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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Inland Revenue Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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Ceylon German Technical Training Institute Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,— Revision of Salaries and Allowances to the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka,— Whereas, provision has been made in terms of Article 41(b) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Section 3 and 3(4) of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21 of 1996, the President has appointed Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udagama, the Head of Department of Law Faculty of University of Peradeniya, who has a vast knowledge and practical experiences in the field of Human Rights to her credit, as the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka for a period of three (03) years with effect from 30.10.2015.

And whereas, Dr. (Mrs.) Udugama who has been serving as the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka since 30.10.2015, intends to revert back to her substantive post after the lapse of said period of three (03) years and she has intimated that in case the salary including all allowances of her substantive post in the University is denied to her during this period of three (03) years, it would adversely affect her employment benefits.

And whereas, Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted approval on 13.06.2017 to pay Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udagama the salary of fulltime Lecturer including all allowances as the Head of Department of Law Faculty of University of Peradeniya with effect from 30.10.2015; to pay her the monthly telephone allowance of Rs. 10,000/- entitled to the Chairperson of the Commission and to provide her with an official vehicle with entitlement for personal use including 225 liters of fuel or an allowance corresponding to the current market prices of fuel, as personal to her.

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Accordingly, that this Parliament resolves to pay Dr. (Mrs.) Nelum Deepika Udagama, the Chairperson of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka be paid the aforesaid monthly salary and allowances to be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the Government in terms of Section 8 of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act, No. 21 of 1996.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Friday, August 11, 2017

NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

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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.11/15

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.12/15

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

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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. 14/15

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. 15/15

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.16/15

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.17/15

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.18/15

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.

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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.21/'15

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.22/'15

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.23/'15

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.24/'15

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.25/'15

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.26/'15

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.

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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.28/15

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.29/15

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.30/15

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.31/15

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.32/15

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.

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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.34/15

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

P.35/15

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.36/15

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.37/15

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.38/15

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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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Commencing a national programme to conserve the traditional knowledge of Sri Lankan people,— That this Parliament resolves that a

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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.

P.40/15

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.

P.41/15

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.42/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Extension of the Maintenance Board for Elders Programme at Provincial, District and Divisional Secretariat levels,— That this Parliament resolves that the Maintenance Board for Elders Programme, functioning under the Secretariat for Elders of the Ministry of Social Services to lodge complaints against injustices caused by various parties by neglecting elderly citizens, be extended at Provincial, District and Divisional Secretariat levels.

P.43/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a Loan Scheme for the elderly community that enables them to contribute towards the economic development of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that, since the non-existence of a Loan Scheme in the Banking System for the elders who have passed 60 years of age that enables them to contribute to the overall economic development of Sri Lanka and strengthening their means of livelihood is social discrimination against them, a proper programme be formulated to prevent this injustice caused to the elders.

P.44/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating a programme for persons who are over the age of 60 to make them active members of the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a methodology be adopted to create awareness in the society including the school community to formulate a programme to make the elders over the age of 60, who laboured for the social economic progress and who are now in an inactive and left out state without any recognition in the society, active members of the society.

P.45/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expanding the knowledge of school children regarding Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be drawn up to include Motor Mechanics as a subject in the school syllabus, as a solution for the unemployment problem of the future youth of Sri Lanka and with the aim of meeting the demand for skilled workers in comparison to the advancement of the field of Motor Mechanics.

P.46/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a College of Education to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a College of Education be established to train teachers for teaching Motor Mechanics at school level so that the demand for skilled workers in the field can be met in a manner that keeps pace with the growth and development taking place in the field of Automotive Technology in Sri Lanka and abroad.

P.47/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Updating the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated to change and update the syllabuses of Motor Mechanics that are 25-30 years old, since the government technical colleges and the affiliated institutes related to the Motor Mechanics still follow such archaic syllabuses.

P.48/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Ensuring security of Employment of those who are engaged in occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be prepared expeditiously to develop the economic strength of youth, retired members of the Armed Forces and senior citizen groups living in Sri Lanka who are willing to engage in direct and indirect occupations related to three wheelers and motor bikes, with the objective of obtaining their contribution to the total national production and thereby adding the active contribution of those who are involved in the aforementioned field to the national economy.

P.49/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Broadening public attitudes on Sri Lankan/local cookery in the country,— That this Parliament resolves that a broad attitudinal change should be effected in the public about the Sri Lankan/local cookery and culinary arts by introducing measures such as the inclusion of Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts as a subject in the curricula of schools, universities and tertiary educational institutions, making new discoveries through the promotion of research with the intervention of both public and private sector and the creation of Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Post-graduate courses with the involvement of the institutions connected to the field with a view to changing the public attitudes towards the Sri Lankan Cookery/Culinary Arts sector.

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Integrating Sri Lankan food culture with the teaching and learning process,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme be formulated to uplift the Sri Lankan identity internationally, by transferring Sri Lankan food culture to the future generations through teaching and learning methodologies and spreading our food culture among locals and foreigners, in the context that the Sri Lankan food culture has been formed with a number of sectors including the art of flavours and blending, art of cookery, art of colouring and cutting technique.

P.51/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Targeting development activities of Ministries when preparing research theses of students of Universities and Tertiary Education Institutes,— That this Parliament resolves that, since it is important to utilize the research theses submitted by students of universities and tertiary education institutes as part of their courses of study for economic, social, cultural and developmental activities, a systematic programme should be introduced enabling the realization of future development processes and timely objectives of the ministries by appointing an officer from the ministry relevant to the theses for proper coordination between the lecturers who supervise the theses and ministries for which the theses are applicable.

P.52/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Entering the name in the Register of Electors immediately upon completion of 18 years of age,— That this Parliament resolves that a practical arrangement be made to enable a person completing 18 years of age to get his/her name entered in the Register of Electors on the very date that person completes 18 years of age, prior or subsequent to the date that the Department of Elections is due to make annual revision of the Registers of Electors.

P.53/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Putting in place a formal mechanism to produce saline in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that with the intervention of the government, a formal mechanism be put in place to produce saline in Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Government, private and co-operative sectors and by utilizing the local technology with a view to saving the foreign exchange that flows out of the country every year to import saline which is used in massive quantities in Sri Lanka annually.

P.54/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing new products made using coconut water,— That this Parliament resolves that a process be implemented to introduce new products made using coconut water with the help of new technology, targeting the local and international markets under a proper methodology, as a huge amount of coconut water is wasted within Sri Lanka annually.

P.55/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Exploring new resources in the ocean,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal further study on oceanic resources should be conducted with a view to creating a large number of employment opportunities, and to earn wealth, as Sri Lanka is a country with a large marine zone, that has given priority only for the fishing industry and since there is a vast amount of natural resources connected to the ocean.

P.56/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Prevention of Sri Lankan fishing resources being harvested by foreigners,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme be devised and implemented by the Government to prevent foreigners from fishing in the Sri Lankan waters and to prevent foreign vessels from using it as a port for fishing since the fisheries resources within the Sri Lankan marine zone are harvested by foreigners thus causing a severe economic disadvantage to Sri Lankan fishermen.

P.57/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Increasing Jackfruit production and exporting associated products,— That this Parliament resolves that since the country can earn a huge amount of foreign exchange by exporting Jackfruit based products through expansion of the cultivation of Jackfruit, which is a very delectable fruit with medicinal qualities, that can be cultivated without agrochemicals, a systematic programme should be drawn up with the intervention of the government toward this end.

P.58/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Organizing an Annual National Farmers Awards Ceremony,— That this Parliament resolves that a farmers awards ceremony that is implemented through a proper organizational structure be organized annually with the intervention of the Government, so that the farmers who enrich the country are made to feel proud about their vocation as agricultural prosperity is fundamental for the advancement of a country.

P.59/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing LED bulbs to consumers at a concessionary price,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic program should be formulated to provide LED bulbs to consumers at a concessionary price and on an instalment based payment system with the intervention of the Electricity Board so that a large amount of electricity could be saved and an extra income could also be earned by the Electricity Board by making LED bulbs popular among people as qualitative LED bulbs which are used to light up houses are expensive.

P.60/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Expansion of small scale Toy Factories,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper procedure be formulated in view of expanding the toy industry in rural areas since it is an industry which can be sustained at a very low cost and as a lot of foreign exchange is drained out towards China and other countries, to purchase toys, owing to the fact that less toys are produced although a large market is available for toys in Sri Lanka.

P.61/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Starting Pharmaceuticals Production Factories in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that as a country with developed human resources the government should intervene and provide facilities to establish pharmaceutical production factories in Sri Lanka to produce essential pharmaceuticals within the country since the production of pharmaceuticals in Sri Lanka is at a minimum level at present and a large amount of foreign exchange is spent annually to import pharmaceuticals.

P.62/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Including the subject of psychology in the school curriculum,— That this parliament resolves that a subject named “Psychology and Meditation”, a methodically planned combination of Buddhist psychology and Western psychology be introduced to the school curriculum to be taught from Grade six in order to mould the student community into a group who can take intelligent decisions with healthy minds.

P.63/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing support centers for pensioners,— That this parliament resolves that the government should take measures to build pensioners support centers throughout the country for the pensioners so that they can obtain welfare services like counseling, medical facilities and daycare facilities, which are required by the elderly, under the same roof, and to provide them the opportunity to earn some extra income to ease their lives by directing them to engage in some economic activity through such centers.

P.64/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Introducing a new lottery with a view to strengthening the economy of the pensioners,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to introduce a new lottery to the market in order to generate funds required to remove the salary anomalies of the pensions paid to the retired public servants and for their welfare activities.

P.65/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Training Tourist Guides,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal programme to train Tourist Guides be formulated in order to make Tourist Guides a group of professionals who can provide an efficient and polite service to tourists and enhance the professionalism of these Tourist Guides.

P.66/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Amendment of the existing laws on lands,— That this Parliament resolves that due to the fact that a racket of selling lands, having made forged deeds is being carried out at present in Sri Lanka, and the law is executed at a minimum level in this regard, the existing legal system should be amended in order that the security of entitlement to lands is enhanced and severe punishment could be inflicted on the offenders.

P.67/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protection of coral reefs in the Sri Lankan territorial waters,— That this Parliament resolves that an appropriate programme be planned and implemented through a committee of experts, to bring about a change in the statutory framework, and a change in the attitudes of people where human action can be controlled to ensure the protection of corals, owing to the fact that the coral reefs available in the Sri Lankan territorial waters are confronted with the threat of getting destroyed as a result of human activities.

P.68/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Employing women for school service vehicles,— That this Parliament resolves that appropriate legislation be formulated making it compulsory to employ women to serve in all the school service vehicles in order to enhance the quality of the school vehicle service and to ensure the safety of the school children who are transported in these vehicles.

P.69/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reducing the prices of medicinal drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene in reducing the prices of medicinal drugs, declaring the National Medicinal Drugs Policy in Sri Lanka and initiating the sale in their generic names, with immediate effect.

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Curtailing the rackets carried out via the internet including the sale of medicinal drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that it is proper to formulate an appropriate programme and implement it in order to restrain the ongoing hefty sale of substandard medicinal drugs, medical equipment, and cosmetic products via internet since these rackets pose a huge threat on the health and the wellbeing of the people in our country.

P.71/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Cultivation without use of agrochemicals,— That this Parliament resolves that it is prudent for the government to intervene to take steps to provide for the people with healthy meals devoid of harmful effects, by setting up a Committee consisting of agriculture experts and environmentalists to conduct research in order to introduce an environmental friendly cultivating method and banning highly toxic agrochemicals in Sri Lanka by obtaining their recommendations.

P.72/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Freeing school children from addiction to narcotic drugs,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be implemented to free the school children from addiction to narcotic drugs since the tendency for drug addiction is on the increase in Sri Lanka at present.

P.73/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appointment of a National Productivity Committee,— That this Parliament resolves that the Heads of Institutions who have driven their institutions to high productivity levels be identified during productivity improvement programmes conducted by the government and that a National Productivity Committee be established consisting of the aforesaid Heads of Institutions so that their knowledge and experience can be used and programmes and methodologies implemented in their institutions can be applied to other institutions.

P.74/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Developing medical consultancy services on community medicine,— That this Parliament resolves that the government must intervene to formulate plans to develop medical consultancy services in the field of community medicine which is an essential aspect of the healthcare service and take action to resolve the issues after observing issues prevalent in the field.

