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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1.

45/'18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the date on which government increased the fuel prices last ;
 - (ii) of the number of bowsers that were issued fuel and the quantity of fuel issued from the Kolonnawa and Muthurajawela installations on that date, separately;
 - (iii) of the loss incurred to Ceylon Petroleum Corporation within the said date alone, as a result of issuing fuel at lower prices in this manner; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry in relation to this incident which caused a huge loss to Ceylon Petroleum Corporation?
- (b) If not, why?

2.

103/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the categories under the Tea estates classification;
 - (ii) the expected objectives of each category;
 - (iii) whether arrangements have been made to give lands of the tea estates to private entrepreneurs for other projects; and
 - (iv) if so, what those projects are?

(2)

(b) Will he state—

- (i) whether he will table the details of the private entrepreneurs who receive the relevant lands;
- (ii) the tea estates located in the catchment areas which are proposed to be given for other projects;
- (iii) whether arrangements have been made to distribute extremely sensitive lands located in the reserved environmental zones;
- (iv) the reasons why the lands which are proposed to be or have been given to the private entrepreneurs, incur losses;
- (v) if those lands incur losses owing to weaknesses in management, isn't there any possibility of elevating them to profit making level under a proper management; and
- (vi) if so, isn't it environment friendly to continue with the tea cultivation without giving them for other purposes?

(c) If not, why?

3.

157/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of filling stations in the possession of the Sri Lanka Transport Board;
- (ii) of the addresses of the aforesaid filling stations;
- (iii) separately for each year the income generated through each filling station from the year 2010 to date; and
- (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to increase the number of filling stations in the possession of the Sri Lanka Transport Board in future?

(b) If not, why?

4.

272/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money spent on the restoration of the Katugahagalle Tank located at the Badalkumbura Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala District in the year 2016;

(3)

- (ii) whether an environmental study has been conducted in that regard;
- (iii) if so, whether he will submit the said environmental study report;
- (iv) the restoration work mentioned in the estimate relevant to this project;
- (v) whether he will submit a full report of the relevant estimate;
- (vi) whether he acknowledges that layers of soil have been removed from the tank bed during the restoration to increase the depth and the area of the tank; and
- (vii) how the layers of soil were removed and the place on which they were dumped?

(b) If not, why?

5.

375/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Hope estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
- (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
- (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?

6.

473/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the copies with reference to the decisions taken in the legal actions and the other disciplinary actions against the Deputy Inspector General Mr. Nalaka De Silva who has been alleged on the conspiracy of the President and Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapaksha, former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, will be submitted;

(4)

- (ii) whether the accuracy and the impartiality of the services he rendered in the capacity of Deputy Inspector General of the Terrorist Investigation Division, are satisfactory; and
- (iii) whether a fair investigation is anticipated by simply sending aforesaid officer on compulsory leave, as the charge is of a conspiracy against the head of state and former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence who crushed the terrorism prevailed?

(b) If not, why?

7.

503/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of officers from the tri-forces and police who participated in UN Peacekeeping missions from 2010 to 2017;
- (ii) whether the Ministry of Defence has currently issued an order stipulating that officers who are selected for peacekeeping mission duties should obtain a recommendation from the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) of the basis on which the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka was vested with the responsibility, although there are other government bodies which are better suited to looking into the aforementioned officers and reporting to the UN?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately of the number of files sent to the Commission to obtain clearance reports for officers of the tri-forces and police and the number of files for which clearance reports have been issued by the Commission from 2010 to date;
- (ii) whether he is aware that the number of officers going for peacekeeping missions has declined rapidly by now;
- (iii) the reasons for that situation; and
- (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that, out of the 400 files sent to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka in March 2018, clearance reports have been issued for only 07 files up to now?

(c) If not, why?

8.

579/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of places of religious worship to which electricity has been supplied under the project of providing solar powered electricity sets to places of religious worship initiated by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) of the capacity of the electricity sets provided to each place of religious worship, separately;
- (iii) the amount of money spent on that project as at 01.06.2017;
- (iv) the volume of electricity generated by those electricity sets; and
- (v) the reason for providing electricity sets to places of religious worship free of charge?

(b) If not, why?

9.

