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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Minister of Finance,—Resolution under the Inland Revenue Act,—That this Parliament resolves, under Section 97(1) (a) of the Inland Revenue Act, No.10 of 2006 that the Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to taxes on income entered into on 06th October, 2016 between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Republic of Finland which was presented on 25.11.2016 be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, December 09, 2016

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1063/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform the House of the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries as at 08.01.2015 in each District separately?
- (b) Will he also inform the House—
 - (i) of the overall number of Samurdhi beneficiaries according to the report of the survey conducted island-wide in the year 2015;
 - (ii) of the number of Samurdhi beneficiaries in each District separately according to the Report referred to above;
 - (iii) whether there are families in respect of whom Samurdhi benefits will be cut off, according to the report; and
 - (iv) if so, the number of families in respect of whom Samurdhi benefits will be cut off in each District separately?
- (c) If not, why?

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1094/16

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) which Depots operate buses under Route Number 907 along Negombo-Chilaw Road at present; and
 - (ii) of the number of buses operated per day along this road by each depot separately?
- (b) Is he aware that a large number of passengers who need to travel to places up to Chilaw are subjected to a lot of inconveniences as private buses do not run in this route from 4.00 a.m. to 6.00 a.m. and from 5.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. and as such private buses terminate their run at towns such as Wennappuwa, Marawila and Madampe from 5.00 p.m.?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether steps would be taken to operate a SLTB bus at least once every half an hour from 4.00 a.m. to 6.00 a.m. and from 5.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. as the passengers who use this bus service face a lot of inconvenience?
- (e) If not, why?

Saturday, December 10, 2016
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1064 / ' 16

Hon. K. Cader Masthan,—To ask the Minister of Lands,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 700 families displaced by the war from Jaffna and Vavuniya areas live in the village called Thirunawatkulam belonging to the Thandikkulam Grama Niladhari Division in the Vavuniya District at present; and
 - (ii) although they have constructed permanent houses on the lands granted to them during the period 1995/96 and live in them, no title deed has been awarded to them in respect of the lands concerned?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the measures the government has taken so far to award them title deeds for the lands; and
 - (ii) of the solutions presented by the government to give a permanent solution to issues pertaining to these lands?
- (c) If not, why?

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1150 / 16

Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Parliamentary Reforms and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a land belonging to the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation is located in Ekala, Ja-ela;
 - (ii) if so how many iron towers had stood in that land;
 - (iii) out of this number, how many iron towers are left by now;
 - (iv) whether the Ministry has launched any programme by calling tenders to remove the iron towers; and
 - (v) whether he will take steps to conduct an inquiry against person or institutions responsible, if any fraud has occurred in removing the iron towers?
- (b) If not, why?

1218 / 16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the time lapsed without holding local elections from the dissolution of the Local Suthorities up to now has exceeded 1 ½ years; and
 - (ii) of the date on which the previous government appointed the Delimitation Commission according to the new Local Government Elections Act, the date on which the time allotted to the Commission expired and the date on which the Divisions as demarcated after considering the Commission's recommendations were gazetted?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which the Delimitation Commission was appointed by the present Government;
 - (ii) of the number of amendments received by them;
 - (iii) of the dates on which the amendments concerned were received, and the persons and the institutions who presented the amendmds;
 - (iv) of the number of local authorities which have been accepted to have been delimited correctly and on which there are no amendments;
 - (v) of the names of the local authorities referred to in (iv) above; and
 - (vi) whether arrangements would be made to hold elections for local authority areas concerned?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, January 10, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

528/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land in which pepper had been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
 - (ii) the pepper production in each year during the five years from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately in kilograms;
 - (iii) whether the government directly purchases pepper from farmers; and
 - (iv) if so, the quantity of pepper purchased in each year during the last five years separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken by the Government to enhance pepper production; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;
- (c) If not, why?

709/16

Hon. S. Viyalanderan,— To ask the Minister of Education,— (3)

- (a) Will he inform this House whether appointments of minor employees of the Ministry of Education have been given from the inception of the 100 Day Programme which was introduced from 08th January 2015 up to date?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the qualifications which were considered when awarding the aforesaid appointments;
 - (ii) of the number of appointments so given;
 - (iii) separately of the number of said appointments as per each district; and
 - (iv) of the number of Tamil minor employees to whom such appointments have been given?
- (c) If not, why?