P.76/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to prevent food unsuitable for consumption from coming to the market,— That this Parliament resolves that action should be taken to solve the problems faced by the Special Raids Units of the Consumer Affairs Authority, in carrying out raids against persons and institutions that are engaged in producing and selling food unsuitable for consumption, those aiding and abetting in

such acts and provide the Authority with the necessary facilities, and to amend the Legal System so that maximum punishment could be meted out to offenders.

P.77/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promotion of poison free food products,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to initiate a programme for the local producers, who are engaged in food production and other related products, and to confer awards of honorary title to the entrepreneurs, who produce poison free food, with a view to change their attitudes and create awareness among them about the services that can be provided to the country, by giving high quality, healthy food to the consumers.

P.78/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Acquisition of encroached lands that belong to sanctuaries,— That this Parliament resolves that since various types of people and organizations have encroached lands in the areas that have been declared as sanctuaries in Sri Lanka, the Government should intervene immediately to acquire those lands back.

P.79/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Implementation of a plan to uplift the indigenous community,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate census should be conducted about the indigenous community of Sri Lanka, and the problems encountered by them in their day to day life should be systematically identified, and a viable plan necessary to create an environment in which they can live with dignity be brought in to action through a panel of experts, inclusive of the leaders of the indigenous community.

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conservation of artefacts in the North and the East damaged by the war,— That this Parliament resolves that it is advisable to appoint a committee consisting of expert archaeologists with the aim of conducting a research and gathering information on the existing artefacts in the North and the East and conserving, protecting and restoring the said artefacts since artefacts in the Northern and Eastern provinces were severely damaged as a result of the 30 year war.

P.81/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Popularising local seeds for cultivation,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary plans be formulated and implemented, to improve the research and technology required to identify the local seed varieties that could be cultivated using local organic fertilizer without using agro chemicals and increase their production and distribute them throughout the country speedily, in order to provide the people food free of toxic chemicals.

P.82/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing facilities to study foreign languages,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary plans be formulated and implemented to expand the facilities required to study key foreign languages other than English, as language ability is a key factor that decides the comprehensive nature of a person's intellect.

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Limiting the expenditure incurred on all election campaigns,— That this Parliament resolves that laws be enacted enabling the restriction of expenditure incurred on elections, since certain candidates spend excessive amounts of money in all the elections held in Sri Lanka, and as it is unfair for the educated category of people who can genuinely serve the country, but are not economically capable enough to spend money.

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Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Regaining the archaeological artefacts that have been taken away from Sri Lanka during the Colonial Era,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be carried out by the Government to take necessary action in view of regaining the archaeological artefacts back to our country subsequent to conducting a survey on the artefacts with an archaeological value that have been taken away from our country to Portugal, Netherlands and Great Britain during the period in which Sri Lanka had been a Colony.

P.85/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Bhikku Court,— That this Parliament resolves that a separate Bhikku Court be established for the Judicial purposes of the Bhikkus in order to safeguard their dignity and protection, with Legal Force granted for the decisions of such court.

P.86/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Statutory Bhikku Council,— That this Parliament resolves that a Statutory Bhikku Council comprising of eminent Bhikkus with experience and superior knowledge on governance, law, foreign affairs and social activities and to be elected by the consensus of the Bhikkus be established, with legal authority to provide advice and guidance to people's representative bodies including the Parliament and to propose amendments to legislations.

P.87/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of an Institute of study on tank culture,— That this Parliament resolves that an Institute of study on tank culture be established with the intervention of the government to conduct researches needed to revitalize, protect and develop the hydro technology and to conduct courses to create people armed with necessary knowledge about the above subject.

P.88/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of an Institute to study the Mahawansa,— That this Parliament resolves that an institute by the name of "Mahawansa Study Research National Institute" be established with the intervention of the Bhikku and with the patronage of the Government to study the Mahawansa, that reveals the evolution of history of Sri Lanka.

P.89/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Putting an end to Anti-Buddhist Activities,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the government to put an end to anti Buddhist activities and publications and to the emergence of misinterpretations relating to Buddhism through formulating a mechanism which enables a certain work of art to be presented to a Board of Scholars of Sangha with legal authority and expertise on the analysis of dhamma books and publications prior to launching the particular work of art and be amended if not suitable for social integration, through the establishment of such a Board.

P.90/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appreciation of patriotic work of art,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the government to formulate a methodology to annually appreciate work of art with a national and cultural value in a manner that generates patriotism and self-dignity.

P.91/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Taking action to improve the discipline of school children in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements be made to direct school children in Sri Lanka to engage in a sporting activity of their preference and to participate in a practical training on discipline with the objective of integrating them into society as healthy, disease free and physically fit citizens.

P.92/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a Buddhist Cultural Information Centre,— That this Parliament resolves that information on Buddhist places of worship that are located in Sri Lanka, other related and consequential aspects as well as information on the Bhikkus etc. be gathered and computerized in a methodical manner and that an institution called “Buddhist Cultural Information Centre” complete with new technological equipment and sufficient human and physical resources be established with state patronage.

P.93/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Revising and updating of Dhamma School textbooks,— That this Parliament resolves that Dhamma Schools be provided with textbooks that have been designed to provide practical training and to support intellectual development, that are aimed at creating a well disciplined society and authored by a board of scholars, in place of the existing textbooks which are examination oriented and knowledge centered.

P.94/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Appointing a Board to regulate International Schools,— That this Parliament resolves that a Board with full powers be appointed to regulate the scope of International Schools to suit the Sri Lankan culture, ethics and social sustainability.

P.95/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the National Education Commission more dynamic,— That this Parliament resolves that the National Education Commission be made more dynamic in the direction of transforming the entire education system by way of a National Education Policy that will be modeled in a manner in which a winning citizen, who is armed with knowledge on local history, morals, production capability, intelligence, traditional know-how, patriotism, healthiness, skillfulness, and wealth of attitudes, could be formed.

P.96/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Improving the specialist field of family medical service,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to take action expeditiously, to observe and solve the issues that exist in the specialist family medical service which is an integral part of the health services, and to carry out the planning intending the improvement of aforementioned service.

P. 97/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Offering the services of Ayurvedic doctors to foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that it is advisable to draw up and implement a programme, to make available, foreign employment opportunities to graduates who complete the Ayurvedic Medical Degree.

P. 98/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Amending the Ayurveda Act,— That this Parliament resolves that measures should be taken to present forthwith a new Ayurveda Act by amending the existing obsolete Ayurveda Act with a view to addressing professional issues of Ayurveda practitioners and upholding the honour and dignity associated with this profession.

P. 99/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Creating a railway protection system,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to create and implement a railway protection system through a committee which comprises of the inventors who created the railway protection system in Sri Lanka, the academics related to that field and the experts in all the fields of the Railway Department.

P. 100/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Enhancing the quality of the passenger transport service,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematic programme should be formulated and implemented in order to reduce the risk that would cause in the long run for the existence of the bus passenger transport service, through action taken to retain the 1% - 2% of the passengers who defy that service annually, by enhancing the quality of that service.

P. 101/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Setting a Standard for the Sinhala Language,— That this Parliament resolves that a procedure that can ensure that sustainability of the Sinhala Language be made through the appointment of a panel of experts to set a standard for the language by taking into consideration the changes that occur over time since the syntax and the use of certain letters, particularly 'ඞ, ඞ, ඞ, ඞ,' are controversial.

P. 102/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Controlling environmental pollution that occur through the use of Persistent Organic Pollutants,— That this Parliament resolves that a formal programme be formulated and implemented in order to control the emission of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) as those pollutants which let emitted to the environment in the process of the use of pesticides and industries consist of twelve types of polluting agents which are very harmful to human health.

P. 103/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Incorporation of the Buddhist Philosophy into Governance,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to plan and implement a programme that will enable all Members of Parliament, Provincial Councils and Local Government institutions of the governing party and the opposition to contribute to good governance of the country by raising their awareness of the teaching of Lord Buddha found in Saptha Aparihaniya Dharma, Dasa Raja Dharma,

Rajovada Jathaka, Kuru Dharma Jathaka, Ganda Ninduka Jathaka, Thesathura Jathaka, Devadharmā Jathaka, Sathara Sangraha Wasthu, Chakkawaththi Sihanada Sutta and Dharma Pradeepika.

P. 104/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Disposal of electronic waste,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper programme be formulated for the disposal of electronic waste and action be taken to protect the environment as heavy metals such as arsenic, cadmium, mercury, lead, etc. are added to the environment when fluorescent bulbs, telephones, mobile phones, electrical equipment, batteries, computers and parts of computers etc. are disposed to the environment as waste.

P. 105/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishment of good Governance in the country,— That this Parliament resolves that a plan be formulated and implemented towards the establishment of good governance in the country since it is evident that improper administration is visible in the country owing to the existence of features of improper administration like arbitrary policy formulation, bureaucracy, passive and unfair laws, abuse of executive powers, less contribution from the citizens towards politics and the spread of corruption in our country.

P. 106/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Reacquisition of Sri Lankan Ola leaf books which are available in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that a proper methodology be formulated and implemented in view of integrating the ancient knowledge included in Ola leaf books by obtaining them back to the country owing to the fact that many precious Ola leaf books belonging to Sri Lanka are available in many countries in the world including Europe and since the present Sri Lankan society is deprived of the knowledge included in the said books.

P. 107/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Using agriculture for the protection of bio diversity,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme that directs farmers to protect the bio diversity of the country through popularizing mixed crop cultivation instead of single crop cultivation, removing chemicals that harm bio diversity from use in agriculture and promoting the use of integrated pest control systems in the country be implemented.

P.108/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Safeguarding the peoples' right to food,— That this Parliament resolves that, steps be taken to guarantee the basic right of the people to food, by formulating a formal programme, with the intervention of the Government, to ensure that prices of food are controlled and the people of the country receive a healthy meal, as the formulation and implementation of policies by the government is depriving the people of Sri Lanka the basic right to food in accordance with the system of human rights of the United Nations, whereas the responsibility of solving the food problem is fully vested with the Government as per aforesaid conventions.

P. 109/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Management of inorganic substances,— That this Parliament resolves that the measures should be taken to manage the inorganic substances for the wellbeing and the safety of the ecosystem of the country by devising a mechanism to collect inorganic substances that are discarded after use, regularizing Environmental Laws with regard to utilization of inorganic materials, minimizing the utilization of inorganic substances and by recycling them.

P. 110/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the school students aware of the indigenous medicine and home remedies,— That this Parliament resolves that the measures should be taken to make the school students aware of the indigenous medicine and the home remedies, by introducing a subject to the school syllabus, that embraces the orderly specifics of indigenous medicine and popular medicine, with the basic aim of creating a healthy nation and establishing the wellbeing of the Local Ayurvedic medicine.

P.111/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Eradication of maternal and child malnutrition,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme which gives its priority to provide people with nutritious food that are necessary for the eradication of maternal and child malnutrition be implemented since the ratio of low-weight childbirths is as high as 25% in Sri Lanka and the main factor for it is the lack of nutritious food.

P.112/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Building a healthy country by protecting the environment,— That this Parliament resolves that since it may be difficult even to diagnose the cause of certain diseases which people contract in the future in the face of the increased radiation in food and water due to increased environmental pollution in Sri Lanka, that the health of the people of the country be ensured through appointing a committee of academics to carry out further investigations in this regard, summoning a report from such committee, and implementing its recommendations.

P.113/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protecting agriculture to ensure the security of the country,— That this Parliament resolves that the future of this country should be secured by promoting sustainable agricultural practices and establishing policies to protect farmers in the country with a view to rescuing Sri Lanka from the risks of environmental pollution, unhealthiness and lack of hygienic food which are the problems faced by the world population at present as the agricultural lifestyle has completely changed with the green revolution in the aftermath of the world war two which is the third period of capitalism.

P.114/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing the problems faced by the people due to the complex global market,— That this Parliament resolves that there is a need for an awareness programme and an intellectual dialogue in this country to make people aware

of how to lead a relieved lifestyle and solve the problems created by the complex life style formed within the market economy because the world trade pattern introduced by the globalization has invaded the human mind and the uprooting of traditional values and developed philosophies from the mindset of human beings has become a common factor among Sri Lankans.