605/'18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether a fee of Rs. 1300/- is levied by the Ceylon Electricity Board or its agencies to reconnect a disconnected power supply;
- (ii) whether he acknowledges that this fee was Rs. 500/- a year ago;
- (iii) the reason for the increase in the said fee;
- (iv) the basis on which the increase of the fee was computed;
- (v) as to why payments in instalments are not allowed when arrears occur in the electricity bill; and
- (vi) separately, in respect of each year from the year 2005 to the year 2018, the number of houses/premises whereof electricity was disconnected due to non-settlement of bills?

(b) If not, why?

(6)

10.

614/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the foundation stone would be laid for the main dam of the Hydro Power Plant coming up in Moragolla, Ulapane in Kandy district;
 - (ii) the amount of money that is expected to be spent on that project;
 - (iii) the number of families to be resettled;
 - (iv) the number of houses that have been completed; and
 - (v) the date when the resettlement activities would be completed?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) this power project is second only to the hydro power plant coming up under the Moragahakanda irrigation project, among the hydro power plants being constructed; and
 - (ii) this power plant, the capacity of which is 30 megawatts, is set to play a significant role for the electricity consumers of this country by adding nearly 100 million units of electricity a year to the national grid?
- (c) Will he also inform this country whether the necessary steps would be taken to expedite the work of this project?
- (d) If not, why?

11.

751/'19

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of foreign visits made by the Prime Minister from 01.07.2018 to 31.12.2018;
 - (ii) the names of the persons who participated in each of the aforesaid visits and the designations of those persons if they bear any positions in the government and the reasons for their participation in the above mentioned visits; and
 - (iii) the expenditure borne by the government and semi government institutions for the foreign visits made by the Prime Minister from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2018 in respect of each tour separately?
- (b) If not, why?

(7)

12.

776/19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) in respect of each year from the year 2016 up to 30th August 2018, the import cost of medical devices and medicines imported by the Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine;
 - (ii) in respect of each year from the year 2016 up to 30th August 2018, the cost of medical devices and medicines imported by the Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine from India;
 - (iii) whether he acknowledges that the tender procedure followed in procuring medicines and medical devices from local suppliers is in order; and
 - (iv) if so, the names and addresses of companies which made supplies locally in the year 2018?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the imported medicines are tested to ascertain whether they are unsuitable for use or of substandard;
 - (ii) if so, the imported cost of medicines and devices so identified during the period from the year 2016 up to 30th August 2018; and
 - (iii) whether he acknowledges that the release of substandard drugs to the market and the use of them by patients cause serious health issues?
- (c) If not, why?

13.

881/19

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits the fact that the golden era of the local chili cultivation in Anuradhapura District was the era of late Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike;
 - (ii) whether he admits the fact that the dried chili production hugely declined due to the fact that chili farmers withdrew from chili cultivation; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to develop chili cultivation in Anuradhapura District again?
- (b) If not, why?

14.

974/'19

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) whether she is aware that the Medawachchiya magistrate court, which has a large jurisdiction, is functioning in very old dilapidated buildings;
 - (ii) whether any step will be taken to modernize these buildings or to construct new buildings; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be started?
- (b) If not, why?

15.

1009/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the radar receiver and the scanner antenna sent to China by the Air Force in April 2014 for repairs have been misplaced;
 - (ii) of the company that undertook the transportation of said items;
 - (iii) of the names of the members of the Board of Directors of the said company;
 - (iv) whether the said company continues to provide services to any of the public institutions of Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) of the loss incurred from misplacement of said items?
- (b) If not, why?

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Notice of Motions

1.

The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Sittings of the Parliament,— That notwithstanding the provisions of the Standing Order 8 of the Parliament, the hours of sittings of Parliament on this day shall be 10.30 p.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.. At 11.30 a.m. Standing Order 8(5) of the Parliament shall operate. At 6.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the Parliament without question put.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

1.

P. 11/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a programme for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in the Buddhist temples of rural areas,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated for protecting the elderly Bhikkus dwelling in rural Buddhist temples since most of the Buddhist temples in the rural areas of Sri Lanka are in an extremely low economic level.

2.

P. 12/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— Formulation of a mechanism to address the professional issues of the regional journalists,— That this Parliament resolves that a mechanism be prepared to address the professional issues of regional journalists, who render an important service in providing information, which are pivotal for the development of a country.

3.

P. 13/'19

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— Introduction of Act for Hajj pilgrimage,— That this Parliament resolves that a “Hajj pilgrimage Act” be introduced by the government to address the issues faced by the Sri Lankan devotees who engage in annual Hajj pilgrimage and to establish an institutional structure as well as to prepare legal provisions in this regard.

4.