723/16

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately, of the Local and the Foreign Indebtedness of Sri Lanka by now;

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- (ii) of the Total Indebtedness as a percentage to the National Income;
 - (iii) whether aforesaid percentage is lower or higher than the indebtedness that was prevailing in the year 2004; and
 - (iv) of the steps that the government proposes in order to settle aforesaid debts?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of the amount of money allocated by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs, recently, to advertise on aforesaid indebtedness through domestic electronic and print media?
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
- (i) separately, of the amount of money allocated for state and private television channels, for telecasting aforesaid advertisements;
 - (ii) separately, of the amount of money allocated for state and private radio channels; and
 - (iii) of the total amount of money allocated for daily and weekend newspapers?
- (d) If not, why?

811/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of persons recruited to various institutions of the Provincial Council after the present Chief Minister of the Uva Province assumed duties on that post;
 - (ii) the names of those persons and the institutions to which they have been recruited, separately;
 - (iii) the procedures followed in recruiting those persons; and
 - (iv) whether those recruitments have been made without any political affiliation?
- (b) If not, why?

828/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that paddy can be cultivated as an alternative crop in the lands in the possession of Hingurana Sugar Company during the season in which sugarcane is not cultivated in them and in plots of lands where sugarcane is anyway not cultivated;

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- (ii) whether it has been observed that steps can be taken to cultivate paddy in Norochcholai Yaya and Deegawapi Zone without incurring any damage to the sugar industry;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that letters have been sent by the Galoya Plantation Company which manages the Higurana Sugar Company at present, to the effect that lands would be re-acquired from the farmers who engage in paddy or other cultivations other than sugarcane cultivation; and
 - (iv) whether a programme to protect the lands of the farmers who engage in paddy cultivation without making any hazardous impact on the sugarcane cultivation will be implemented?
- (b) If not, why?

898/16

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksha, — To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs, —(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the total yield of paddy, received in Yala and Maha seasons in the year 2015 and in Yala season in the year 2016 ;
 - (ii) separately, of the quantity of paddy, the quantity purchased by Paddy Marketing Board as per each district and the paddy stores; and
 - (iii) of the price of a kilogram of paddy, purchased by the Paddy Marketing Board?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) of the quantity of balance stocks of paddy in the paddy stores, as at 31.07.2016;
 - (ii) separately, of the quantity of paddy stocks, sold from aforesaid paddy stores; and
 - (iii) of the names of the individuals or companies to whom aforesaid paddy stocks were sold and the prices at which they were sold?
- (c) Will he state —
- (i) the quantity of paddy stocks, issued to Sathosa and other state institutions;
 - (ii) the reasons for the sale of paddy to individuals and companies ; and
 - (iii) separately, the quantity of paddy stocks, issued for animal feed and liquor production and the prices they were sold at?
- (d) If not, why?

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911/16

Hon. Prasanna Ranathunga,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware—
 - (i) that the University of Kelaniya commenced a four year special degree programme by the name of Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Sciences with effect from the year 2007 ;
 - (ii) that this degree course is named as two separate Bachelor of Science special courses as Speech and Auditory Therapy and Hearing Science after the first year of study; and
 - (iii) that the graduates who have followed Speech and Auditory Therapy are recruited to the ministry of Health as language therapists?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether arrangements will be made by the Ministry of Health to recruit the graduates who have completed the Degree in Hearing Sciences?
- (c) If not, why?

931/16

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Ceylon Electricity Board should follow the tender procedure according to the Electricity Act when purchasing electricity from the private sector;
 - (ii) whether the tender procedure has been followed for the purchases of electricity done up to date; and
 - (iii) if so, on which occasions?
- (b) If not, why?

937/16

Hon. (Prof.) Ashu Marasinghe,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) what steps have been taken by the Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy to popularise smoke-free firewood stoves;
 - (ii) what amount has been invested for it so far;
 - (iii) what steps have been taken by the government to provide fuel timber to the general public at commercial level; and
 - (iv) what extent of land has been cultivated under the Fuel Timber Cultivation Projects?
- (b) If not, why?