P.115/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka within the country,— That this Parliament resolves that factories required for producing and refining the sugar requirement of Sri Lanka be established, functioning with proper management, efficiency and planning, the sugar industry be protected as the country possesses the resources required for the production of the sugar requirement.

P.116/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Protecting the Knuckles Forest Reserve,— That this Parliament resolves that the independent existence of the Knuckles Forest Reserve be ensured speedily by removing the threats posed to it by humans, because the Knuckles Forest Reserve which is a sensitive ecosystem that could affect the entire ecosystem of Sri Lanka is under serious threat by now as a result of human activities and because the safety of the present generation as well as the future generation will be compromised due to this destruction of the environment

P.117/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conducting a systematic study about king Ravana,— That this Parliament resolves that a study should be conducted about king Ravana through a panel of experts due to the fact that a study on king Ravana enables to unveil a hidden period of time in Sri Lankan history, and use the knowledge that king Ravana possessed for the uplifting of the country and enhance the attitudes in the country about him, even though specific historical information about him are not available.

P.118/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Eliminating intellectual poverty,— That this Parliament resolves that a systematically planned national program should be implemented covering all age groups in order to eliminate the intellectual poverty of the people in this country due to the fact that, even though intellectual poverty is a major problem prevailing in the country arising through ignorance, which has raised its head as a result of knowledge, intellect and systems of human values not reaching people in comparison with the speed at which the material commodities move and since there is less concern in the country regarding that.

P.119/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Stopping the use of expired pharmaceuticals,— That this Parliament resolves that an action plan should be formulated with the involvement of all relevant parties of the state sector to take action to remove expired drugs from the market and to stop the importation of such drugs due to the presence of the risk that such expired drugs would enter into the market and come to use in the government hospitals.

P.120/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Controlling the spread of AIDS,— That this Parliament resolves that a productive and appropriate project should be expeditiously initiated to identify cases of AIDS, to direct the identified patients for treatment and to prevent the spread of that disease as it has been reported that there are approximately 3000 unidentified cases of AIDS in Sri Lanka at present.

P.121/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing relief to women who are subjected to sexual harassments in foreign countries,— That this Parliament resolves that a committee consisting of experts and aggravated parties must be appointed in order to formulate and implement a formal methodology to resolve issues that have been created within the Sri Lankan society as a result of pregnancies that occur due to sexual harassments faced by Sri Lankan women who migrate as housemaids.

P.122/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulating laws to strengthen the security of forest reserves and sanctuaries,— That this Parliament resolves that a programme must be formulated to create an attitudinal change within the people, and that existing legal provisions must be amended to regularize them and make them more stringent, in order to prevent the destruction of forest reserves and sanctuaries since it has continued to increase in recent times and it is posing a grave threat to the ecological balance of Sri Lanka.

P.123/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Studying the impact of the activities of various religious groups on the society,— That this Parliament resolves that a committee consisting of recognized religious leaders and scholars be appointed to carry out an examination into the activities of various groups, that have been integrated into society pretending to have organized for religious or other purposes and are integrating their own definitions and clarifications into society in the guise of sub divisions of mainstream religions while criticizing the ideologies of those religions and spreading new ideologies for mobilizing persons who support those ideologies, and to provide an assessment of their ideologies, activities and the impact exerted on society by such groups and implement the recommendations of that committee.

P.124/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Producing high quality clay pots,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should take measures to plan and implement a national level programme to carry out research on producing clay pots which quickly absorb heat so that gas and electricity are not wasted on cooking and to introduce such clay pots to the market and to educate the public on the possibility of cooking hygienic food using clay pots.

P.125/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Exerting the influence of Buddhism on Parapsychology,— That this Parliament resolves that, as certain insights into the human mind defined by Lord Buddha are too deep to be captured by modern science, interventions be made by the government by appointing a committee consisting of local and foreign scholars to carry out research and to propose definitions and solutions to the issues that the field of parapsychology is currently facing and to popularize Buddhism

locally and internationally, to enhance Sri Lanka's reputation and to bring about a revival in the sphere of Parapsychology through such measures.

P.126/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Popularizing Archaeology among scholars,— That this Parliament resolves that action be taken to formulate a well-planned, long-term national programme to basically include the subject of Archaeology in the school curriculum and to further expand the scope of the subject of Archaeology at universities, while making arrangements to upgrade the required facilities with the objectives of obtaining a productive service from the scholars who are thus produced through the expansion of the subject of Archaeology throughout the country.

P.127/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Establishing a special standards institute to carry out studies on poisonous substances mixed with food items,— That this Parliament resolves that due to the non-availability of a special standards institute to carry out studies on the poisonous substances mixed with food items in Sri Lanka, such an institute be established as poisonous substances are added to food items as a result of extensive use of chemicals in agriculture.

P.128/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Rehabilitating children who are being used for begging by beggars,— That this Parliament resolves that a national level programme be planned and implemented in order to prohibit beggars from engaging in begging together with children, to rehabilitate the children who are being used for begging by beggars and to integrate them into society as good citizens.

P.129/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formulation of a systematic programme for the continuation of the Bhikkuni Sasana in Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should commence a due dialogue under the guidance of all parties including the Mahanayaka theras of the three Nikayas in order to provide due recognition to the Indian Bhikkuni Sasana commenced by Maha Prejapathigothami theri, which was re-established by the Rangiri Dambulu Chapter of the Shyamopali Maha Nikaya recently, due to the fact that the aforesaid Bhikkuni Sasana became defunct later though it was duly established in Sri Lanka with the arrival of Sangamiththa theri to Sri Lanka and a programme should be formulated at the end of the aforesaid dialogue in order to continue the Bhikkuni Sasana in Sri Lanka, through a systematic methodology.

P.130/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Formalising the Bhikku society of Sri Lanka,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to devise a system to create uniformity within the Bhikku society, as the Bhikkus in Sri Lanka are structurally disorganized as they belong to various sects, and that the lack of unity among them reflects harmfully on Sri Lanka at national and international rituals.

P.131/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Making the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation a profitable venture,— That this Parliament resolves that the Government should intervene to create the environment to appoint a panel of experts to formulate plans to develop the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation as a pro-people and profitable venture and make it an efficient public institution by solving the problems of fraud, corruption and administrative issues based on the recommendations of the above panel.

P.132/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Granting permission to Indigenous Medical Practitioners to cultivate cannabis to the extent needed for medicines,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary legislation shall be amended in order to grant permission to Indigenous Medical Practitioners registered with the Government who use cannabis as an essential ingredient in producing Ayurvedic medicines, to cultivate cannabis within certain restrictions since the quality of indigenous medicines produced using chemically contaminated cannabis smuggled into the country through unlawful means from India adversely affect the quality of the indigenous medicines.

P. 133/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Providing a reasonable price to vegetable farmers,— That this Parliament resolves that a market free from undue influences shall be created with the intervention of the state sector trade institutions with the prime objective of ensuring a reasonable price for the farmer since the plans implemented hitherto for providing a reasonable price to vegetable farmers have failed owing to the organized trade monopolies built through activities such as extortion and the price determination in the wholesale marketing of vegetables.

P.134/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Raising the awareness of society about the value of school children,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene to plan and implement a national level programme to explain to the parents, teachers, sports coaches and school van drivers, the value of children in simple terms, through sociological and psychological methods and conduct a dialogue on how the child should be protected from social challenges for the future benefit of the country and the society.

P.135/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Minimizing oppression of women,— That this Parliament resolves that necessary steps be taken to alleviate the oppressive environment and provide relief for the benefit of Sri Lankan women, as various forms of oppression of women within the current global society such as subjection to labour and sexual exploitation, evolution of the private property system in a male focused manner, discrimination and obstruction of labour mobility as a result of being trapped within the family are common to Sri Lanka women as well.

P.136/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Promoting the Department of Archaeology,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the Government to take necessary steps to provide the required resources after looking into the needs of the Department of Archaeology through a panel of experts, since the Department of Archaeology is unable to preserve the artifacts located in Sri Lanka due to the scarcity of human and physical resources.

P.137/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Facilitating the passengers traveling in long distance buses to get healthy food,— That this Parliament resolves that a national programme be planned and implemented by the Government to enable the conduct of constant follow-ups in order to uplift the standards of the restaurants, since the standard of the restaurants where the long distance buses stop for refreshments is at a very low level and since it is harmful to public health.

P.138/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Converting the state-owned Plantation Companies into profit earning entities,— That this Parliament resolves that interventions be made by the government to increase profit of the said companies having formulated recommendations which are required to increase profit of the said entities by appointing a committee of experts and through implementing said recommendations, since the state owned plantation companies have become loss incurring entities.

P.139/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Stopping illegal activities taking place in forest reserves,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene in order to establish a forest protection police unit which is specially empowered to carry out raids on human activities such as illegal cultivations, various construction activities, clearing of forest areas and altering the boundaries of reserves which occur in forest reserves of Sri Lanka causing the destruction of forests.

P.140/'15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— Conserving coral reefs,— That this Parliament resolves that the government should intervene in order to formulate and implement new regulations required for protecting coral reefs in the coastal waters surrounding Sri Lanka and for creating eco systems conducive for the formation of new coral reefs since coral reefs are facing the threat of destruction as a result of the increase of ocean temperature and human activities.

P.151/'15

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—Improving the living standards of the Tamil people living in estate areas,— As facilities like electricity, water supply and other infrastructure facilities available in the living environments of the Tamil people in the estate areas are at a minimum level, and as this situation has affected the education of the children and the private life of the people in those areas, that this Parliament resolves that a programme be commenced expeditiously to build new housing schemes consisting of separate houses for those people putting an end to the existing culture of line houses.

P.156/'15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Minimizing traffic congestion in the Kandy town,— That this Parliament resolves that an immediate solution shall be offered to minimize the traffic congestion in Kandy, since Kandy which is the second largest city in Sri Lanka is a tourist centre of local and foreign visitors and since the large number of people visiting Kandy daily are immensely inconvenienced by the heavy traffic congestion on the roads in and around Kandy.

P.157/15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Starting a Muslim Boys' School within the city of Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that the necessary arrangements be made to establish a Muslim Boys' School in the city of Kandy as a large number of Muslims live in the Kandy district and also because that a Muslim Boys' School be established has been a long standing request of the Muslims.

P.158/15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Construction of new buildings for the grade one pupils of the popular schools situated within the city of Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that new buildings be speedily constructed to hold the grade one classes of the prominent schools within the city of Kandy, as admission of children to those schools have become very difficult despite the large number of applications for admission to grade one, due to the limited space available in those schools.

P.159/15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Systematic expansion of the Free Industrial Parks of Pallekale, Kandy,— That this Parliament resolves that since a large number of youth are affected by unemployment in the Kandy District and it is necessary to arrange employment opportunities for them without delay, the two Free Industrial Parks located in Pallekale, Kandy should be streamlined expeditiously in order to make opportunities for more people to get employment.

P.160/15

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,— Re-establishing the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission,— That this Parliament resolves that arrangements should be made expeditiously to re-establish the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission in a streamlined manner in order to remedy the injustices caused to Up-country people as the Up-country Peasantry Rehabilitation Commission which was established for the purpose of granting relief to residents of Up-country areas who were rendered destitute during the imperial regime reached an inactive state in the period of the last Government.

P.168/16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,—Advancement of national reconciliation among nationalities,— That this Parliament resolves that a Sinhala medium section should 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.

P.169/16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Introducing a New Sports Act,— That this Parliament resolves that a new Sports Act should be introduced for the uplift and development of sports in Sri Lanka by introducing a new methodology instead of the system of electing officers to the Boards of Control for Sports by the vote of district sports societies and thereby make the conduct of the aforesaid officers be responsible to the public or Parliament.

P.163/15

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— Appointment of the acting principals serving in the schools under the Provincial Council of the Northern Province to Grade III of Principals' Service after exempting them from sitting for the competitive examination for the recruitment of Principals,— That this Parliament resolves that the aforesaid officers be appointed to Grade III of the Principals' service of Sri Lanka after exempting them from sitting for the competitive examination for the recruitment of Principals taking the seniority and competency of the acting principals belonging to the Teachers service of Sri Lanka who have been thus serving for a long time in the schools coming under the Northern Provincial Council into consideration.