P. 14/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Promotion of fresh water fisheries industry in Kandy District,—That this Parliament resolves that fresh water fisheries industry be promoted in all the tanks and reservoirs in Kandy District for fulfilling the protein requirement of the people living in Kandy District since this District is geographically located in an area that is very far away from the sea.

5.

P. 15/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Minimizing the damage caused to the environment due to Pine cultivation in Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to minimize the damage caused to the environment due to Pine cultivations in Kandy District as a severe damage has been caused to the environment.

6.

P. 16/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Removal of unauthorized constructions in the premises of Kandy Hospital,— That this Parliament resolves that speedy action be taken to remove all the unauthorized constructions in the premises of Kandy Hospital since steps are being taken under the good governance government to develop this hospital as the second national hospital of the country.

7.

P. 17/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Prevention of the spreading of epidemics due to inclement weather conditions,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to prevent spreading of epidemics since Public Health Inspectors have pointed out that there is a risk of spreading of rat fever, diarrhoea and other communicable diseases in the affected areas after the floods caused by inclement weather conditions have subsided.

8.

P. 18/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,—Making optimum use of the river basins system,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme that will allow the optimum utilization of the water resource for the development of the country in the same way it was done in the time of King Parakramabahu the Great be implemented, since research studies too have revealed that a large proportion of the water resource in rivers reach the sea without being utilized although the river basin system of the island is rendering an immense service to the agriculture of the country.

9.

P. 19/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— Promoting Judo in Kandy District,— That this Parliament resolves that, as there are a large number of players in Kandy District who are talented in playing judo, steps be taken to promote judo in Kandy District so that these players can be upgraded to the international level.

10.

P. 20/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Launching a programme to restore the reputation that the Puttlam district used to have in volleyball,— That this Parliament resolves that since there is a certain set back, a programme be launched to restore the esteem that the Puttlam district used to have attributable to the talents shown by the school volleyball players in national and international games, nearly a decade ago.

11.

P. 21/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a canned fish factory in Puttalam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a canned fish factory be established in Puttalam district as all the resources required to establish a canned fish factory are available in the district and to prevent the outflow of foreign exchange spent to import canned fish annually as well as to provide the required protein to fulfill the nutritional needs of the people.

12.

P. 22/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Extending the Colombo-Katunayake Expressway up to Chilaw,— That this Parliament resolves that the Expressway that currently runs from Colombo to Katunayake be extended up to Chilaw in order to expedite the development drive in Puttalam district, which is rapidly developing under the good governance government and since Expressways are vital for the development of a country.

13.

P. 23/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementation of a Kumbuk tree plantation project in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals in North-Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a plantation project of Kumbuk trees that are having a long life span and are capable of preserving soil water and lessening the soil erosion, be initiated in the catchment areas of lakes, rivers and canals.

14.

P. 24/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Taking immediate measures to fulfill the basic needs of the people in Baththalangunduwa island,— That this Parliament resolves that, as no attention has been drawn so far to the basic needs of the fishing community that is living in Baththalangunduwa island which is a main island situated in the close proximity of Kalpitiya peninsula in Puttalam District of North-Western Province, immediate measures be taken under good governance government to uplift the living standards of the fishing community by providing them with the basic needs.

15.

P. 25/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Implementation of an aquatic plants cultivation project in Puttalam district,—That this Parliament resolves that an aquatic plants cultivation project be implemented in Puttalam district following observations of a team of Japanese research experts that the area near the coastal belt in Puttalam district being conducive for aquatic plants and perceived as an ideal opportunity to earn foreign revenue since there is a huge global demand for aquatic plants at present.

16.

P. 26/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a cancer hospital in North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a cancer hospital be established in North Western Province since the number of cancer patients reported from the province has gone up rapidly at present.

17.

P. 27/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a children's hospital in North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that a children's hospital be established in North Western Province that would be beneficial for the people in North Western and North Central Provinces as well as to ease the rush at the Lady Ridgeway Hospital which is the leading hospital dedicated for child care.

18.

P. 28/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Establishment of a hotel school in Puttalam district,— That this Parliament resolves that a hotel school be established in Puttalam district in order to train the human resource that is necessary for the development of tourism industry since it is expected to develop Puttalam district as a tourism zone under the good governance government.

19.

P. 29/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,— Promoting Palmyra Industry in Kalpitiya area,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be launched to develop the Palmyra industry in Kalpitiya, simultaneous with the programme that will be implemented according to the policies of the present government, to develop Kalpitiya as a place of tourist attraction in future since the Palmyra related industries in the North - Western Province have been subjected to a drastic drop during the past few years.

