opportunity of enjoying this luscious fruit grown in our own soil.

P.151/'11

94.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Regulating broadcasting of radio,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to incorporate an independent authority that will regulate broadcasting of radio.

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95.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Regulating telecasting of TV programs,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to incorporate an independent authority that will regulate telecasting of TV programs.

P.153/11

96.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing Public Accounts Committees in Municipalities,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be introduced to establish Public Accounts Committees in every Municipality by 1st January 2013.

P.154/11

97.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Enacting the Bill of Rights,— That this Parliament resolves that a bill taking on the Bill of Rights that is a cornerstone of Democracy in South Africa that affirms the democratic values of Human Dignity, Equality and Freedom be enacted in Sri Lanka ensuring the rights of all people of the country that must be respected, protected, promoted and fulfilled by the State subject to limitations specified in the Bill.

P.155/11

98.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Payment of Special Allowances to the Members of Parliament,— That this Parliament resolves that no Minister, Deputy Minister or Member of Parliament should be paid any Special Allowance at all unless it is approved by the Public Service Commission and the Salaries and Cadre Commission and brought before the Parliament.

P.158/12

99.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Development of Ports in Sri Lanka,— Since Sri Lanka has been known as a geographically well located centre and shipping is a very important service industry from ancient times and since India is very ambitiously developing and promoting ports, this Parliament resolves that we team up with India and Indian Business and develop ports for the benefit of two countries.

P.117/10

100.

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.159/12

101.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a methodology to increase production to suit future national and international demand,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology to increase production, through inter-relations among all sectors affiliated to relevant products, while making maximum use of modern technology, be formulated, after making a projection of industrial and agricultural productions that suit the demand from the national and international community.

P.160/'12

102.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Creating a digital library to protect the traditional heritage of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a modern library making use of digital technology be set up for all sectors including the environment, indigenous medicine, agriculture and traditional industries, as an extensive national programme has become necessary to protect and nurture the traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people, and pass it on to the future generation, and to prevent the abuse of genetic resources and biological heritage, and steps be taken to formulate a joint programme in that respect, bringing together all relevant sectors including the World Intellectual Property Organization, National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka and the Bio-diversity Unit of the Ministry of Environment.

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103.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Commencing a national programme to conserve the traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be commenced, jointly by the relevant sectors including the Bio-diversity Unit and the National Intellectual Property Office, by obtaining information from people representing various sectors such as systems of medicine, agriculture, food preservation and handicrafts where traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people is used, to conserve such knowledge.

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104.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Obtaining patents for genetic resources in medicinal herbs endemic to Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that a special programme be prepared, jointly by all responsible institutions including the Bio-diversity Unit, National Intellectual Property Office and the Ministry of Indigenous Medicine, to prevent foreign countries from identifying active chemicals and genetic resources contained in valuable medicinal herbs endemic to Sri Lanka and obtaining patents for them fraudulently, by obtaining patents for the relevant active chemicals and genetic resources for Sri Lanka, and to use those properties for producing and upgrading pharmaceuticals.

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105.

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Abandoning of honorary titles of representatives of the people,— Since all representatives of the people representing the Parliament, the Provincial Councils, the Pradeshiya Sabhas including the President and the Prime Minister receive salaries and/or allowances monthly for the duties they perform, and since none of the holders of the above posts render an honorary service with altruistic concerns, and since the use of titles such as His Excellency, Honourable or Sir with the name or the post has become an object for ridicule, that this Parliament resolves that necessary action be pursued to discontinue the use of honorary titles of the representatives of the people.

P.164/'12

106.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Transforming the Securities and Exchange Commission into an independent institution,— That this Parliament resolves that the Securities and Exchange Commission be made an independent institution, which would remove all impediments, especially related to political interference and political patronage.

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107.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Introducing “Advance Voting” to replace Postal Voting,— That this Parliament resolves that the Constitution be amended to replace Postal Voting with “Advance Voting”, which will help to ameliorate many shortcomings in the present election system.