P.182/16

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Recruitment of graduates as counseling officers to schools, — That this Parliament resolves that an action plan to employ officers to guide the primary, secondary and advanced level students in parallel to their academic activities in all schools island-wide, whose functions are similar to that of counseling officers currently attached to the Divisional Secretariats to be implemented in order to eradicate the abuse of women and children, taking place island-wide by way of absorbing the graduates as the officer mentioned above to each and every school by means of providing them with special appointments which shall effect from 2016 and which would also generate employment opportunities to the graduates.

P.183/16

Hon. Abdullah Mahrooff,— Priority to be given to the youths in the Northern and the Eastern Provinces, when the implementation of one million employments project,— That this Parliament resolves that during the implementation of one million employments project, the priority should be given to the youths between the age of thirty five to forty years live in the Northern and the Eastern provinces, and to take necessary steps to offer permanent status to those who dropped out from schools at primary, secondary and senior secondary levels and have been employed as volunteer teachers at schools for more than twenty years with the G.C.E. (O/L) qualifications, without considering higher educational qualifications

P.184/16

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— Compulsion of Sunday School Education,— That this Parliament resolves that Sunday 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.

P. 185/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, – Establishing a Centre for Parliamentary Studies, – that this Parliament resolves that a Centre for Parliamentary Studies be established within the Parliament Complex in order to facilitate schoolchildren, youths and other scholars to study the parliamentary procedures, history of parliament and political systems of Sri Lanka and of various countries in the world.

P. 186/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,— Amending the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Law,— This Parliament resolves that the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Law that is currently operative in Sri Lanka be amended to accord with the recognized fundamental principles of Islam.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

387/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(6)

- (a) Will he state —
- (i) the institutions which submitted tenders when tenders were called for the purchase of the canvas shoes required for the physical training of the Army in the year 2015;
 - (ii) separately the values of tenders offered by the aforesaid institutions;
 - (iii) the institution which obtained the tender; and
 - (iv) the reasons for awarding the tender to the aforesaid institution?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names and designations of the officers of the Tender Board of the Ministry of Defence relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015;
 - (ii) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board;
 - (iii) of the names and designations of the officers of the Army Tender Board relevant to purchase of these shoes which took place in the year 2015; and
 - (iv) for how long these officers have been serving in the Tender Board?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken by the government to remove the officers who continuously serve in the Tender Boards of the Ministry of Defence and the Army; and
 - (ii) if so, on which date?
- (d) If not, why?

952/16

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(3)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the Postmen too have requested for motor bicycles under the scheme of providing motor bicycles to public servants at concessionary rates; and
 - (ii) that they have not yet issued with motor bicycles?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to provide motor bicycles to these persons on concessionary rates; and
 - (ii) If so, the date it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1101/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of houses built by National Housing Development Authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
 - (ii) number of such houses in each district separately;
 - (iii) the amount of money granted as housing loans when building the houses; and
 - (iv) the amount of housing loans provided as per each district separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the number of beneficiary houses built by the Authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
 - (ii) number of such houses in each district separately;
 - (iii) the total amount of money allocated for that purpose; and
 - (iv) the amount, in district wise separately?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) the number of house villages built by the authority up to now after 08.01.2015;
 - (ii) such villages, in each district separately;
 - (iii) the total amount of money allocated for it; and
 - (iv) the amount, in district-wise separately?
- (d) If not, why?

1125/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of bus terminals in the Badulla district which were developed from 2010 up to now on the allocations of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government;

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- (ii) the names of the bus terminals which were developed;
 - (iii) the amount of money spent on each bus terminal separately; and
 - (iv) the other bus terminals in the Badulla district which are proposed to be included in the project?
- (b) If not, why?

1153/16

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Megapolis and Western Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) whether the permission has been granted to implement a tourist bungalow project in the land called Baduwilla watta which is of 98 acres in extent that is situated in both Homagama and Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha areas;
 - (ii) if so, of the name and the address of the company that implements aforesaid project;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that a serious environmental damage is caused in the area due to aforesaid housing project;
 - (iv) whether the approval of Board of Investments of Sri Lanka has been granted for this housing project; and
 - (v) whether an environmental assessment report has been prepared in connection with aforesaid project?
- (b) If not, why?

1146/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the date on which the Oddamavadi West Divisional Secretariat Division of Koralepattu in the Batticaloa District was established;
 - (ii) whether he will table a copy of the Gazette Notification issued in this regard;
 - (iii) what total extent of land area is covered by that Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iv) how many Grama Niladhari Divisions are located in the Division concerned; and
 - (v) what the official codes and names of such Grama Niladhari Divisions are?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether an official delimitation mission has taken place in establishing that Divisional Secretariat Division; and
 - (ii) if so, what its details are?
- (c) Will he state—
- (i) whether administration or other operations of any of the Grama Niladhari Divisions falling under the Divisional Secretariat Division concerned are currently handled by some other Divisional Secretariats; and
 - (ii) if so, whether he will submit the names and official codes of such Grama Niladhari Divisions?
- (d) If not, why?

1278/16

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(4)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the total amount of money held by the Education Employees Co-operative Credit and Thrift Society as at 01.10.2015;
 - (ii) of the amount in fixed deposits with that Society by 11.06.2016;
 - (iii) of the number of persons who have applied for loans from the said Society by now;
 - (iv) of the number of members out of those loan applicants for whom loans have been approved but money has not been released up to now;
 - (v) of the total amount of loans to be paid to those loan applicants;
 - (vi) of the reason for the delay in releasing money to those loan applicants;
 - (vii) whether he is aware of the fact that the said Society has been rendered to a state of not being able to release loans to its members properly; and
 - (viii) if so, of the measures that will be taken in due course to regulate the financial management of that Society?
- (b) If not, why?

1350/16

Hon Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a policy decision has been taken to reduce the opportunities that existed for the Sri Lankan students to study for external degree courses;

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- (ii) separately, the number of male and female students who have been approved to be enrolled for the external degree courses in 2016;
 - (iii) separately, the number of students who passed the GCE(A/L) and got qualified for the University entrance in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and the number of students who were admitted to Universities;
 - (iv) separately, the number of students who are studying in Foreign Universities that are functioning in Sri Lanka in 2014, 2015 and 2016 in respect of each year separately;
 - (v) the degree courses followed by the students mentioned in above (iv) separately;
 - (vi) the number of students who follow each of the aforesaid degree courses separately; and
 - (vii) if answers are not given for the above (v) and (vi) the reason for that?
- (b) If not, why?

1360/16

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) the students of the district of Rathnapura who have studied in the stream of Bio system technology and have obtained excellent results at the first shy sat for the G.C.E (A/L) examination in the year 2015 have not hither to been admitted to any university;
 - (ii) although the University of Sabharagamuwa has been included in the university admission handbook provided to these children as the university from where the degree course relevant to the said stream can be followed, no student has been so far admitted to the said university as well; and
 - (iii) as per the information received by these students, around 80-90 students with lower Z scores from districts with more facilities such as Colombo have got the opportunity to enter universities?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that no justice has been meted out although appeals have been sent to the President, Prime Minister, Minister and the University Grants Commission regarding this unfair situation faced by these students up to now;
 - (ii) whether the necessary steps will be taken to admit the students mentioned in a(i) above to universities?
- (c) If not, why?

1388/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Rural Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits the fact that it was opined as per proposal No.142 of the budget of 2016 to provide the underutilized government lands to private investors who can invest a minimum of 25 million rupees in local milk production;
 - (ii) the number of companies and persons that requested government lands as per the aforesaid proposal and their names;
 - (iii) whether a list of the unutilized or underutilized government lands will be tabled;
 - (iv) the number of acres given out of the aforesaid lands to grow grass, which is of higher productivity, through outside farmers;
- (b) If not, why?

1506/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Ministry of Labour, Trade Union Relations and Sabaragamu Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the private sector employment in terms of the number of active accounts of Employees Provident Fund as at 31.12.2016;
 - (ii) of the increase of employment as at 31.12.2016 relatively to 31.12.2014 and 31.12.2015 ?
- (b) If not, why?

1548/17

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(2)

- (a) Will he submit to this House—
- (i) the financial allocations made for the Trincomalee district for developing small irrigational tanks in 2012, 2013 and 2014, in relation to each Agrarian Service division and year separately;and
 - (ii) the tanks developed by utilizing those allocations and the amount of money spent on them, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether there has been an increase in the paddy harvest owing to these development activities;
 - (ii) if so, the volume of increase;
 - (iii) whether this increase is commensurate with the financial allocations spent; and
 - (iv) if not, the reasons for that?

- (c) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether any follow up has been made on those development activities as the farmers complain that the programmes that were carried out during the above years have not been done in the proper manner;
 - (ii) if so, the details of such follow up; and
 - (iii) if not, whether steps will be taken to follow up on these development activities?
- (d) If not, why?

1586/17

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of vehicles that have been used by the Chief Minister of the Sabaragamuwa Province from year 2015 to date;
 - (ii) of the make and registered number of each of those vehicles;
 - (iii) separately on per year basis the amount of money that have been spent on maintaining each of those vehicles; and
 - (iv) if the Chief Minister has misused vehicles, of the nature of action that will be taken against him by the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

1600/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the year of the lifetime of three power plants at Norochcholai Coal Power Plant expires;
 - (ii) the alternative methods to be used to obtain energy generated from those three power plants after their lifetime expired; and
 - (iii) whether policy makers of long term power generation schemes have focused attention on the consequences of the deactivation of those power plants before the due time, after considering the frequent technical failures in them?
- (b) If not, why?

1675/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the names of trainees who completed their training from Teachers Colleges of Batticaloa, Kopay and Kotagala in December 2008, posted to schools in Vanni district and requested to sit the final examination in April 2009, contradictory to the procedure of conducting the examination immediately after the training?

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- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) those trainees were unable to come out of the district due to the climax of war in that district; and
 - (ii) they sat the examination along with their junior batch, answered the same question papers but different effective dates of certificate were given as 01.01.2011 for them, whilst 01.08.2009 was given for the junior batch?
 - (c) Will he also inform this House whether action will be taken to give same effective date of certificate as that of the junior batch?
 - (d) If not, why?
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Friday, September 08, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

892/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a survey has been carried out regarding the group of people called ‘Wanni Sinhala’ living in the Thula Welliya village of the Medawachchiya Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) of the other Grama Niladhari Divisions in which people belonging to the aforesaid group live, in addition to the Grama Niladhari Division mentioned above;
 - (iii) whether he admits that the basic amenities in the villages of these people who were subjected to various suffering during the war are minimal;
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to provide those facilities expeditiously; and
 - (v) if so, what those steps are?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to improve the economic status of the aforesaid people;
 - (ii) if so, what those steps are;
 - (iii) whether steps have been taken to safeguard the traditional heritage of these people by the government; and
 - (iv) if so, what those steps are?
- (c) If not, why?

1215/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of government institutions in the Batticaloa district;
 - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
 - (iii) whether a government approved valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
 - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
 - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;
 - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
 - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1391/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the amount of money provided by the General Treasury as at the end of the year, out of the provision of Rs.100 million allocated as per proposal No. 151 of budget 2016, for the initial arrangements of the mega project to establish an aquaculture zone in the district of Batticaloa;
 - (ii) of the extent of land that has been allocated for the above project;
 - (iii) whether the project report regarding this project will be tabled; and
 - (iv) whether aquaculture zones will be established in the other areas of the island as well in the year 2017?
- (b) If not, why?

1468/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,— (2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the number of projects that have been commenced by the Ministry for solid waste management from the year 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) the funds provided to each local authority to implement the aforesaid projects, separately;

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- (iii) the steps that have been taken in regard to the aforesaid projects from the year 2010 up to now;
- (iv) the steps taken by the Ministry for e-waste management; and
- (v) the steps expected to be taken in the future under this Government of Good Governance for solid waste management and e-waste management?

(b) If not, why?

1501/16

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he state —

- (i) the year in which the model village “Sameeragama“ of Mundalama Divisional Secretariat Division of Puttlam district was established;
- (ii) of the total extent of lands, acquired by National Housing Development Authority for aforesaid purpose;
- (iii) separately the number of families chosen as land beneficiaries, the number of permanent residents identified from them by now and the number of sub families;
- (iv) whether a programme will be launched to grant blocks of lands to sub families identified from the residents for their permanent residential purposes; and
- (v) whether measures will be taken to grant permanent deeds for land beneficiaries?