20.

P. 30/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Stopping the Battery Cage system utilized by the Poultry Farmers,— That this Parliament resolves that required measures be taken to put an end to the gravely inhuman method of Battery Cage system utilized by certain Poultry Farmers today, which engenders severe torture on the part of the animals, and also which endangers the livelihoods of small scale poultry farmers through excessive production of eggs considering also the fact that Sri Lanka has been a Buddhist country extending compassion for animals since the past.

21.

P. 31/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Launching an expeditious programme to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be implemented to solve the problems of the local milk farmers who are engaged in the milk industry due to the fact that a huge amount of money is spent annually for the importation of milk powder and if that amount was retained in the country it could greatly be beneficial to the economy of the country .

22.

P. 32/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Initiating an expeditious programme to conserve the places with archaeological value situated in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an expeditious programme be initiated to conserve the archaeological places in Kurunegala district in the North Western Province, a district claiming a proud history, in which a number of sites of archaeological value are situated and even kingdoms of Kurunegala, Dambedeniya and Yapahuwa were established in the past due to the fact that serious problems have arisen by now in regard to the protection of the aforesaid historical sites.

23.

P. 33/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Implementation of a broad social security network embracing all sectors,— That this Parliament resolves that a broad social security network embracing all sectors be introduced since no any social security scheme is in force for the informal sector employees although a pension scheme or Employees Provident Fund Scheme is in operation for the state and private sector employees of Sri Lanka in view of the fact that it is important to have a social security scheme for the citizens of any country.

24.

P. 34/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Establishment of a hospital in North Western Province for kidney patients,— That this Parliament resolves that a hospital be established for the kidney patients in North Western Province as there is a rise in kidney disease in Kurunegala district of North Western Province, in recent times.

25.

P. 35/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Establishment of a hospital in North Western Province for Thalassaemia patients,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate hospital to treat Thalassaemia patients be established in Kurunegala district as there is no separate hospital to treat Thalassemia patients so far, despite the fact that the highest number of Thalasssaemia patients has been reported from Kurunegala district recently.

26.

P. 36/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Development of temples falling into ruin in the North Western Province,— That this Parliament resolves that an accelerated program be implemented in order to renovate the temples falling into ruin in the North Western Province where the most number of; the temples found, the Buddhist monks live, the Buddhists live and Shasanarakshaka Balamandalas are in operation in Sri Lanka.

27.

P. 37/'19

Hon Hesha Withanage,— Provision of relief to families in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela who lost their houses, lands and other property due to Uma Oya Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that, despite the lapse of a period of three years since the people in Liyangahawela in Bandarawela have lost their houses, lands and other property due to the digging of underground tunnels for Uma Oya Development Project, no compensation or relief has been provided so far to those displaced people and, therefore, a programme be implemented to provide relief to those people.

28.

P. 38/'19

Hon Hesha Withanage,— Implementation of a programme to transport vegetables by train,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be implemented to transport the production of the vegetable farmers from the Badulla District and from other districts where vegetables are cultivated to the markets in other parts of the country with a low cost and minimum waste.

29.

P. 39/'19

Hon Hesha Withanage,— Provision of water facilities to the people who are facing scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development Project,— That this Parliament resolves that an expedited program be implemented in order to provide water facilities for 8394 families of 7 Divisional Secretariat Divisions that encounter a severe scarcity of water by reason of Uma Oya Development project.

30.

P. 40/'19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Controlling floods in Ratnapura District,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to control the floods that constantly affect Ratnapura District during periods of inclement weather.

31.

P. 41/'19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Protecting the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to safeguard the inherent heritage of the Sabaragamuwa for the future generation due to the fact there is a risk of the inherent characteristics prevalent in many sectors such as art, sports in Sabaragamuwa becoming defunct at present as a result of commercialization.

32.

P. 42/'19

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— Formulation of a suitable programme to mitigate natural disasters in Ratnapura District,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be prepared to mitigate the natural disaster situations in Ratnapura District due to the fact that it has been pointed out by the reports issued by the National Building Research Organization that there are a number of places in Ratnapura District, which are at the risk of being affected by natural disasters.

33.

P. 43/'19

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Establishment of a special unit to curtail the circulation of pornographic videos in the internet,— That this Parliament resolves that an effective special unit be set up within the Criminal Investigation Department to investigate the individuals who create, distribute and keep the pornographic videos, since the privacy of the people is damaged and the women are mostly inconvenienced seeing that various pornographic videos are circulated, presently in the internet, in abundance.