P.166/'12

108.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Amending the Constitution to introduce an open Electoral Register,— That this Parliament resolves that the Constitution be amended so that the Electoral Register will be an open register, rather than a static list which is maintained at present.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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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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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.
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 - (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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 - 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, statutes and court decisions that are ambiguous, arbitrary or nonsensical, or that impose severe financial burdens on individuals;
 - (iii) give priority consideration to including in its plan the review of those legislation projects, programmes, or agencies operating under permanent budget authority or permanent statutory authority; and
 - (iv) have a view toward ensuring that all significant legislation projects, programmes, or agencies within its jurisdiction are subject to review every 10 years.
- (e) Not later than nine weeks after the commencement of the first session of Parliament, the Committee on Parliamentary Business shall report to the Parliament the oversight plans submitted by committees together with any recommendations that it, may make to ensure the most effective coordination of oversight plans and otherwise to achieve the objectives of this sub clause.
3. (a) The Parliament may refer any item to any Oversight Standing Committee.
- (b) A Minister may refer any matter to the relevant Oversight Standing Committee having jurisdiction over the subject, function, department or institution coming under the Minister.

4.
 - (a) The Speaker shall refer each Bill, regulation, resolution or other matter that relates to a subject listed under an Oversight Standing Committee named under Paragraph 1(a) above in accordance with the provisions of this Standing Order.
 - (b) The Speaker shall refer matters under paragraph 4 (a) in such manner as to ensure to the maximum extent feasible that each committee that has jurisdiction under Paragraph 1(a) over the subject matter of a provision thereof may consider such provision and report to Parliament thereon.
 - (c) In carrying out paragraphs (a) and (b) with respect to the referral of a matter, the Speaker:-
 - (i) shall designate a committee of primary jurisdiction;
 - (ii) may refer the matter to one or more additional committees for consideration initially or after the matter has been reported by the committee of primary jurisdiction for its opinion;
 - (iii) may subject a referral to appropriate time limitations; and
 - (iv) may make such other provision as may be considered appropriate.
 - (d) The opinion shall deal solely with those matters that fall under the areas of responsibility of the Committee giving an opinion.
 - (e) The Committee of Primary Jurisdiction shall fix a deadline within which the Committee asks for an opinion and must deliver if it to be taken into account in the Committee of Primary Jurisdiction.
5.
 - (a) Each Committee when acting in the exercise of its jurisdiction shall submit to the Speaker a report in respect of each item considered by the Committee. The Speaker shall cause such report to be tabled before Parliament.
 - (b)
 - (i) Any Report by a Committee on any Bill or regulation shall comprise draft amendments if any to the proposal accompanied, if appropriate by short justifications.
 - (ii) Any such amendment to a Bill will be submitted by the Speaker to Parliament during the Committee stage of such Bill under SO 56 as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
 - (iii) Any such amendment to a regulation will be submitted by the Speaker as an amendment moved by the Chairman of the Committee or such other member designated by the Committee.
 - (c) The Parliament may by motion approve the recommendations of any non-

legislative report placed before Parliament.

6. (a) Each Standing Committee will prepare a calendar of its meetings and submit it to the Speaker.
 - (b) Each Standing Committee will meet not less than two days of the month. The meetings of each Standing Committee will be summoned in accordance with the calendar/timetable upon its approval by the Speaker.
 - (c) Additional meetings of any Standing Committee shall be summoned either at the request of Parliament or at the request of half the members of the Standing Committee.
 - (d) One third of the Members of Parliament may in writing request that any Standing Committee submit a report on the progress of any matter referred to such Committee provided that 8 weeks has passed after such referral. Upon receiving such request, such Standing Committee shall within two weeks submit a Report to Parliament. Such Report shall be tabled in Parliament.
7. Every Standing Committee will function for the duration of Parliament.
8. (a) All Members of Parliament other than the following are eligible to serve as Members of Standing Committees:
- (i) Speaker
 - (ii) Deputy Speaker
 - (iii) Deputy Chairman of Committees
 - (iv) Prime Minister
 - (v) Leader of the House
 - (vi) Leader of the Opposition
 - (vii) Ministers of Cabinet appointed under Article 44(1) of the Constitution
 - (viii) Ministers appointed under Article 45(1) of the Constitution the subjects and functions of whose Ministries do not come within the purview of a Minister of the Cabinet or is not delegated subjects and functions under Article 45(4).
- (b) Every eligible member shall serve as a Member of one Standing Committee. Deputy Ministers and Ministers not falling under Paragraph 8 (a)(viii) shall not serve in any Standing Committee whose jurisdiction and related functions are the same as any subject, function, Department or Institution of the Minister of the Cabinet under whose purview such Deputy Minister or Minister functions.
- (c) (i) The Speaker shall prepare a list of eligible members.