(b) If not, why?

1513/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) separately of the number of foreigners who died in Sri Lanka in years 2014, 2015 and 2016; and
- (ii) of the causes of the deaths of those foreigners;

(b) If not, why?

1545/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether Rs. 2500/= has been provided as a housing renovation grant for Divineguma beneficiaries, in year 2014;
 - (ii) whether the Divineguma Community Based Bank provided aforesaid amount of money on the basis that it will be reimbursed by the Treasury;
 - (iii) If so, whether aforesaid amount of money has been reimbursed by now; and
 - (iv) whether aforesaid amount of money will be recovered from the individuals who obtained aforesaid housing renovation grants ?
- (d) If not, why?

1549/17

Hon. Imran Maharroof,— To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Elilarangu stadium, Kinniya is being developed over the past few years;
 - (ii) of the amount allocated for its development activities;
 - (iii) the work carried out; and
 - (iv) the public officers in Kinniya are not aware of the above activities?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) separately in respect of each year from 2011 to 2015, the financial provision allocated for the development activities of Elilarangu Stadium;
 - (ii) the development activities carried out with the said provisions;
 - (iii) the reason for the Ministry directly carrying out the above development activities without the knowledge of the Trincomalee District Secretariat and the Eastern Provincial Council;
 - (iv) the contractor carrying out the development activities;
 - (v) the basis on which the works have been assigned to the said contractor; and
 - (vi) the reason for not completing the development activities up to now despite the lapse of a lengthy period of time?
- (c) Will he also inform this House whether transparency in all development activities carried out under the government of good governance is guaranteed?
- (d) If not, why?

1575/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the name and address of the Chairman of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (ii) of the salary and allowances entitled to him;
 - (iii) of the name and address of the Managing Director of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation;
 - (iv) of the salary and allowances entitled to him;
 - (v) of the reasons for the same person is holding both the posts mentioned above;
 - (vi) whether the Ministry of Finance has informed that it is not appropriate for one person to hold two positions; and
 - (vii) if so, of the reasons for not adhering to aforesaid instructions?
- (b) If not, why?

1581/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that
 - (i) the appointment letter of the civil appointees of Sri Lanka Army Hospital who are engaged in Civil tasks, states that they are governed by the provisions of the Establishment Code;
 - (ii) however these employees work unlimited hours per day owing to service requirements;
 - (iii) overtime payment or other allowances are not paid, even if they work for an additional period of time: and
 - (iv) however, overtime not exceeding 100 hours per month, is paid for the civil employees who work in army camps?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to pay overtime even for the group who were disentitled in aforesaid manner?
- (c) If not why?

1587/'17

Hon. Sandith Samarasinghe,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of passenger transport permits issued by the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Transport Authority up to now from year 2015; and
 - (ii) the names and addresses of persons who had obtained them?
- (b) Will he admit that—
 - (i) buses are being operated without passenger transport permits in Sabaragamuwa Province; and
 - (ii) Sabaragamuwa Provincial Transport Authority incur an immense loss as a result of it?
- (c) Will he also inform this House what are the measures that will be taken by the Ministry in this regard?
- (d) If not, why?

1589/'17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it has been planned to construct a new railway line from Kurunegala to Habarana;
 - (ii) if so, of the year in which the said plan was formulated and the technicians who paved way for that;
 - (iii) separately of the number of religious places, government buildings, private institutions and houses that will be damaged as per the aforesaid plan;
 - (iv) whether the initial plan has been altered in certain places including Ibbagamuwa and Dambulla;
 - (v) if so, of the year in which the aforesaid alteration was done;
 - (vi) whether the relevant individuals were informed on that matter;
 - (vii) if so, of the period in which it was done;
 - (viii) whether an agreement was entered into with the relevant people;
 - (ix) of the reason that led to the said alteration;
 - (x) of the length of the railway track which is subjected to this alteration;
 - (xi) Separately of the damage caused on the property in the Ibbagamuwa and Dambulla areas by the initial plan and the second plan comparatively;
 - (xii) of the members of the technical committee who engaged in the preparation of the second plan; and
 - (xiii) separately of the cost so far borne for the preparation of these two plans?
- (b) If not, why?

1596/17

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of food inspectors approved for the North Western Province;
 - (ii) the number of food inspectors currently in service and their names; and
 - (iii) if the said posts remain vacant, whether the Ministry will take steps for recruitment?
- (b) If not, why?

1616/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of army camps located in Ratnapura district;
 - (ii) of whether permanent lands have been provided to locate those camps;
 - (iii) under what basis the lands were provided to the army camp situated near 'Chandrika Wewa' in Embilipitiya;
 - (iv) the owner of this land;
 - (v) it is admitted that people living near this land and people who use 'Chandrika Wewa' on a daily basis will have to face severe hardships by building an army camp;
 - (vi) whether approval has been obtained to build permanent buildings in the tank reserve;
 - (vii) if so, the institutions that have given approval ?
- (b) If not, why?

1677/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the names of schools in Manmunai West and Kalkudah Educational zones in Batticaloa district with teachers' cadre and present teachers' availability, category-wise in each school;
 - (ii) whether instructions be given to Provincial Director of Education, Eastern Province to transfer excess teachers in neighboring educational zones to fill the existing vacancies in order to ensure the equal right for free education of these poor rural students; and
 - (iii) if so, when?
- (b) If not, why?
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Tuesday, September 19, 2017

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

893/16

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

- (a) Is he aware that —
 - (i) Sinhala and Tamil communities living in the village of Panama in the Eastern Province live in absolute harmony; and
 - (ii) the aforementioned people have to face a number of issues when getting their basic requirements fulfilled?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps have been taken to resolve water and land related issues faced by people of the Panama area; and
 - (ii) if so, the steps that have been taken?
- (c) Will he state—
 - (i) whether state patronage has been extended so that the aforesaid people are able to live safeguarding their cultural identity and traditional heritage; and
 - (ii) if so, the manner in which it has been done?
- (d) If not, why?

1270/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there had been politically victimized teachers at each education zone level in the Monaragala district prior to 08th January 2015;
 - (ii) If so, their number;
 - (iii) whether recommendations relevant to victimization have been issued in respect of persons referred to in (i) above; and
 - (iv) whether he will table a full report of that document?
- (b) If not, why?

1351 / 16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately of the total extent of lands belonging to the Department of Railways in each town?
- (b) Will he also inform this House separately in terms of—
 - (i) the area;
 - (ii) the relevant geographical domain;
 - (iii) the relevant basis of granting; and
 - (iv) The date from which the Department of Railways has given up use of;

the extents of lands, out of the total extent of lands referred to in (i) above, that are presently not in use by the Department of Railways due to being given on rent or lease basis?
- (c) Will he further inform this House—
 - (i) whether any decision has been taken by now to lease, sell or to alienate ;
 - (ii) if so, of the names of such lands;
 - (iii) of the basis of alienation of such lands;
 - (iv) of the monthly lease that is charged per perch of the lands that have been leased at present;
 - (v) of the number of lands for which the payment of lease has been defaulted; and
 - (vi) of the nature of legal action that will be taken against defaulters of land lease?
- (d) If not, why?

1407 / 16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Primary Industries,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) how many of the Dedicated Agricultural and Fishery Export Zones proposed to be established according to Budget Proposal No. 183 in the Budget 2016, as mentioned in the manifesto of the Hon. Prime Minister, were established in the year 2016 and where they have been located;
 - (ii) of the total expenditure borne by the government separately for each of the zones so established according to the aforesaid proposal;
 - (iii) what government agency bears the responsibility for these Dedicated Agricultural and Fishery Export Zones; and
 - (iv) what export income was earned through each such zone if such zones have been established in the year 2016?
- (b) If not, why?

1467/16

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

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether he admits that people of Badulla were subjected to immense pressure as a result of the Uma Oya Development Project;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of families affected by the aforementioned Project and the names of the respective Divisional Secretariat Divisions;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that a Supreme Court ruling has been issued stating that people affected by the aforesaid project be granted immediate relief; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps that the Ministry will take to grant relief to people affected by the Uma Oya Development Project?
- (b) If not, why?

1514/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) the number of suspects arrested during the period from year 2013 to 2016 under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, in each year separately; and
 - (ii) the charges leveled against those terrorist suspects?
- (b) If not, why?

1571/17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) approved cadre of the Principals;
 - (ii) the names of the present Principals with their grade;
 - (iii) the names of the Principals who have been posted on the approval of the Public Service Commission; and
 - (iv) the names of the Principals whose appointments have not been approved by the Public Service Commission and the name of the officer approved such appointments;with regard to the National Schools in Eastern Province?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is in order to issue letters of appointments for Principals in National Schools other than the Secretary of the Public Service Commission;
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to rectify the same; and
 - (iii) If so, when?
- (c) If not, why?

1579/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that steps were taken by the previous government to construct the Broadland hydro power plant in Kalukohutenna, Kithulgala with Chinese aid; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that while pledges were made to pay suitable compensation for the lands of the residents of the aforesaid village that were taken over by the government for the said project, residents of Kegalle district have been paid a paltry sum as compensation even though compensation was paid to residents of Nuwara Eliya district?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he would look into this and take steps to pay sufficient compensation to residents of Kegalle district as well?
- (c) If not, why?

1590/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) as to why such a long period of time was taken to alter the initial plan of the proposed Kurunegala-Habarana railway track ;
 - (ii) whether this alteration is an implication of the unsuccessful nature of the old plan;
 - (iii) if so, as to why so long was taken to comprehend that fact;
 - (iv) of the public funds wasted as a result of this alteration and the measures taken with pertinence to the pressure made on the public who got victimized through that,
 - (v) whether the aforesaid two plans will be separately presented along with detailed reports;
 - (vi) of the basic necessity behind the construction of this railway line;
 - (vii) whether the individuals who got their property damaged will be compensated;
 - (viii) if so, of the amount of compensation and the conditions;and
 - (ix) whether it is admitted that the persons who lose property as per the initial plan have been subjected to severe pressure for a period of approximately 10 years owing to factors like the inability to do any development activity in the relevant lands, the decline of the commercial value of lands, having to abandon the maintenance of their residences while constructing new residences after obtaining loans?
- (b) If not, why?

1617/'17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of National Schools and schools governed by the Provincial Council functioning in Ratnapura district separately;
 - (ii) out of them, the number of schools that do not have qualified principals;
 - (iii) what those schools are; and
 - (iv) it is admitted that large number of unqualified acting principals had been appointed under the political influence during the past regime?
- (b) If not, why?

1631/'17

Hon. Ajith Mannapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the total grants and loans received hitherto from the Asian Development Bank for the promotion of renewable energy;
 - (ii) separately, the year in which each such grant/loan was received and the amount so received; and
 - (iii) whether he is satisfied with the contribution made by each such loan/ grant for the promotion of renewable energy?
- (b) If not, why?

1638/'17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Power and Renewable Energy,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a section specially vested with responsibility for developing renewable energy does not exist in the structure of the Ceylon Electricity Board;
 - (ii) whether technical challenges that may arise in adding renewable energy to the national electricity grid in an optimum manner can be overcome in the absence of a Division dedicated for developing renewable energy; and
 - (iii) of the reason for the negative attitude shown by the Ceylon Electricity Board towards renewable energy?
- (b) If not, why?

1687/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that —
- (i) there are no principals in 331 schools in the Eastern Province ; and 252 persons function as Acting Principals;
 - (ii) requests have been made to absorb the aforesaid acting principals into Sri Lanka Principals' Service;
 - (iii) there are no 1A and B schools in Poratheevuppaththuwa division in Pattirippu educational zone; and
 - (iv) there is a shortage of Maths and Science teachers in the aforesaid division ?
- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) the steps that have been taken to appoint principals to the 331 schools mentioned above;
 - (ii) the situation of the 252 acting principals;
 - (iii) Whether a 1A and B school can be provided to the Poratheevuppaththuwa division; and
 - (iv) the steps that have been taken to eliminate the shortage of Maths and Science teachers?
- (c) If not, why?