34.

P. 44/'19

Hon. (Mrs.) Hirunika Premachandra,— Appointment of Psychological Counselors or Advisors with special training to Universities and all other higher education institutions,— That this Parliament resolves that either trained mental health counselors and advisors be appointed to all state education institutes or a special training on psychological counseling be provided to teachers who are already employed in such institutes in order to curb the suicide trend which appears to be common among the youth and students at present.

35.

P. 45/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Development of Nagoda General Hospital as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty for the University of Moratuwa,— That this Parliament resolves that Nagoda General Hospital be developed as the teaching hospital for the proposed medical faculty for the University of Moratuwa since the Budget 2018 has proposed to build a medical faculty affiliated to the University of Moratuwa.

36.

P. 46/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Compulsion of Dhamma School Education,— That this Parliament resolves that Dhamma School Education up to grade 9 must be made compulsory to all the children according to their religion in order to curb abuse and juvenile offences which are spreading in a manner that is not suitable for a civilized society and to promote self-discipline.

37.

P. 47/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Establishment of Kolonnawa Municipal Council,— That this Parliament resolves that the Kolonnawa Municipal Council be established combining the Kolonnawa Urban Council and Kotikawatta-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha with the objective of developing the entire Kolonnawa electorate whereas the adjoining Municipal Council areas have achieved an expedited development owing to the efficient administration whereas three Municipal Councils namely Colombo, Kaduwela and Kotte administer the Colombo city and the suburban municipalities, whereas the Kolonnawa electorate bordering these three Municipal Council areas is administered by two divisional administrative units namely Kolonnawa Urban Council and Kotikawatta-Mulleriyawa Pradeshiya Sabha has led to economic, social and cultural disparities.

38.

P. 49/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Upliftment of betel cultivation,— Cultivation of betel is the livelihood of a large number of people in Gampaha and Kurunegala districts and it is an agricultural crop, the export of which has brought foreign exchange to the country and on account of the imposition of heavy taxes on the imported betel by Pakistan which is one of the key buyers of betel from Sri Lanka as well as due to a number of other local issues relevant to the cultivation, the price of betel has plummeted to a very low level and the activities of the Betel Research Centre too have become irregular against this backdrop and therefore this Parliament resolves that measures be taken to boost the betel cultivation in order to uplift betel farmers who have been severely inconvenienced in the face of these difficulties and making the government interventions more efficient to find new export markets.

39.

P. 50/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Releasing the guarantors from the list of guarantors who have been blacklisted by the Credit Information Bureau,— That this Parliament resolves that a relaxed policy be adopted in relation to guarantors as property guarantees as well as personal guarantees are obtained by the commercial banks operative in the country in providing credit facilities to the citizens of the country for various purposes and even though the guarantor is helping the debtor, a serious injustice is caused by blacklisting the guarantors together with the debtors in case of default by the debtor making the guarantor unable to obtain bank loans until such loan is settled, creating a situation that can have adverse impact on the emergence of new entrepreneurs as well as the Gross Domestic Production.

40.

P. 51/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Introduction of amendments to the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 with the view to operating private higher education institutes with higher standards,— Presently, there is a tendency of establishing large numbers of private higher education institutes in Sri Lanka, and since a systematic education system contributes to the development of a country, the establishment of private higher education institutes is advantageous for a country in many aspects, but as it is very important to provide education from these institutions in conformity with accepted standards so that the quality of the education provided by these institutions is maintained, as the existing system of laws is not strong enough to maintain the services provided by private sector higher education institutes at a higher standard by reviewing the course contents of those institutions through the intervention of experienced scholars and educationalist, that this Parliament resolves that amendments to the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 be introduced.

41.

P. 52/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Protecting depositors by amending the relevant Acts relating to operation of private financial institutions,— As there are occasions where issues arise related to the protection of depositors when depositing money with private financial institutions, since the existing legal provisions are not strong enough to carry out the business functions of private financial institutions so that the protection of the depositors is ensured, that this Parliament resolves that Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 be amended and Insolvency Law be strengthened promptly, and, in support of those laws, the Secured Transactions Act No. 49 of 2009 and Recovery of Loans by Banks (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Acts No. 1 and 19 of 2011 be amended in order to create strong financial sector in the country.

42.