- (ii) The places in each Standing Committee will be allocated by the Speaker to political parties and independent groups represented in Parliament according to the numerical strength amongst the list of eligible members.
 - (d) The Leaders of the Parties or of the Independent Groups in Parliament shall submit the nomination of members of each Standing Committee to the Speaker. The Speaker shall announce such names to Parliament in consultation with the Committee of Selection.
 - (e) The Leader of any Party or Independent Group in Parliament may in writing request the Speaker to remove any such member nominated under paragraph 8(d) from such Committee. The Speaker shall on receiving such request remove such member from such Committee after informing Parliament.
 - (f) (i) Each Standing Committee shall at its first meeting and thereafter at the first meeting after the post of Chairman becomes vacant elect a Chairman of the Standing Committee.
(ii) A Minister or a Deputy Minister shall not be eligible to be elected as a Chairman of a Standing Committee.
 - (g) Any Member who absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of the Committee.
9. Each Oversight Standing Committee may when it considers necessary appoint Sub Committees of its own members to examine and report to such Committee such matters as deemed necessary.
10. Matters referred to an Oversight Standing Committee may not be taken up for consideration by Parliament until 3 months has lapsed from the Reference provided that if Parliament has by resolution extended the time for the reporting on any specific matter then the consideration of such matter shall take place only after the lapse of the period as referred to in the resolution.
11. Every Oversight Standing Committee may in regard to any Bill or any other matter of public importance call for evidence from all parties affected by such Bill or of any interested parties or persons of experience.
12. (a) Whenever a Report of an Oversight Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation other than a Bill referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution or an amendment to the Constitution, the Chairman or any other member of the Committee specified in the Report for such purpose may after notice, subject to Article 78 of the Constitution, present a motion for the Bill to be read the first time in Parliament without an order

of Parliament. Copies of the Bill shall be presented with the motion. The Speaker shall place such motion before Parliament for a vote within six weeks of the motion being presented to Parliament, provided that if the period of six weeks falls within the Second Reading or the Committee Stage or Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill shall be placed before Parliament after the completion of the consideration of the Appropriation Bill. Upon Parliament approving such a motion, the Bill shall be read for the first time and ordered to be printed.

Provided that such Bill has been approved by 2/3 of the total Members of the Oversight Standing Committee and recorded so with the names.

- (b) After the Bill is read the first time and ordered to be Printed, the Speaker shall refer such Bill to the Cabinet of Ministers and no further proceedings shall be taken until the Cabinet of Ministers submits a Report to Parliament.
 - (c) After the Cabinet of Ministers have submitted a Report to Parliament or after the expiry of two months from the date the Bill was referred to the Cabinet of Ministers, the Bill shall be set down for Second Reading.
13. (a) Every Standing Committee shall be empowered to send for persons, papers and records and shall submit Reports containing their opinions and observations together with the minutes of evidence taken before them to Parliament.
- (b) A reservation by any member of a Standing Committee may be attached to any Report of such Committee.
14. (a) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee recommends the enactment of legislation referred to in Article 152 of the Constitution, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion to Parliament within 3 months of such report being tabled in Parliament.
- (b) Whenever the Report of a Standing Committee is a non-legislation report, the Cabinet of Ministers shall submit its opinion within 2 months of the Report being tabled in Parliament. Such Report shall not be taken up for consideration by Parliament.
15. Whenever any agency, association, officer or person is required to maintain confidentiality or secrecy under any law the relevant Standing Committee shall act in accordance with such law.
16. (a) Any Regulation pertaining to Public Security made under Article 155 of the Constitution shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Legal and Women's Affairs for report. Whenever the short title of a Regulation refers to specific subjects coming under the jurisdiction of another Committee, the Speaker shall refer such Regulation to such Standing Committee in accordance with paragraph 4(c)(ii).
- (b) Paragraph 7 shall not apply to reference made under sub paragraph (a).
17. Any Oversight Standing Committee may after obtaining the permission of the Speaker confer with one or more other Standing Committees.

18. The Secretary to the Minister of Finance and the Director Budget and the Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the Public Finance Committee of the transfer of any appropriations and the transfer of unexpended balance.
19. Jurisdiction shall mean Legislative Oversight Jurisdiction and include jurisdiction over subordinate Legislation.
The Secretary of the relevant Ministry shall immediately inform the relevant Oversight Committee of any transfer of appropriation and the transfer of any unexpended balance.
20. Paragraph 8(a) and (f)(ii) shall apply to Committee on Public Accounts and Committee on Public Enterprises.