1698/17

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) the government has taken a policy decision to grant title deeds to the persons who have resided in state lands for a period of more than 10 years; and
 - (ii) the aforesaid fact was reconfirmed by the policy document of the government on Mid-Term Economic Vision, which was submitted by the Prime-Minister on 27.10.2016?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the steps taken to put the aforesaid policy into action;
 - (ii) the number of allotments of land for which title deeds were granted after 08.01.2015;

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- (iii) the number of allotments of land that has been identified by now each Divisional Secretariat Division in each District to grant title deeds, separately;
 - (iv) the number of allotments of land in each Divisional Secretariat Division in each District, for which plans have been prepared by the government, out of the allotments of land mentioned in (iii) above, separately;
 - (v) whether he admits the fact that there is a huge delay in the implementation of the aforesaid project which is highly important to the national economy; and
 - (vi) if so, the steps that will be taken to make the aforesaid programme of work successful?
- (c) If not, why ?

1703/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether certain parts of Waseem Thajudeen's corpse have been discovered in Nevil Fernando Hospital, Malambe or in SAITM;
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which the said parts were discovered;
 - (iii) whether authorization has been obtained to take away the aforesaid parts of the corpse from the General Hospital Colombo and to keep those in the said location;
 - (iv) if not, of the legal measures taken with pertinence to that matter?
- (b) If not, why?

Wednesday, September 20, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

120/15

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

- (a) Will he admit that —
- (i) there is a greater tendency of Sri Lankans contracting cancer;
 - (ii) a proper procedure has not been implemented so far to control this situation; and
 - (iii) the country is losing its human resource and the finances due to this reason?

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- (b) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the types of cancers that are commonly found in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) separately of the main factors that causes of each of those diseases;
 - (iii) whether action has been taken to control such factors; and
 - (iv) if so, in what way has such action been taken?
- (c) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) separately of the amount of money that was spent by the government annually on giving treatment to cancer patients during the period of last 05 years; and
 - (ii) separately of the amount of money that was spent by the government annually on cancer prevention programmes during the period of last 05 years?
- (d) If not, why?

1112/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the Departments, Authorities, Corporations and other Statutory Institutions coming under the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation;
 - (ii) the total number of staff attached to each such institution, separately;
 - (iii) the total number of staff recruited to each of the above institutions after the present government of good governance came into power in 2015, separately;
 - (iv) the names and addresses of persons mentioned in (iii) above;
 - (v) whether there are vacancies in these intuitions at present; and
 - (vi) if so, the methodology to be adopted to recruit persons in future?
- (b) If not, why?

1204/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Ampara District by the year 1983 —
- (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigation systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

1374/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) In terms of the proposal No.128 of Budget 2016, whether idle and underutilized state lands have been provided to the companies that produce seeds and planting materials;
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid state lands;
 - (iii) In terms of aforesaid budget proposal, of the companies that requested lands;
 - (iv) of the agro Production sectors of aforesaid companies; and
 - (v) of the regulations and the conditions that were adopted in providing aforesaid lands?
- (b) If not, why?

1515/17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) separately of the number of persons against whom cases have been filed under Prevention of Terrorism Act in years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016; and
 - (ii) of the nature of the charges that have been filed against such persons who have been accused of engaging in terrorist activities?
- (b) If not, why?

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of Zonal Directors of Education with their grade in the Eastern Province; and
 - (ii) out of the names mentioned (i) above, names of Zonal Directors of Education who are working on permanent, acting and cover-up duties basis?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) when there are class-II officers in Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service be eligible for acting appointment, the junior officers are appointed on covering up duties; and
 - (ii) a(i) above is contrary to the minutes of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1928/28 dated 21.08.2015?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to rectify this irregularity; and
 - (ii) If so, when?
- (d) If not, why?

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is admitted that the persons who lose their property are severely inconvenienced owing to the preparation of a new plan having altered the initial plan of proposed Kurunegala-Habarana Railway line subsequent to a period of ten years after the preparation of the initial plan;
 - (ii) whether it is admitted that people protest against the alteration of this plan;
 - (iii) separately of the amount of money that has been proposed for construction and compensation;
 - (iv) of the institutions by which these funds are provided and the basis for such provisions;
 - (v) of the purpose of the already available railway track from Kurunegala to Habarana via Mahawa once this railway line is constructed;
 - (vi) of the benefits of the proposed railway line;

(vii) whether it is possible to be satisfied about the comparative benefits of the massive investment made on the proposed railway line which is going to be constructed amidst the availability of an alternative railway line to Habarana and further, in a situation where an expressway is also being constructed via Kurunegala?

(b) If not, why?

1618/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) it is admitted that there is a teacher shortage in the schools of Sabaragamuwa Province;
- (ii) if so, number of teacher vacancies according to each subject separately;
- (iii) expedited future measures that will be taken to fill the teacher vacancies; and
- (iv) it is admitted that teacher transfer procedure applicable for provincial schools is not implemented properly in Sabaragamuwa Province?

(b) If not, why?

1688/17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) a memorandum of understanding was signed on 02.05.2006 to construct a model village in Norochchole area out of the financial aid of the government of Saudi Arabia to provide houses to the people in the coastal area in the Eastern Province, whose houses were destroyed by the tsunami disaster that occurred in the year 2004 ;
- (ii) accordingly, the aforesaid model village of 500 houses was constructed with all the other facilities; and
- (iii) the houses of the aforesaid model village have not yet been provided to the people affected by the disaster and a situation in which aforesaid area has been covered by a thick jungle can be seen at present?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether steps will be taken to provide the aforesaid houses to the relevant people in accordance with the objective of constructing them;
 - (ii) whether financial aid will be provided to renovate the aforesaid houses again as there has arisen a requirement for it as per the current situation?
- (c) If not, why?

1699/’17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
- (i) whether he admits the fact that the government has taken a policy decision to grant title deeds to the persons who have resided in Mahaweli lands for a period of more than 10 years;
 - (ii) if so, the action taken by the government to implement the aforesaid policy;
 - (iii) the number of allotments of land for which title deeds were granted after 08.01.2015;
 - (iv) the number of allotments of land, which have been identified by now in each Divisional Secretariat Division in each District, to grant title deeds, separately;
 - (v) the number of allotments of land in each Divisional Secretariat Division in each District, for which plans have been prepared by the government, out of the allotments of land mentioned in (iv) above;
 - (vi) whether he admits the fact that there is a huge delay in the implementation of the aforesaid project which is highly important to the national economy; and
 - (vii) if so, the steps that will be taken to make aforesaid programme of work successful?
- (b) If not, why?

1701/’17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the manner in which the concept of empowerment is defined;
 - (ii) accordingly, of the manner in which 10% of the families from a particular area are empowered at a time and excluded from their entitlements to the Samurdhi benefits;
 - (iii) whether it is admitted that the monthly income of a family is only Rs.18000/= even if two members of a family work on 30 days per month at the rate of Rs.300/= as the daily income?

- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that the essential expenditure of a family which consists of two children (04 including the parents) is above Rs.41000/= as per the statistics of the Department of Census and Statistics;
 - (ii) whether the permanent monthly income of a family which is empowered and deprived of the Samurdhi allowance should be at a level of 41000/=
 - (iii) if so, whether the empowered families are defined as families with a permanent monthly income of more than Rs.41000/=?
- (c) If not, why?

1704/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the number of degree awarding institutions in Sri Lanka at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House separately of —
- (i) the address;
 - (ii) the date on which approval has been obtained from the University Grants Commission to award degrees;
 - (iii) the degrees awarded;
 - (iv) the number of undergraduates in them;
 - (v) the fee charged for each degree course;
- with respect to each of the said institutions?
- (c) If not, why?

1706/17

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) Rs.1900/= was received monthly by certain low income earners as the Senior Citizen Allowance;
 - (ii) this amount was a great help for the low income earners without any other source of income or support from their children, to meet their day to day needs;
 - (iii) they appreciated this allowance as a token of gratitude extended to them by the government in their old age?

- (b) Will he admit that—
- (i) during this period when cost of living is escalating, provision of this allowance to certain senior citizens has been stopped;
 - (ii) though the parents were entitled to this allowance despite even a single child being in government service provided that child was married and resided at a separate place, payment of this allowance to such persons too has been stopped recently;
 - (iii) it is a severe injustice to stop the payment of this allowance to senior citizens who live by themselves?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether steps would be taken to pay the said allowance to senior citizens for whom such payment has been stopped?
- (d) If not, why?

1724/17

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of —
- (i) the extent of land in Sri Lanka brought under coconut cultivation;
 - (ii) the extent of coconut land granted approval for fragmentation;
 - (iii) the extent of coconut lands fragmented;
- from 2014 to 2016, separately with respect to each year and district?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he admits that the extent of lands cultivated with coconut will decrease and a shortage of coconuts required for domestic consumption could occur as a result of fragmentation of coconut lands;
 - (ii) if so, of the method expected to be adopted as a remedy?
- (c) If not, why?

1736/17

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the primary section of the Kakunagolla Muslim Central College in the Giriulla Educational Zone in Kurunegala District was removed under the programme of developing 1000 secondary schools;
 - (ii) the grade one classes of the aforesaid catchment area are conducted in a temporary building in the land which belongs to the Jumma mosque in Kekeunagolla from the year 2015;

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- (iii) any of the human and physical resources including a sufficient number of teachers, class room facilities, furniture, a children's park, a protective fence and toilet facilities have not been provided to the aforesaid school in which more than 200 students learn in several parallel classes in the primary section?
 - (b) Will he state whether the aforesaid requirements will be fulfilled without delay for the benefit of all the students that study in the aforesaid school?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Thursday, September 21, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1087/16

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of horses available in the horse mounted units of the three armed forces of Army, Air Force and Navy;
 - (ii) of the expenditure borne on the upkeep of the aforesaid horses; and
 - (iii) of the benefits accrued from the above horses; separately as per each force?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether arrangements will be made to obtain more horses to the horse mounted units of the above forces from foreign countries; and
 - (ii) if so, of the projected expenditure of the above purpose separately as per each force?
- (c) If not, why?

1205/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House in relation to the Puttlam District by the year 1983 —
 - (i) the number of irrigation systems that had existed;
 - (ii) the number of small-scale tanks, anicuts and canals that had existed; and
 - (iii) the extent of lands that had been brought under cultivation?

- (b) Will he also inform this House —
- (i) separately on per year basis from year 1983 until the war situation had ended in 2009 the amount of money that had been allocated for restoration of irrigation schemes, tanks, anicuts and canals; and
 - (ii) separately on per year basis from the time the war situation ended until year 2015 the total amount of money the government had allocated for the restoration of irrigation systems, tanks, anicuts and canals?
- (c) If not, why?

1376/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) in terms of budget proposal No. 130 of budget 2016, whether a semi tax holiday has been provided to the companies that introduce seeds that produce high yields; and
 - (ii) whether a list of companies which were granted with aforesaid tax holiday, will be submitted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether a list of machineries which were exempted from import taxes by 1st January 2015, will be submitted; and
 - (ii) whether a list of machineries which were exempted from import taxes by 1st January 2016 will be submitted;
- as proposals have been made to raise the import taxes on agricultural machineries, in terms of aforesaid proposal?
- (c) If not, why?

1469/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Home Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of Grama Niladhari Divisions in the Badulla District;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid Grama Niladhari Divisions;
 - (iii) of the names of the Grama Niladhari Divisions which have a permanent GN at present along with the name of the respective GN; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken to fill the GN vacancies that exist in the Badulla District;
- (b) If not, why?

1516/'17

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,—To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House of the names of persons to whom payments were made by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs for drafting the 19th Amendment to the Constitution and for preparing concept papers and the payment made to each such person separately?
- (b) If not, why?

1619/'17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) it is admitted that there is a issue when providing title deeds for plots of land for commercial purposes within rapidly developing Embilipitiya town in Ratnapura district; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures taken to provide title deeds properly?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) that he is aware businessmen do not construct buildings in their business premises since a Buddhist temple claims right for the lands of this city;
 - (ii) the actual right pertaining to these lands by the temple; and
 - (iii) whether measures will be taken to grant the ownership of the relevant business premises in this city to the businessmen who had possessed them for many years and facilities will be provided to the business community to engage in their business activities?
- (c) If not, why?