P. 53/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Production of Minor Export Crops in Proper Standards,— Production of minor export crops that are not up to the proper standards exert a harmful impact on the cultivators as well as on the country as whole, and increasing exports is important for increasing the government revenue, but the high reputation that Sri Lanka's minor export crops had earned globally has been tarnished due to deceitful acts such as adding urea to *goraka*, and, as the overseas demand for Sri Lanka's minor export crops has declined consequently resulting in a drop of prices in the local market as well, that this Parliament resolves that immediate steps be taken to correct this situation and to protect the quality of Sri Lanka's minor export crops.

43.

P. 54/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Introduction and Establishment of the Entrepreneurial Banking System,—That this Parliament resolves that the Entrepreneurial Banking System be established in Sri Lanka due to the inadequacy of the financial assistance extended by the commercial banks of the country towards the empowerment of small and medium scale entrepreneurs, and since the tendency of creating new entrepreneurs may escalate as a result of popularizing the Entrepreneurial Banking System which is utilized in the advanced countries of the world and due to the possibility of understanding the requirements for the young entrepreneurs who come to the bank with innovative ideas and providing the financial facilities needed while extending support towards the development of the country by generating employment opportunities and increasing the national production as a consequence of its' specific features like the provision of business knowledge and continuous protection to the customers.

44.

P. 55/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— Monitoring Ayurvedic Spas,— That this Parliament resolves that a socially beneficial and favourable situation be established by bringing Ayurvedic Spas under constant monitoring of institutions and Local Authorities which have the authority to register these Spas in order to prevent misdemeanors which take place in many Ayurvedic Spas since the increasing of Ayurvedic Spas in many parts of the island should be beneficial to the society too, while the creation of entrepreneurs is beneficial to the country.

45.

P. 56/'19

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— Counting the community that was counted under the Head of "Indian Tamils" under the Head of "Upcountry Tamils" at the future censuses,— That this Parliament resolves that the community that was brought into this country from India and is counted under the Head of "Indian Tamils" be counted under the Head of "Upcountry Tamils" at the censuses to be conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics in future as their citizenship becomes problematic when they are called "Indian Tamils" though they enjoy full citizenship at present by identifying themselves as "Upcountry Tamils".

46.

P. 57/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Establishment of a Sinhala medium teaching section in every Tamil Medium School in Sri Lanka,—That this Parliament resolves that a Sinhala medium teaching section be established in every Tamil Medium School in Sri Lanka, in support of initiating long term goals of building more effective advancement of national reconciliation, mutual understanding and the unity among nationalities.

47.

P. 58/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— Taking expeditious action towards eliminating the expansion of invasive plant species which swiftly expand in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that immediate steps be taken towards the complete elimination of the expansion of these invasive plant species which has at present become a serious threat to the existence of plant and animal categories, since a significant number of

invasive plant species are spreading in Sri Lanka and since it has been confirmed through the researches done in the respective areas that the Bee community is endangered and gravely threatened by the planting of trees like Acacia, which have been planted on road sides of the island and in public places like the cemeteries and play grounds by certain organizations and individuals.

48.

P. 59/'19

Hon. Mylvaganam Thilakarajah,— Taking measures to allocate the ownership of estates among the workers having converted them into small holdings, with a view to administer the Plantation Sector through a novel system,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken by the government to maintain a sustainable administration in the plantation sector, which is deemed as a major export income sector, by allocating the ownership of the estates among workers, having converted them into small holdings with a view to administer the sector through a novel system with the state intervention, reversing the privatizations that have currently been done, since the estate sector of Sri Lanka possesses a long history and since new cultivations including Oil Palm have entered the plantation sector during the last 25 years and since the improper, privatized management in the plantation sector has led to the degradation of this sector and since an economic and social environment conducive for the workers to engage in their jobs with confidence, is not prevalent in the estate sector.

49.

P. 63/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Establishment of a Cinema Academy,— Despite that Sri Lanka's cinema industry is completing 70 years at present and Sri Lanka has succeeded in producing film directors, actors and actresses and artists who are so capable as to win awards at international film festivals, still Sri Lanka does not have a cinema academy to formally pass this down to the future generations as a subject, and, therefore, this Parliament resolves that a cinema academy be established promptly with the view to producing a professional cinema industry.

50.

P. 64/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Establishment of a Modern Art Gallery,— Even though Sri Lanka has artists who are engaged in modern arts, Sri Lanka lacks a modern art gallery to facilitate those artists to display their creations, and as such an art gallery will help to promote art activities including painting and sculpture and will also help to develop tourism industry, this parliament resolves that a modern art gallery be established centred around Colombo.