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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. Sanee Rohana Kodithuvakku
Hon. Victor Antony
Hon. (Dr.) Sarath Weerasekara
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.
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- (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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11.

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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12.

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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13.

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.

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14.

Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Patali Champika Ranawaka
Hon. Rauf Hakeem
Hon. (Prof) Tissa Vitarana
Hon. Douglas Devananda
Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena
Hon. Maithripala Sirisena
Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen
Hon. Basil Rohana Rajapaksa
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. DEW Gunasekara
Hon. Muthu Sivalingam
Hon. Perumal Rajathurai
Hon. Rajiva Wijesinha

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— Select Committee of Parliament to recommend and report political and constitutional measures to empower the people of Sri Lanka as one nation,—

Whereas a unique opportunity has arisen for the people of Sri Lanka to unite and work together as a nation towards the economic, social and political development of the country and its citizens;

And whereas to this end it is opportune to take steps to enhance the unity of the people of Sri Lanka and empower them to take decisions and engage in actions towards their economic, social and political development;

And whereas a Select Committee of Members of Parliament being a committee of the elected representatives of the people is best equipped to determine the nature and scope of steps to be taken to enable the aforesaid.

This Parliament resolves as follows:

A Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to recommend to this House within 6 months the initiative appropriate to achieve political and constitutional measures to—

- (a) enhance the unity of the people of Sri Lanka;
 - (b) further empower the people to work as a nation; and
 - (c) enable the people to take decisions and engage in actions towards their economic, social and political development.
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 thirty one (31) members.
3. The said Select Committee of Parliament is empowered to—
 - (a) determine its quorum,
 - (b) summon such persons and documents as it deemed necessary;
 - (c) examine, on oath or affirmation and person so summoned;
 - (d) continue notwithstanding the adjournment of Parliament from time to time, and
 - (e) submit interim reports from time to time.

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15.

Hon. Maithripala Sirisena
Hon. Nirmala Kotalawala
Hon. Mohamed Aslam
Hon. Indika Bandaranayake
Hon. W. B. Ekanayake
Hon. A. R. M. Abdul Cader
Hon. Susantha Punchinilame
Hon. Ruwan Ranatunga
Hon. Tharanath Basnayaka
Hon. Vinayagamoorthi Muralidaran
Hon. Palany Thigambaram
Hon. Sarana Gunawardena
Hon. Jagath Balasuriya
Hon. Ranjith Siyambalapitiya
Hon. Duleep Wijesekera
Hon. Y. G. Padmasiri
Hon. Sajin De Vass Gunawardena
Hon. Piyankara Jayaratne

Hon. Manusha Nanayakkara
Hon. (Mrs.) Pavithradevi Wanniarachchi
Hon. Udith Lokubandara
Hon. Nimal Wijesinghe
Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie
Hon. H. M. M. Harees
Hon. Lakshman Wasantha Perera
Hon. Achala Jagodage
Hon. Mohan Priyadarshana De Silva
Hon. Nishantha Muthuhettigamage
Hon. (Dr.) Rohana Pushpa Kumara
Hon. Shantha Bandara
Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa
Hon. Rohitha Abeygunawardana
Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage
Hon. Lasantha Alagiyawanna
Hon. Sarath Kumara Gunaratne
Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda
Hon. Hemal Gunasekera
Hon. Eric Prasanna Weerawardhana
Hon. Shehan Semasinghe
Hon. Kanaka Herath
Hon. Lohan Ratwatte
Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe
Hon. Gitanjana Gunawardena
Hon. Reginold Cooray
Hon. V. S. Radhakrishnan
Hon. Jayarathne Herath
Hon. Victor Antony
Hon. (Miss) Kamala Ranathunga
Hon. Siripala Gamalath
Hon. H.R. Mithrapala
Hon. Rohana Dissanayake
Hon. (Mrs) Upeksha Swarnamali
Hon (Mrs) Malani Fonseka
Hon. Janaka Wakkumbura

Hon. Vijitha Berugoda
Hon. Gamini Lokuge
Hon. Chandrasiri Gajadeera
Hon. C. B. Rathnayake
Hon. Piyasena Gamage
Hon. Kumara Welgama
Hon. Gamini Wijith Wijithamuni De Zoysa
Hon. Namal Rajapaksa
Hon. Risad Badhiutheen
Hon. J. R. P. Suriyapperuma
Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne
Hon. S.C. Mutukumarana
Hon. A. D. Susil Premajayantha
Hon. Rauf Hakeem
Hon. Milroy Fernando
Hon. (Dr.) Mervyn Silva
Hon. A. L. M. Athaulla
Hon. A. M. Chamika Buddhadasa
Hon. Felix Perera
Hon. Wimal Weerawansa
Hon. M.B. Farook