1680/'17

Hon. Seyed Ali Zahir Moulana,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Divisional hospitals at Mankerny, Mahiloor, Mancholai, Unnichchai, Kathiravelly, Mandoor and Mahilawattawan in Batticaloa District are temporarily closed for want of Medical officers;
 - (ii) the buildings exist with other facilities and name boards;
 - (iii) patients in these areas are undergoing immense hardships by travelling for medical treatments, which are poor facilities; and
 - (iv) the concept of providing free medical services for the poor village patients is not fulfilled?

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- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to re-open these Hospitals and to provide at least two medical officers; and
 - (ii) of the date that these hospitals will be reopened to function?
- (c) If not, why?

1692/'17

Hon. Douglas Devananda,—To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a housing scheme for Sri Lankan fishermen with the assistance of the Korean National Fisheries Solidarity Federation;
 - (ii) whether that housing scheme is implemented throughout the Island;
 - (iii) whether houses would be constructed for the fishermen in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of the country who were severely affected by the war as well as natural disasters, under this scheme;
 - (iv) if so, the number of houses that would be constructed, the areas and the dates of construction?
- (b) If not, why?

1700/'17

Hon. Nalin Bandara Jayamaha,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether the 370 acre land which belongs to the Land Reform Commission, situated in Punnakuda village in Eravur area in Wekaladi Divisional Secretariat Division in Batticaloa District has been kept for a long period of time without being utilized for any development activity, any construction work or as an unoccupied land;
 - (ii) whether this land has been identified with the knowledge of the Divisional Secretary to set up an industrial zone;
 - (iii) Accordingly, whether a request has been made from the Land Reform Commission to legally convey this land to the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka to establish an Industrial Zone;
 - (iv) whether the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka has assigned to Lanka Hydraulic Institution the task of conducting the preliminary study requires to establish an investment zone in the aforesaid land, at a cost of 38 million rupees;

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- (v) whether a group of persons have cut down palmyrah trees in the aforesaid land and have started to construct permanent buildings by now having erected fences without obtaining permission; and
 - (vi) the reason for not taking action by the relevant authorities to remove the unauthorized constructions?
- (b) If not, why?

1702/17

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

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) recruitments have been made for 980 vacancies stating that the results of the Sri Lanka Education Administrative Service Examination of 2016 were released; and
 - (ii) however, even the results sheets have yet not been sent to the applicants who sat for this examination and that there is at least no possibility to obtain results on line;
- (b) Will he inform this House whether measures will be taken to recruit the qualified individuals based on the existing vacancies, having taken steps to release the rest of the results after inquiring the matter?
- (c) If not, why?

1705/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this house—
- (i) of the date on which the Faculty of Music of the University of Visual & Performing Arts was commenced;
 - (ii) whether the syllabus of the Department of Applied Music in that Faculty has been approved by the Senate;
 - (iii) if so, of the date on which it was done;
 - (iv) of the number of permanent, temporary and probationary lecturers in that Department; and
 - (v) of the recruitment procedure adopted for temporary/ probationary lecturers?
- (b) If not, why?

1713/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Disaster Management,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the lands owned by Mr. T.N. Ameer at No. 3/19, Nagarasaba Nivasa road and other 68 persons, who faced the Tsunami catastrophe on 26.12.2004, were acquired on 17.03.2010 to construct a coastal park; and
 - (ii) the above mentioned people have not been paid compensation for the acquired lands up to now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether action will be taken to pay compensation for these people;and
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

1749/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of radio channels in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) the institutions that run those radio stations;
 - (iii) the names of the owners of those radio stations and the dates on which each radio stations have been started;
 - (iv) whether there are radio stations started in Sri Lanka that are not functioning by now; and
 - (v) if so, the names of those radio stations;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the name of the institution that regulates the radio stations;
 - (ii) whether he admits that regulation of those radio stations are not done in a proper manner;
 - (iii) whether a proper procedure to regulate radio channels will be prepared to prevent certain radio stations broadcasting programmes harmful to the society; and
 - (iv) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

1773/17

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether promotions have been given contravening the approval of the Public Services Commission with relevance to the promotion of officers to the special grade as per the Sri Lanka Accountant's Service Minutes published by Gazette Extraordinary No.1670/33 dated 10.09.2010;
 - (ii) whether a request has been made by the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance regarding the provision of special grade promotions to officers without post graduate qualifications;
 - (iii) if so, of the aforesaid period;
 - (iv) whether the Public Services Commission has provided the approval required;
 - (v) whether 82 officers have been called for the said interview;
 - (vi) whether a register including the names of officers who belonged to the particular period approved by the Public Services Commission, and another including the names of those who do not belong to the particular period, will be submitted;
 - (vii) whether these officers have been promoted to the special grade;
 - (viii) if so, of the effective date of the said promotions;
 - (ix) of the officers who should be held responsible if promotions have been given contravening the regulations stipulated by the Public Services Commission;
 - (x) of the steps that will be taken regarding these officers;
 - (xi) of the steps that will be taken on behalf of the officers who were subjected to injustice due to not been promoted?
- (b) If not, why?

1776/17

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Employment,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House —
- (i) of the number of trained and untrained Sri Lankans employed abroad as at 31.03.2017 on the basis of their country of employment and gender separately; and
 - (ii) the number of those trained and untrained employees in relation to each district and ethnicities such as Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim and others separately?
- (b) If not, why?
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Friday, September 22, 2017
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

121/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Sri Lanka Tourism Board approved hotels available in Sri Lanka by the year 2015; and
 - (ii) separately of the number of rooms available in each of those hotels?
- (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) separately the total number of tourists who arrived in Sri Lanka in each of the years 2014 and 2015; and
 - (ii) the names of the top ten countries from which the most number of tourists arrived in Sri Lanka during the aforesaid two years;
- (c) Will he further inform this House —
 - (i) of the measures that have been taken to upgrade the tourism industry in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) whether there is a well-planned programme to minimize the damages that would be caused to the environment and the culture of this country consequent to the expansion of the tourism industry;
 - (iii) if so, of the nature of that programme; and
 - (iv) if not, whether plans will be developed and implemented to protect the environment and culture?
- (d) If not, why?

465/16

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(8)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the foreign tours that His Excellency the President engaged in, within the year 2015; and
 - (ii) of the names and the designations of the individuals who participated in each of the aforesaid foreign tours and, separately, of the expenditure borne by the government and semi government institutions on aforesaid individuals?
- (b) If not, why?

1019/16

Hon. Namal Rajapaksa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(5)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of buildings and other constructions belonging to government institutions and statutory institutions which have been declared open by the President during the period from January 2015 to date; and
 - (ii) of the number of constructions which have been commenced after January 2015, out of the aforesaid constructions?
- (b) If not, why?

1216/16

Hon. Padma Udhayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of government institutions in the Ampara district;
 - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
 - (iii) whether a government approved valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
 - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
 - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;
 - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
 - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?
- (b) If not, why?

1378/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) in terms of Budget proposal No. 132 of budget 2016 , whether he accepts the fact that Rs. 1000 Million has been allocated to construct three massive warehouses in Polonnaruwa, Kilinochchi, Rathnapura and Embilipitiya districts and to complete the construction of a ware house that is being constructed in Mannar district;

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- (ii) whether the original cost estimate and the current progress report on the warehouse that is being constructed in Mannar district, will be submitted?
- (iii) of the progress made at the constructions of three warehouse complexes in Kilinochchi, Embilipitiya and Polonnaruwa; and
- (iv) of the manner in which Rs. 1000 millions that was allocated for the proposal No. 132 of budget 2015, was spent ?

(b) If not, why?

1621/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce Affairs,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) annual quantity of required sugar consumption of Sri Lanka;
- (ii) quantity of sugar imported to Sri Lanka from year 2011 to 2014, separately each year;
- (iii) the areas that have been identified in Sri Lanka suitable for sugar production;
- (iv) the quantity of sugar produced by each factory from year 2011 to 2013, separately each year;
- (v) whether the quantity of sugar in aforesaid (i) cannot be produced within the country;
- (vi) whether any measure has been taken to produce the quantity of sugar required for consumption without importing it ?

(b) If not, why ?

1643/17

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

(a) Will he inform this House separately in each year —

- (i) what amount was provided as allocations by the Central Government to the Uva Provincial Council;
- (ii) what percentage of such total provision was allotted by the Uva Provincial Council as Recurrent Expenditure;
- (iii) what activities have been carried out under Recurrent Expenditure;
- (iv) what percentage of the total provision was allotted by the Uva Provincial Council as Capital Expenditure;
- (v) what activities have been carried out under Capital Expenditure? after the present Good Governance government come to power and up to now?

(b) If not, why?

1708/17

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

- (a) Will he inform this House,—
 - (i) whether he admits that the activities at Ratmalana air port are disrupted by the Fly Past Celebration of Sri Lanka Air Force;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that aircraft movements in the eastern side of Katunayaka air port are also disrupted?
 - (iii) whether he admits that air passengers too departing for foreign countries and arriving in this country often have to face inconveniences due to this celebration?
- (b) Will he also inform this House of—
 - (i) the amount spent by the government on this celebration; and
 - (ii) the manner in which those funds have been obtained?
- (c) If not, why?

1726/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the income earned by the tax imposed on foreign films in 2015 and 2016 in respect of each year separately;
 - (ii) the income earned by the tax imposed on foreign tele-dramas in 2015 and 2016 in respect of each year separately; and
 - (iii) whether the films or teledramas produced overseas by a Sri Lankan director are also taxed when those productions are brought into Sri Lanka
- (b) If not, why?

1727/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the names of the education institutes in which students receiving the Mahapola Scholarship are studying;
 - (ii) whether payment of the Mahapola Scholarship gets delayed by three months after students are admitted to 1st year of certain universities; and
 - (iii) if so, of the reasons for the aforesaid situation?
- (b) If not, why?

1750/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance and Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of television channels in Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) separately, the institutions that run those TV stations;
 - (iii) the names of the owners of those TV stations and the dates on which each TV stations have been started;
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether there are TV channels started in Sri Lanka that are not functioning by now;
 - (ii) if so, the names of those TV channel;
 - (iii) the name of the institution that regulates the TV stations;
 - (iv) whether he admits that regulation of those TV channels are not implemented in a proper manner;
 - (v) whether a proper procedure to regulate TV channels will be prepared to prevent certain TV channels telecasting revengeful and satirical programmes harmful to the society; and
 - (vi) if so, how?
- (c) If not, why?

1774/17

Hon. Vijitha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Housing and Construction,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the legal situation regarding the ownership of the “ Savusiripaya” building which is under the Ministry of Housing and Construction;
 - (ii) whether the Construction Industries Development Authority is compelled to leave the “Sausiripaya” building;
 - (iii) if so, of the measures taken in that regard; and
 - (iv) whether there is a plan to transfer the “ Sausiripaya” Building to some other Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

1777/17

Hon. S.M. Marikkakr,—To ask the Minister of Higher Education and Highways,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the reason why the Marine Drive ends at the boundary between Dehiwala and Wellawatta;
 - (ii) whether there is a plan to extend the above road up to Moratuwa;
 - (iii) if so, whether a part of the sports grounds of the St. Thomas College, Mt. Lavinia will be taken over;
 - (iv) if so, of the extent of land thus taken over; and
 - (v) of the date on which the taking over will take place?
- (b) If not, why?

1787/17

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of Tamil medium Muslim schools in the Killinochchi District in the Northern Province that were functioning under the line ministry and the provincial council on or around 31.12.1990;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools and the locations where they were situated;
 - (iii) the names of the education zones and the divisional secretariat divisions to which the aforesaid schools belong; and
 - (iv) whether the numbers and the dates of the Gazette Notifications by which each of those schools were declared as government schools will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

1797/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,—To ask the Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether officers recruited to the Special Police Reserve in 1996 were absorbed into the regular service in 2006 by the previous government;
 - (ii) if so, of the number of officers who were thus absorbed into the regular service;
 - (iii) whether the officers who were thus absorbed into the regular service are entitled to service privileges as appropriate from year 1996 onwards;

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- (iv) if not, whether he admits that disregarding the 10 year period from the date they were recruited to the date they were attached to the regular service when granting service privileges renders a grave injustice to them?