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945/16

Hon. Udaya Prabath Gammanpila,— to ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately—
 - (i) the number of ambassadors, high commissioners, charged de affairs, deputy high commissioners, and other officers of same rank who are belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and the officers who are not belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service appointed during the period from 09.12.2015 to 30.09.2016; and
 - (ii) the names, professional qualifications, highest educational qualifications and the present positions of the officers who are not belonged to the Sri Lanka Foreign Service and in the positions mentioned in above (i) as at 30.09.2016;
- (b) If not, why?

948/16

Hon. S. C. Mutukumarana,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the land areas allocated for burial grounds in Divisional Secretariat areas like Thalawa, Thambuttegama, Galnewa and Ipalogama were gradually reduced after the implementation of the Mahaweli Development Project; and
 - (ii) people made requests from your Ministry for a long period of time to build a crematorium as a solution for this?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the construction of the crematorium at Eppawala burial grounds was started using the provisions allocated for the development of Kalawewa electorate for 2014, to fulfill the above mentioned request;
 - (ii) the amount of money allocated to construct the crematorium;
 - (iii) the reason why the construction work of the crematorium has stopped halfway; and
 - (iv) the date on which it will be completed and commissioned to the people's ownership?
- (c) If not, why?

1004/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Whether a large quantity of gold belonging to Tamil people who are living in Refugee Camps after the war, was deposited anywhere in a trust;

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- (ii) whether these deposits were enumerated;
 - (iii) whether there are complaints that their gold has not been returned to them so far;
 - (iv) of the available details regarding (i) above; and
 - (v) of the steps taken by the government to settle these claims?
- (b) If not, why?

529/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the extent of land in which nutmeg has been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
 - (ii) the nutmeg production in each year during the five years from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately in kilograms;
 - (iii) whether the government directly purchases nutmeg from farmers; and
 - (iv) if so, the quantity of nutmeg purchased by the Government in each year during the last five years separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken by the Government to enhance nutmeg production; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;
- (c) If not, why?

901/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether the post of Court Registrar Grade II is treated to be a post of executive level;
 - (ii) of the qualifications that applicants should have fulfilled in order to be recruited to the post of Court Registrar Grade III;
 - (iii) whether those in the parallel services such as Management Assistants, Stenographers, and Translators have been called for interviews for recruitment to the post of Court Registrar Grade II; and
 - (iv) whether it is not unfair to call for interviews the personnel belonging to the services mentioned in (iii) above while around 200 officers in the post of Court Registrar Grade III have applied for the post of Court Registrar Grade II?
- (b) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the extent of land in which cowpea has been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
 - (ii) the cowpea production in each year during the five years from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately in kilograms;
 - (iii) whether the government directly purchases cowpea from farmers; and
 - (iv) if so, the quantity of cowpea purchased by the Government in each year during the last five years separately ?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to enhance cowpea production; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether cowpea is imported to Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) if so, the quantity of cowpea imported to Sri Lanka in each year during the last five years separately;
 - (iii) whether Sri Lanka exports cowpea; and
 - (iv) if so, the quantity of cowpea exported by Sri Lanka in each year during the last five years separately?
- (d) If not, why?

Wednesday, January 11, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land in which soya beans had been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
 - (ii) the soya beans production in each year during the period from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately in kilograms;
 - (iii) whether the government directly purchases soya beans from farmers; and
 - (iv) if so, the quantity of soya beans purchased by the Government in each year during the last five years separately?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken by the Government to enhance soya beans production; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;
- (c) If not, why?

910/16

Hon. Sunil Handunnetti,— To ask the Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the date on which the Poonthottam camp in Vavuniya in which war displaced persons are housed was opened;
 - (ii) whether that camp is still being maintained;
 - (iii) if so, the number of persons residing in that camp at present;
 - (iv) whether toilet, water and electricity facilities have been provided to it;
 - (v) whether a proposal for the settlement of these displaced persons permanently in another location has been put forward;
 - (vi) if so, what it is; and
 - (vii) since these people are living in that area preserving Sinhala-Tamil harmony while becoming familiar with the lifestyle of Vavuniya for many years, the reason for the inability to construct a housing complex and settle them in the same location ?
- (b) If not, why?