Hon. Nandimithra Ekanayake,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into and report on the allegations of abuse of power, misconduct and/or misbehavior that have been leveled against Hon Sarath N Silva, former Chief Justice of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Whereas such allegations stipulate that they did bring the Judiciary into disrepute;

And that he had failed to protect and preserve the Independence of the Judiciary and Rule of Law;

This Parliament resolves that Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into the following matters and report;

- (a) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Janaka Bandara, former Magistrate, Wellawaya and whether he was compelled and pressurized to tender his resignation,
- (b) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Hiran Ekenayake, former Additional Magistrate, Colombo and whether his services were terminated maliciously.

- (c) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Sunil Lawrence de Costa, former Magistrate,
- (d) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Anura Bandara, former Additional District Judge, Matara,
- (e) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr D M Siriwardena, former Magistrate, Maligakanda
- (f) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Palitha Bandaranayake, former District Judge, Negombo,
- (g) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Prabhath de Silva, former District Judge, Nuwara Eliya,
- (h) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr D M T B Dissanayake, former Magistrate, Kebithigollawa,
- (i) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Harold Wijesiri Liyanage, former Additional Magistrate, Colombo,
- (j) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr K D D K de Abrew, former Magistrate, Morawaka,
- (k) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Y L Dharmasena, former Magistrate, Balapitiya,
- (l) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr Nandana Weerasinghe, former Additional Magistrate, Kandy,
- (m) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr A M D S Dikkapitiya, former Magistrate, Kantale,
- (n) the circumstances relating to termination of the services of Mr G D Kulatilake, former District Judge, Elpitiya,
- (o) in addition to the aforementioned, instances where the services of judicial officers has been terminated maliciously,
- (p) whether Hon Sarath N Silva caused the appointment as caretaker of the Judges Institute which was functioning at the official residence of the chief justice at 129, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07, of a person by the name of Rohana Kumara, against whom several cases were pending,

- (q) the circumstances relating to the formation of The Buddhist Broadcasting Services of which Hon Sarath N Silva is an honorary Director and the decision in CBN Sat case, where the Petitioner Muhunthan Canagey had given a donation of Rs. 65 million to start The Buddhist TV channel,
 - (r) matters connected with the role of Hon Sarath N Silva in the World Bank/ UNDP funded project on modernization of Parliament, democracy and development,
 - (s) whether any other persons are aggrieved as a result of malicious action on the part of Hon Sarath N Silva during his tenure of office as Chief Justice.
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 thirty one (31) 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.

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16.

Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. (Dr.) Jayalath Jayawardana
Hon. P. Harrison
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe

Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage

Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva

Hon. Sajith Premadasa

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara

Hon. Lakshman Kiriella

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire and report on the losses of State Owned Enterprises highlighted by the Report of the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) presented to Parliament on 01.12.2011 and steps to be taken against those responsible, and recommend other remedial measures, etc. ,—

Whereas the Report of the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) was presented by the Hon. DEW Gunasekara, Minister of Human Resources and Chairman of the Committee on December 01st, 2011;

And whereas the said Report highlights several institutions and State Owned Enterprises running at loss;

And whereas the more prominent among these institutions are:

- 1.Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital
- 2.Samurdhi Authority of Sri Lanka
- 3.Ceylon Petroleum Corporation
- 4.Sri Lankan Air Lines
- 5.Mihin Air Ltd.
- 6.Sri Lanka Ports Authority
- 7.Road Development Authority;

And whereas it also transpires that Sri Lanka Cricket is bankrupt and has to be bailed out by the Government of Sri Lanka;

And whereas these losses are a severe drain of the Sri Lanka's financial;

And whereas the cost of maintaining and bailing out these institutions have finally to be borne by the public;

And whereas the powers of the Committee on Public Enterprises limit it to merely making reports and have no role in taking further action in regard to their findings.