(b) If not, why?

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124/15

Hon. Buddhika Pathirana,— To ask the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there are large number of beggars in cities of Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) some of them are involved in anti social activities; and
 - (iii) some of them are fraudsters disguised as beggars?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether a census has been conducted regarding the beggars in Sri Lanka; if so, the date;
 - (ii) the number of beggars in Sri Lanka, according to that census;
 - (iii) the number, as male, female and children separately;
 - (iv) whether a census will be conducted on beggars, if it has not been carried out; and
 - (v) if so, the date?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the measures taken by the government to rehabilitate these beggars;
 - (ii) the number of Beggars' Rehabilitation Centers in Sri Lanka; and
 - (iii) the amount of money spent by the government annually for rehabilitation activities?
- (d) If not, why ?

1217/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of government institutions in the Puttalam district;
 - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
 - (iii) whether a government approved valuation has been done on the destroyed property;

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- (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
- (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;
- (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
- (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

1385/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether a life insurance scheme worth one million Rupees to cover hazards that occur at sea has been launched with the objective of ensuring the safety of the fisher folk in keeping with proposal No.145 of the 2016 budget;
- (ii) if so, of the insurance premium that is paid to the respective institutions which provide the aforesaid insurance cover;
- (iii) of the amount of compensation paid under the aforesaid insurance scheme; and
- (iv) whether a list of fishermen who have received life insurance covers under this scheme would be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

1470/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) of the date on which the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. was established;
- (ii) of the initial objectives of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.;
- (iii) separately of the names, addresses and educational qualifications of the persons who were members of the Board of Directors of Mihin Lanka from its establishment to its last Board of Directors along with salaries and other benefits received by them;
- (iv) separately of the annual loss incurred by the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. from its beginning;
- (v) of the names of government institutions from which loans were obtained by Mihin Lanka and the names of government institutions to which Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd. is to settle loans along with the amounts obtained as loans; and
- (vi) of the steps that will be taken by the government regarding the future of the Mihin Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.?

(b) If not, why?

1623/17

Hon. Heshan Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the profit earned or the loss incurred by the Sevenagala sugar factory during last 10 years, separately each year;
 - (ii) of the number of permanent and casual staff employed in this factory separately; and
 - (iii) the measures taken in the last few years to increase the production of this factory?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) it is admitted that a well qualified and proper management is required to achieve a higher production from this factory; and
 - (ii) if so, the measures expected to be taken in the future?
- (c) If not, why?

1709/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of areas in Sri Lanka that have been provided the tea fertilizer subsidy;
 - (ii) whether the amount required to provide the tea fertilizer subsidy to all the tea smallholders in the island has been estimated; and
 - (iii) of the amount spent by the government on tea fertilizer subsidy in 2015 and 2016, separately?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of tea smallholders in Ratnapura district who have been provided the tea fertilizer subsidy and the number who have not been provided it up to now, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of tea smallholders in Sri Lanka who are eligible to receive the tea fertilizer subsidy; and
 - (iii) of the number out of them who received the tea fertilizer subsidy in 2015 and 2016 separately?
- (c) If not, why?

1725/17

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House separately per year basis—
 - (i) the quantity of wheat flour imported to this country;
 - (ii) the amount of money paid for that; and
 - (iii) the per capita wheat flour consumption in Sri Lanka; from 2013 to 2016?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that steps were taken to reduce the flour importation into Sri Lanka in 2013 and 2014; and
 - (ii) whether the government has taken steps to limit the importation of wheat flour?
- (c) If not, why?

1751/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Public Administration and Management,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the names of the cinemas that are currently in operation in the island;
 - (ii) the places they are located, separately; and
 - (iii) the name/s of the owner/s of each cinema, separately?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is a classification of cinemas located all around the country;
 - (ii) if so, in what manner;
 - (iii) who regulate/s these cinemas;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that there are cinemas that are run with poor functioning under low facilities;
 - (v) if so, whether he will formulate a proper methodology for the operation of cinemas in an orderly manner; and
 - (vi) if so, in what way?
- (c) If not, why?

1788/17

Hon. M.H.M. Salman,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of Tamil medium Muslim schools in the Mannar District in the Northern Province that were functioning under the line ministry and the provincial council on or around 31.12.1990;
 - (ii) of the names of the aforesaid schools and the locations where they were situated;
 - (iii) the names of the education zones and the divisional secretariat divisions to which the aforesaid schools belong; and
 - (iv) whether the numbers and the dates of the Gazette Notifications by which each of those schools were declared as government schools will be tabled?
- (b) If not, why?

1798/17

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Justice,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of incidents that are categorized as crimes in Sri Lanka generally on an annual basis;
 - (ii) of the percentage of suspects convicted through court procedures in criminal cases;
 - (iii) whether this percentage is comparatively higher than the conviction rates of the other countries in Asia; and
 - (iv) if so, of the steps proposed by the government in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1812/17

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,—To ask the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the cost incurred in installing the signal system of Matara Beliaththa Railway track;
 - (ii) of the company that carries out aforesaid project;
 - (iii) whether tenders were called for aforesaid project;
 - (iv) if so, separately of the names of the companies and the bids forwarded;
 - (v) of the source of funding for the aforesaid project; and
 - (vi) whether Railway Department had forwarded bids in connection with the installation of aforesaid signal system?
- (b) If not, why?

1815/17

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a process to provide money to the temples from the Ministry of Buddhasasana and Department of Buddhist Affairs; and
 - (ii) when providing money, only selected temples are provided with money?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether such a process of providing money to the temples exists; and
 - (ii) if so, whether it will be explained?
- (c) If not, why?

1865/17

Hon. S.M. Marikkakr,—To ask the Minister of Provincial Councils and Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) what garbage hills have been formed by the disposal of waste by local authority institutions in addition to the one in Meethotamulla;
 - (ii) what local authorities they belong to;
 - (iii) what extents of garbage exist in these garbage hills; and
 - (iv) whether there are hills of risky status among them?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether these will be left to grow by dumping waste further;
 - (ii) if not, whether any course of action has been initiated under the Ministry of Local Government for it;
 - (iii) whether there is a move to obtain local and foreign investments for this;
 - (iv) if so what they are; and
 - (v) if a course of action has been commenced by now, what its progress is?
- (c) If not, why?

1869/17

Hon. Namal Rajapakse,— To ask Minister of Law and Order and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of the staff serving at the Financial Crimes Investigation Division (F.C.I.D.) set up on 26.02.2015;
 - (ii) of the positions there that are relevant to the staff grade;
 - (iii) whether a document containing the names and addresses of the officers appointed to those posts and the total salary paid to each including the allowances and special allowances paid in addition separately will be submitted?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the total number of officers who were sent on foreign tours for investigations from 26.02.2015 up to now, the number of countries they have visited, the names of the countries and the amount spent on those visits; and
 - (ii) whether a document containing the names and addresses of the officers who participated in foreign visits for that, the countries visited and the amount spent on those visits separately will be submitted?
- (c) If not, why?

1294/16

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,—To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) of the number of persons who are residing in or cultivating the state lands in the Matara District without any lawful right as at present;
 - (ii) of the breakdown of the aforesaid figure on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis;
 - (iii) out of the number of persons mentioned in (i) above, of the number of those for whom action has been taken to provide deeds or permits;
 - (iv) of the breakdown of the figure referred to in (iii) above on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis;
 - (v) of the total number of deeds or permits that have been awarded for state lands in the Matara District during the years 2014 and 2015; and
 - (vi) of the breakdown of the figure referred to in (v) above on per Divisional Secretariat Division basis?
 - (b) If not, why?
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135/15

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

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of convicted persons of the 4 billion rupee VAT fraud;
 - (ii) the punishment given to each person separately;
 - (iii) whether those persons have paid the fine imposed on them?
- (b) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is a large number of persons connected to the aforesaid VAT fraud;
 - (ii) high officials of the Inland Revenue Department are connected to this fraud; and
 - (iii) certain groups have fled the country?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether investigations are carried out on all the persons involved in the VAT fraud;
 - (ii) if so, names, addresses, telephone numbers and positions of persons revealed from the investigations; and
 - (iii) the measures taken against them?
- (d) If not, why?

1219/16

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,—To ask the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Policies and Economic Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of government institutions in the Mannar district;
 - (ii) the number of government institutions that were destroyed by the LTTE terrorists after 1983;
 - (iii) whether a government acceptable valuation has been done on the destroyed property;
 - (iv) if so, the total value of the said property;
 - (v) whether legal action has been taken against the terrorists who were responsible for the said destruction;
 - (vi) if so, what those steps are; and
 - (vii) whether a comprehensive report with regard to the facts that have been questioned in above (i) to (vi) will be submitted to this House?
- (b) If not, why?

1386/16

Hon. Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he submits a list containing the annual quantity of fish exports and export value of Sri Lanka since 1977 to date, as the proposal No. 144 of 2016 Budget states that the annual value of fish exports of Sri Lanka, is of 150 million US Dollars;
 - (ii) of the reasons led for the European market ban on fish exports;
 - (iii) of the measures taken by the then Minister of Fisheries of the time, Hon.Rajitha Senarathna, to get the ban lifted;
 - (iv) of the measures taken by Sri Lanka to get the European market ban on fish exports, lifted; and
 - (v) of the major changes that took place in fish exports sector?
- (b) If not, why?

1471/16

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of City Planning and Water Supply,— (1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
- (i) of the number of water supply projects implemented in the Badulla District up to now since the present good governance government came to power in 2015;
 - (ii) separately of the name and number of beneficiaries of each of the aforesaid water supply projects along with the amount of money spent on each project; and
 - (iii) of the steps expected to be taken to remedy the drinking water issue of the people of Badulla?
- (b) If not, why?

1624/17

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

- (a) Will he admit that—
- (i) the traditional gem miners in Rathnapura district, the leading district in the gem industry that provides a significant contribution to the national income, are losing that industry; and
 - (ii) the reason for this situation is that the traditional miner has fallen into the state of a labourer among the businessmen who have engaged in large scale businesses within this industry?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether licenses have been issued to use back- hoes in the large scale mining industry;
 - (ii) if so, the names and addresses of the license holders;
 - (iii) whether he admits that using of back- hoes for the traditional mining causes an injustice to the traditional miners as well as severe environmental damages; and
 - (iv) the measures that can be taken to prevent this situation?
- (c) If not, why?

1710/17

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,—To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he is aware that a subsidy called “ Kapruk Purawara” was provided to coconut farmers as Rs.52/= per tree from 8 trees up to 5 acres and that the said subsidy is not provided at present; and
 - (ii) whether he admits that eventhough the coconut cultivators who did not receive the subsidy handed over applications to the Office of the Coconut Cultivation Board at Ratnapura in December 2016 requesting that subsidy , no response has been received up to now?
- (b) Will he also inform this House whether immediate action would be taken after looking into this matter, to provide that subsidy to the coconut farmers?
- (c) If not, why?

1754/17

Hon. Lucky Jayawardana,—To ask the Minister of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he accepts that the Gadaladeniya, Lankatilaka and Ambakke Temples located in the Udunuwara Divisional Secretariat Division are very important world famous ancient places;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that thousands of local and foreign tourists arrive each day to visit these sites; and
 - (iii) local and foreign tourists face severe embarrassment due to lack of common amenities in these places?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) whether he will quickly adopt a course of action under his Ministry to provide common amenities that are lacking in these places expeditiously; and
 - (ii) if so, in what manner?
- (c) If not, why?

Hon. T. Ranjith De Soyza,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House —
 - (i) whether a programme called ‘Bimsawiya’ is implemented with the objective of settling land issues;
 - (ii) whether the above programme is implemented in all districts of Sri Lanka at present; and
 - (iii) if not, of the names of the districts in which the aforementioned ‘Bimsawiya’ programme is implemented?
 - (b) Will he also inform this House —
 - (i) whether a proposal to expedite the aforesaid ‘Bimsawiya’ programme has been submitted by now;
 - (ii) whether foreign aid is obtained to expedite the aforesaid programme;
 - (iii) if so, whether the said aid is provided as foreign assistance or a loan;
 - (iv) of the financial value of such aid; and
 - (v) of the total amount estimated for the ‘Bimsawiya’ programme?
 - (c) If not, why?
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