51.

P. 65/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— Proper Disposal of Electronic Waste,— As electronic waste or e-waste is posing a serious threat to our country and around 92,000 MT of e-waste is generated annually, and as it is expected that this amount will increase up to 120,000 by 2020, this Parliament resolves that action be taken to educate people on electronic waste, disposal of electronic waste and environmental and health risks posed by electronic waste, and to prepare a proper and continuous methodology for disposal of electronic waste.

52.

P. 66/'19

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— Taking over “the Batticaloa Campus Private Limited”, which has caused controversy, by the government and naming it as “University of Batticaloa”,— That this Parliament resolves that “the Batticaloa Campus Private Limited”, which is also known as a Sharia University be taken over by the government along with all its buildings and converted into a State University and named “University of Batticaloa” taking into consideration the heavy criticism of the society in regard to “the Batticaloa Campus Private Limited” established by the Hira Foundation, and the private higher educational institution which is proposed to be constructed by the aforesaid institution, regarding which a request has been made to the Ministry of Higher Education by now with the objective of getting its approval for its registration causing much agitation in the country, along with the matters that have arisen regarding certain methodologies including the methodology adopted for providing lands and financial aid for this.

53.

P. 67/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Imposing the capital punishment on terrorists and those who are connected to terrorist organizations and confiscating all of their property,— That this Parliament resolves that capital punishment be imposed on the terrorists who are connected to local and international terrorism and also on those who directly or indirectly aid, assist and abet those terrorist organizations when such activities of theirs are proved in a court of law and all of their property be confiscated.

54.

P. 68/19

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Taking all the Madrasa schools and Arabic schools under the purview of the Ministry of Education,— That this Parliament resolves that all the Madrasa schools and Arabic schools in the island, which are functioning under the Ministry of Muslim Religious Affairs at present, be brought under the purview of the Ministry of Education with immediate effect and Sinhalese history should be taught as a subject in the aforesaid schools and the said schools be monitored by the Ministry of Education.

55.

P. 69/'19

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Converting all schools in Sri Lanka into mixed schools with no classification according to religions or ethnicities,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken to gradually convert all schools in Sri Lanka into mixed schools, to avoid granting permission to establish schools as Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim or Catholic schools in future and admit students to schools according to a certain percentage allocated for ethnic groups.

56.

P. 70/'19

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— Banning the naming of political parties according to ethnicities or religions,— That this Parliament resolves that naming of political parties according to ethnicities or religions be banned and a change be effected in the names of presently functioning political parties bearing names denoting ethnicities or religions, taking into consideration the situation that has arisen in Sri Lanka at present.

57.

P. 71/'19

Hon. Thilanga Sumathipala,— Acquiring the “Batticaloa Campus Private Limited” to the Government and Transforming it to a State Defence University,— That this Parliament resolves that “Batticaloa Campus Private Limited” be acquired to the Ministry of Defence and transformed to a State Defence University with a view to enhancing the confidence of the majority of the people on their security in the context of the grave situation that has arisen over national security in the aftermath of the Easter Sunday attack, avoiding such incidents in the future and protecting Sri Lanka as a whole including the North and the East areas especially from those who hold extremist views.

58.

P.72/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— Inclusion of the Panduvasnuwara Kingdom into the Tourism Plan and Developing it,— That this Parliament resolves that the Panduvasnuwara Kingdom, which is considered as an ancient seat of Kings of Sri Lanka, be included into the Tourism Plan and developed.

59.

P. 73/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— Inclusion of the health right of citizens into the Constitution,— That this Parliament resolves that the right of every citizen to obtain qualitative rehabilitation services and prevention and counseling services in a fair manner to prevent communicable and non communicable diseases and also the right to obtain free treatment at the expense of the government for any accident encountered by him and for any disease contracted by him should be accepted and the said rights should also be included into the Constitution of Sri Lanka.

60.

P. 74/'19

Hon. Roshan Ranasinghe,— Formulating a common system of laws for Sri Lankan citizens in regard to marriages,—That this Parliament resolves that a common system of laws should be formulated for Sri Lankan citizens in regard to marriages to the effect that the marriage law should not be differentiated as upcountry marriage law and Muslim marriage law and one citizen can contract only one marriage after completing 18 years of age due to the fact that laws that divide the different races that live in Sri Lanka do exist and hence especially the marriage law should be a common law for every citizen in order to rectify the aforesaid situation.