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

- (a) look into the affairs of these institutions reflected in the COPE Report and more particularly the institutions listed herein to determine the causes for these losses;
- (b) determine whether any individual or individuals are responsible for the

mismanagement of these institutions or involved in fraudulent activities;

- (c) prevent continued occurrence of these losses;
 - (d) recommend what action should be taken in the first instance to punish those responsible;
 - (e) determine what steps should be taken to recover these losses; and
 - (f) determine what additional legislation is necessary to implement the recommendations in the Report, including the establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office.
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 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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17.

Hon. John Amaratunga
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera

Hon. P. Harrison

Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Gamini Jayawickrama Perera

Hon. Akila Viraj Kariyawasam,— Select Committee of Parliament to examine the problems relating to the results of Advance Level Examination in the year 2011 and to recommend means to rectify and remedy them,— Whereas the release of the Advance Level results for the academic year 2011 has caused serious problems;

And whereas contradictory statements are being made by various parties;

And whereas some quarters say that the problems are due to technical errors;

And whereas yet others cast the blame on undue haste in releasing the results;

And whereas yet others blame that the problem on the incompetence of the officials concerned;

And whereas the Commissioner of Examinations has been relieved of his post;

And whereas the President himself appointed a Commission to go into this matter;

And whereas the future of a whole generation of students have been placed in jeopardy, and

And whereas this has resulted in the confidence in the Education System being severely eroded;

And whereas doubts have arisen regarding the acceptance of certificates issued by the Department of Education;

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

- (a) examine the modalities of the 'Z' score;
 - (b) examine the reasons which led to this problem;
 - (c) recommend means to rectify and remedy to the Advance Level results for the academic year 2011;
 - (d) recommend steps to be taken to prevent future occurrence of such problems; and
 - (e) recommend other remedial measures that the Committee deems 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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18.

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara
Hon. Sajith Premadasa
Hon. D. M. Swaminadan
Hon. Kabir Hashim
Hon. Akila Wiraj Kariyawasam
Hon. Tissa Attanayake
Hon. Karu Jayasuriya
Hon. Gayantha Karunatileka
Hon. Ajith P. Perera
Hon. M. Joseph Michael Perera
Hon. Buddhika Pathirana
Hon. (Mrs.) Thalatha Atukorale
Hon. Mangala Samaraweera
Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara
Hon. Ashok Abeysinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Chandrani Bandara Jayasinghe
Hon. (Mrs.) Anoma Gamage
Hon. Eran Wickramaratne
Hon. Lakshman Kiriella
Hon. Abdul Haleem
Hon. Wasantha Aluwihare
Hon. Palitha Range Bandara
Hon. Palitha Thewarapperuma
Hon. Jayantha Ketagoda
Hon. Sujeewa Senasinghe
Hon. Arjuna Ranatunga
Hon. R. Yogarajan

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake

Hon. Dilip Wedaarachchi

Hon. Dunesh Gankanda

Hon. (Mrs) Rosy Senanayake

Hon. (Dr.) Harsha De Silva,— Vote of No Confidence on the Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne, Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs,—

Whereas there are over 40,000 unemployed graduates in the country at present;

And whereas a systematic and fair programme is not implemented for granting employment to these unemployed graduates in the Public Sector;

And whereas action is pursued by the Government in giving primacy to political affiliations, family connections and nepotism in granting employment to unemployed graduates;

And whereas granting of employment in the Public Sector to unemployed graduates through “Political Lists” is unfair, unsystematic and a blatant violation of the recruitment procedures to the public sector;

And whereas the granting of employment in the public sector on the basis of political affiliations has violated the fundamental rights enshrined in the Article 12(1) of the Constitution;

And whereas the responsibility of implementing the fundamental rights, has been entrusted to the government by the Article 27(2)(a) on the directive principle of the State policy;

And whereas the relevant Minister has failed to make reasonable submissions with regard to the reasons of granting employment in this manner;

And whereas treating the unemployed graduates in this manner can be deemed as a step with the basic objective of making the youth of the country political lackeys;

And whereas injustice has been caused to the youth of the country who constitute a majority of the population by the absence of any transparency in the recruitment to the public sector on account of the releasing of results subsequent to recruitment through interviews without making public the results of the competitive examinations in recruiting public officers to the public sector through limited competitive examinations; and

Whereas the independent functioning of the Public Services Commission which is the independent public body entrusted with the tasks of recruiting, transferring and promoting public officials has been impeded;

This Parliament resolves that this House has lost confidence in the Minister of Public Administration and Home Affairs, the Hon. W. D. J. Senewiratne.