537/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the extent of land in which black gram has been grown in Sri Lanka by the year 2015;
 - (ii) the black gram production in each year during the five years from the year 2010 up to 2015 separately in kilograms;
 - (iii) whether the government directly purchases black gram from farmers; and
 - (iv) if so, the quantity of black gram purchased by the Government in each year during the last five years separately?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken by the Government to enhance black gram production; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps;
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, January 13, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

547/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(3)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) a large number of persons are engaged in gold and silver crafts industry in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) this industry is collapsing due to escalation of prices of gold and silver and other reasons; and
 - (iii) those engaged in the industry face the risk of losing their livelihoods?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of persons engaged in the above-mentioned industry;
 - (ii) whether the government has acted to grant concessions enabling them to develop new industries; and
 - (iii) if so, what those concessions are?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government will take measures to control gold and silver prices; and
 - (ii) if so, what those measures are?
- (d) If not, why?

680/16

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

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the amount of Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds imported to Sri Lanka during the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the major countries from which Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds are imported to Sri Lanka?
 - (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds are grown in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the said production as a percentage of the requirement of Sri Lanka;
 - (iii) if Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds are not cultivated, of the reasons for it; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the government to expand the cultivations of Cumin seeds and Caraway seeds in Sri Lanka?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Tuesday, January 24, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

682/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) fees charged for the safe deposit box service provided by the state and private banks have been increased; and
 - (ii) the customers have been inconvenienced as a result?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) of the reasons for increasing the fees charged for the safe deposit boxes;
 - (ii) whether additional privileges will be provided to the customers;
 - (iii) if so, what those privileges are; and
 - (iv) whether action will be taken to reduce the fees charged for this service?
- (c) If not, why?

695/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of,—
 - (i) the annual requirement of Weniwel for Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) the quantity produced locally as a percentage of that; and
 - (iii) the quantity imported?
- (b) Will he also inform this House,—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to cultivate the Weniwel requirement of the country; and
 - (ii) if so, of the arrangement in place for that?
- (c) If not, why?

Wednesday, January 25, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

697/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs,— (2)

- (a) Is he aware that,—
 - (i) the people who have made their living on lacquer related products are getting distanced from that industry at present;
 - (ii) there are problems in regard to raw materials and the market; and

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- (iii) this industry could bring a lot of foreign exchange to the country?
- (b) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether lacquer products are exported;
 - (ii) if so, the export income received in the year 2015; and
 - (iii) if not exported, whether action will be taken to export; and
 - (iv) if so, the date on which it will be commenced?
- (c) Will he also inform this House,—
 - (i) whether the government has taken steps to broaden the market for lacquer industry in the country; and
 - (ii) if so, the aforesaid steps?
- (d) If not, why?

698/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) the quantity of coriander that was imported to Sri Lanka in the year 2015; and
 - (ii) the main countries from which Sri Lanka imports coriander?
- (b) Will he also inform this House,—
 - (i) whether coriander is cultivated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the percentage of it out of the requirement of the country;
 - (iii) if coriander is not cultivated, the reason for it; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the government to expand coriander cultivation in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why ?

Thursday, January 26, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

699/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the quantity of white sandalwood and the quantity of red sandalwood that were imported to Sri Lanka in the year 2015, separately; and

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- (ii) the main countries from which Sri Lanka imports white sandalwood and red sandalwood?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether white sandalwood and red sandalwood is cultivated in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, the percentage of it out of the requirement of the country;
 - (iii) if white sandalwood and red sandalwood are not cultivated, the reason for it; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the government to expand white sandalwood and red sandalwood cultivation in Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

847/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the Grama Niladhari Divisions in the Panampattu area in the Ampara District where the Vanni Sinhala people live; and
 - (ii) the number of people living in those areas as of today?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the government has guaranteed the fulfilling of fundamental needs of these people such as education, higher education and health;
 - (ii) if so, how?
 - (iii) whether the government has extended patronage for these people to preserve their cultural identity and traditional heritage; and
 - (iv) if so, what they are?
- (d) if not why?

Friday, January 27, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

848/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
 - (i) the names of Grama Niladhari Divisions in the Wahakotte area in the Matale District where the people with Portuguese ancestry live;

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- (ii) the number of people living in those areas at present; and
 - (iii) whether it has been reported that such people live in other areas in Sri Lanka?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether the government has guaranteed the right for basic needs such as education, higher education and health of these people;
 - (ii) if so, the measures taken in that regard;
 - (iii) whether the government has extended patronage for them to preserve their cultural identities and traditional heritage; and
 - (iv) if so, what such patronages are?
- (c) If not, why?
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