*61.

People's Bank (Amendment) Bill— Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*62.

Demutualization of the Colombo Stock Exchange Bill — Committee.

*63.

Commercial Mediation Centre of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*64.

Securities Exchange Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*65.

Prescription (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*66.

Counter Terrorism Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*67.

Shrama Vasana Fund (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*68.

Wages Boards (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*69.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*70.

State Land (Special Provisions) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*71.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Finance Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 22 read with Section 26 of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 2004 relating to International Telecommunications Operators Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2123/19 of 14th May 2019, which was presented on 25.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*72.

The Non Cabinet Minister of Science, Technology & Research,— Regulations under the Intellectual Property Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Science, Technology & Research under Section 204 of the Intellectual Property Act, No. 36 of 2003 read with Sections 6, 9, 17, 18 and 25 of the aforesaid Act relating to implementation of the mechanism for royalty payments to rights holders of songs or musical works and empowering the Collective Societies and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2128/6 of 17th June 2019, which were presented on 24.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*73.

The Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,— Determination under the Constitution,— Whereas the United National Party which obtained the highest number of seats in Parliament has formed a National Government, Parliament determines in terms of Article 46(4) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the number of Ministers in the Cabinet of Ministers shall not exceed 48 and the number of Ministers who are not Cabinet Ministers and the number of Deputy Ministers shall not exceed 45.

*74.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No.1),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) regarding Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2054/42 of 18th January 2018, which was presented on 22.05.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 04/2018)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*75.

The Minister of Finance,— Notification under the Excise Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Notification made by the Minister of Finance and Mass Media, under Section 25 read with Section 32 of the Excise Ordinance (Chapter 52) relating to Annual Liquor License Fees and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2049/4 of 11th December 2017, which was presented on 20.03.2018, be approved.

(Excise Notification No. 1004)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*76.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No.1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Medical Devices (Pricing) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2114/54 of 15th March 2019, which were presented on 09.07.2019, be approved.

*77.

The Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,— Regulations under the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine under Section 142 read with the Section 118 of the National Medicines Regulatory Authority Act, No. 5 of 2015 relating to Medicines (Ceiling on Prices) and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2123/35 of 15th May 2019, which were presented on 09.07.2019, be approved.

*78.

The Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,— Regulation under the Public Contracts Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce with the concurrence of the President under Section 36 of the Public Contracts Act, No. 3 of 1987 and the regulations published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 508/7 of 02nd June 1988 last amended by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1773/36 of 30th August 2012 further amending and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2055/18 of 24th January 2018, which was presented on 09.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*79.

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act,— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Ports and Airports Development Levy Act, No. 18 of 2011 relating to Ports and Airports Development Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2113/10 of 05th March 2019, which was presented on 12.07.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*80.

The Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,— Regulation under the Judicature Act,— That the Regulation made by the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms with the concurrence of the Chief Justice under Section 61 of the Judicature Act, No. 2 of 1978 read with Section 60 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2116/28 of 26th March 2019, which was presented on 12.07.2019, be approved.

*81.

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— Resolution under the Constitution,— That the Media guidelines to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections made by the Election Commission in terms of Article 104B (5) (a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2048/1 of 04th December 2017, which was presented on 23.01.2018, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*82.

Resolution under the Constitution,— Adjourned Debate on Question (22nd June, 2016) Motion made and question proposed,—“Media guidelines to be followed/ Policies to be observed by the Electronic and Print Media during Referenda and Elections published by the Election Commission in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1955/19 of 25th February 2016 in terms of the provisions of Article 104B (5)(a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which was presented on 06.05.2016, be approved.”

*83.

Buddhist Temporalities (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*84.

Theravadi Bhikku Kathikawath (Registration) Bill — Second Reading.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

85.

Child Rehabilitation Centre (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

86.

United Christian Fellowship of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

87.

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

88.

Moneragala District Kantha Maha Sangamaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

89.

Lasallian Community Education Services (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

90.

International Women's and Children's Rights Council (IWCRC) (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

91.

Aloka Social Service Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

92.

Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

93.

Sri Shakyasinharama Viharastha Karyasadhaka Sanvidanaya (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

94.

Institution of Building Services Engineering & Technology of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

95.

Dr. S. S. Gunawardana Indigenous Ayurveda Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill— Second Reading.

96.

Mohan Lanka Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

97.

Chaya Foundation (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

98.

Chamber of Construction Industries of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*
